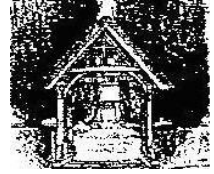




PRESTON

Church & Village News

July/August 2016



Deadline for the September 2016 newsletter is 20 August. Contact Howard Trinder ☎435339 or e-mail htrinder@btinternet.com. The newsletter is also available via the village website www.prestonvillageherths.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue 5 July	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Sat 9 July	Preston Village Day
Sat 16 July	Community Book Swap – Village Hall – 10-11.00am
Sat 16 July	Quiz and Chips – Village Hall – 7.00pm
Tue 19 July	Parish Council – Village Hall – 8.00pm
Sat 30 July	Community Book Swap – Village Hall – 10-11.00am
Tue 2 Aug	Church Cleaning 4.00pm

PRESTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

The meeting on Wednesday 20 July will be a Barbecue at Chris Challans, Dynsley House, Butchers Lane at 7.00. A flier will be sent with the details.

Wednesday 17 August is the Tea Afternoon and Bring and Buy Sale at Margaret Trinder's, Offley Holes Farm at 2.30pm.

PARISH COUNCIL BOTTLE TOMBOLA

The Parish Council are organising a bottle tombola at the Village Day on Saturday 9 July and will be grateful for any donations of unopened and in date bottles. Contributions can be either left with Jane Clark at 1 Castle Farm Cottages or brought to The Green on the day.

PRESTON OPEN GARDENS

Thank you to all you kind and generous people who gave your time and efforts to the Open Gardens Day on 29 May. After a chilly start we had a large number of visitors on that fine, late Spring day and the very welcome sum of £4,500 was raised for our little village church. Pam, Liz and Meta

MOBILE PHONE MAST - PRESTON RESERVOIR

Telefonica is proposing to install a phone mast at Preston reservoir to improve mobile phone signals in the area and are consulting Preston Parish Council and other interested parties prior to submitting a planning application. The information has been sent to all those on the Parish Council email list. Anyone who is not on this list and would like this information should contact Margaret Trinder, Clerk to Preston Parish Council at: trinderm@btinternet.com or ☎: 435339 to receive the details either by email or delivery of a paper copy. The deadline for replies is Tuesday 5 July.

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH SERVICES

July

SIDESMAN

READER

- 3rd No Service at St Martin's. 11.00am Family Communion at All Saints,
St Paul's Walden
- 10th 9.30am Mr Blockley Mr Reeves
(Amos 7: 7-end, RCL p.936 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37)
Intercessions: Mrs Sansom Chalice: Mrs Hill
- 17th 9.30am Miss Hunter Mr Constantinidi
(Amos 8:1-12, RCL p.941 Gospel: Luke 10:38-end)
Intercessions: Mr Dickinson Chalice: Mr Dickinson
6.30pm Confirmation at St Faith's. Hitchin
- 24th 9.30am Mr Cole Mrs Blockley
(Hosea 1:2-10, RCL p.947 Gospel: Luke 11:1-13)
Intercessions: Team Vicar Chalice: Mrs Reeves
- 31st 9.30am Captain Lowle Mr Kellard
(Hosea 11:1-11, RCL p.953 Gospel: Luke 12:13-21)
Intercessions: Mr Reeves Chalice: Miss Hunter

August

- 7th No Service at St Martin's. 11.00am Family Communion at All Saints,
St Paul's Walden
- 14th 9.30am Mrs Reeves Mr Gill
(Isaiah 5:1-7, RCL p.965 Gospel: Luke 12:49-56)
Intercessions: Mrs Sansom Chalice: Mrs Reeves
- 21st 9.30am Mr Blockley Mrs Blockley
(Jeremiah 1:4-10, RCL p.970 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17)
Intercessions: Mr Dickinson Chalice: Mr Dickinson
- 28th 9.30am Mr Kellard Mr Reeves
(Jeremiah 2:4-13, RCL p.975 Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14)
Intercessions: Mrs Reeves Chalice: Mr Kellard

September

- 4th No Service at St Martin's. 11.00am Family Communion at All Saints,
St Paul's Walden

If any sidesman or reader cannot make any of these dates, please try to find an alternative

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

17th June. Marriage of Ian David Clark and Marion Patricia Gallacher

A LETTER FROM OUR TEAM VICAR

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Dear Friends,

Last weekend, all over the country we celebrated the 90th birthday of the Queen. Here in this parish our exhibition *Happy Birthday Ma'am* took place at All Saints. There were photographs of the Queen taken locally, from babyhood onwards, including a large portrait of the two princesses on the Bury rocking-horse together with the rocking-horse itself. The church was decorated with wonderful arrangements of flowers and during Saturday and Sunday afternoon there was organ music to be heard too. We welcomed over 350 visitors and received over £1250 in donations for the church. Thank you very much to all of you who helped with this event.

During the exhibition we displayed a number of copies of the lovely book: *The Servant Queen and the King she serves*. This contains many photographs of the Queen and excerpts from some of her Christmas broadcasts and other significant speeches of her reign. These words illustrate the central role that her Christian faith has played and continues to play in her life and work. There are plenty of copies of the book still available at All Saints' or St Martin's or from the Parish Office in exchange for a donation to church funds. Do contact me for further details.

At St Martin's that Sunday we held our 2016 Ice-cream Service and it was good to welcome new people to church for that service.

Early this month on Saturday 9 July it is Preston Village Day once again and we are all looking forward to enjoying the creativity of the 2016 scarecrow-makers and so much else. We are fortunate that so many in this village are happy to plan, organise and run this event for the benefit of everyone.

Later this month it will be good to receive three new full members into the church as they are confirmed by the Bishop of Hertford at St Faith's in Hitchin at 6.30pm on Sunday 17 July. I hope that a good number of people will be at St Faith's to welcome them in person.

With my prayers and good wishes to you all.

Elizabeth

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH 120 CLUB

The winners of the June draw in the 2016/17 120 Club (£30 each) were:

No. 19 Mrs G Waters

No. 118 Mrs J Hunter

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The number to contact at North Herts Police for all non-emergencies (including witnessing of fly-tipping) is 101 or 01707 354000.

For removal of fly-tipping which has already occurred, call Veolia ☎ 0800 328 6023.

PC Matt Jenkins and PCSO Heather Burrows can be contacted regarding local community issues - ☎ 01438 757604.

In the event of an emergency or if you witness a crime taking place please call 999.

POLICE SURGERY

There will be a Police Surgery in Preston **Village Hall** on **Saturday 13th August** from **10am to 12 noon**. Our Safer Neighbourhood Team will be happy to discuss any concerns you may have.

FOR SALE

A TP Challenger metal climbing frame with monkey bars, 1 platform, slide with extension and original instructions. A bit rusty in parts but remains sturdy and still has plenty of play left in it. Was a great garden toy now sadly outgrown. £50 ono. ☎ 01462 423208 (Jackie).

FOUND

Gold-coloured ring with a rose gold-coloured bow and personal inscription. Found on the footpath in the second cow field leading from Butchers Lane to Dead Woman's Lane. ☎01462 423208 (Jackie).

NHDC LOCAL PLAN FINAL DRAFT

District Councillors will be voting to adopt the final drafted version of the local plan at a public meeting to be held on Wednesday 20th July at the North Herts. Leisure Centre, Baldock Road, Letchworth, at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend. It is likely that the plan will include up to 2100 homes to be built around Cockernhoe, Mangrove and Tea Green. These have been included in earlier drafts. Elected Councillors will attend the meeting with an open mind, and vote after listening to the debate, according to the Council's code of conduct. Anyone who would like to make representations to NHDC prior to this meeting should email: nigel.smith@north-herts.gov.uk and dlevett@ntlworld.com, the Executive Member for planning,

There will be a final public consultation on the draft plan in the Autumn and Preston Parish Council will inform residents about how to respond as soon as the consultation is available.

CALLING ALL SCARECROWS

Village Day on 9 July is fast approaching so are your creative juices flowing and your plans in place for your entry?

Get ready for the Scarecrow population explosion that will hit the Village!!

Over the last two years we have seen an amazing array of Scarecrows, some clever, some funny, some scary and all extremely good.

FRIENDS OF ST MARTINS – Quiz and Chips

The annual Quiz and Chips Evening will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 16 July at 7.00 p.m. Ticket price £10.00 including fish and chips, BYO, tables of up to eight, For tickets contact Sue Griffiths ☎ 434194. There will be a raffle during the evening.