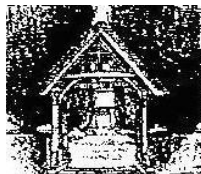


# PRESTON

## Church & Village News

### July/August 2017



Deadline for the September 2017 newsletter is 20 August. Contact Howard Trinder ☎435339

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The newsletter is also available via the village website [www.prestonvillageherts.com](http://www.prestonvillageherts.com).

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat 1 July	Community Book Swap – Village Hall – 10-11.00am
Tue 4 July	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Sat 8 July	Preston Village Day
Sat 15 July	Community Book Swap – Village Hall – 10-11.00am
Mon 17 July	Parish Council – Village Hall – 8.00pm
Wed 19 July	Preston Village Society – Rosebank – 7.00pm
Sat 22 July	Quiz and Chips – Village Hall -7.00pm
Tue 1 Aug	Church Cleaning 4.00pm

### PRESTON VILLAGE DAY ON 8 JULY and THE GREAT PRESTON BAKE-OFF!!!

**Yes – something's cooking – BUT will you be ready?** Our village day this year has a new twist – and The Preston Trust are inviting you to join in the fun. Could you be crowned **Preston's Master Baker** - with three classes open to all? There will also be the chance to become **Preston's Junior Master Baker** too!!

So brush down your pinnies, dream up recipes – and let's **get cooking!!!**

Make sure you've noted the date in your diary – an afternoon full of activities on the Village Green. The **Preston Classic Motor Show** will have Vintage, Classic and Supercars on display. Of course we'll have **Stalls** and a **BBQ** and, by popular demand - **Preston School's Dance Display**. Not to be missed, of course will be the **Dog Show** with rosettes aplenty!!!!

While you are imbibing at **The Red Lion** we'll have the **Results Show** and be entertained by **SG4** to help you dance the night away. A great, fun day for everyone!

### OPEN GARDENS

**THANK YOU** to all you kind and generous people who gave your time and efforts to the Open Gardens Day on 28 May. On that perfect day we had a large number of visitors, who much enjoyed visiting our village and gardens. The welcome sum of £5,633 was raised for our little village church.

Pam, Liz and Meta

## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH and PARISH SERVICES

### SIDESMAN

### READER

### July

2nd No Service at St Martin's. 11am Family Communion at All Saints',  
St Paul's Walden

9th 9.30am Richard Blockley Di Blockley (Romans  
7:15-25, RCL p.301 Gospel:Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end)  
Intercessions: Doreen Sansom Chalice: Carolyn Hill

16th 8.00am All Saints'. Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30am Liz Hunter Hugh Reeves  
(Romans 8:1-11, RCL p.307 Gospel:Matthew 13:1-9,18-23)  
Intercessions: Alec Dickinson Chalice: Alec Dickinson  
11.00am All Saints'. Ice-cream service.

23rd 9.30am Andy Cole Mark Lawson  
(Romans 8:12-25, RCL p.313 Gospel:Matthew 13:34-30,36-43)  
Intercessions: Hugh Reeves Chalice: Meta Reeves

30th 9.30am Malcolm Lowle Sue Griffiths  
(Romans 8:26-end, RCL p.320 Gospel:Matthew 13:31-33,44-52)  
Intercessions: Elizabeth Bunker Chalice: Liz Hunter

### August

6th No Service at St Martin's. 11am Family Communion at All Saints',  
St Paul's Walden

13th 9.30am Meta Reeves Richard Gill  
(Romans 10:5-15, RCL p.332 Gospel:Matthew 14:22-33)  
Intercessions: Doreen Sansom Chalice: Meta Reeves

20th 8.00am All Saints'. Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30am Richard Blockley Hugh Reeves  
(Romans 11:1-2a,29-32, RCL p.337 Gospel:Matthew 15:21-28)  
Intercessions: Mr Dickinson Chalice: Mr Dickinson  
11.00am All Saints'. Family Communion

27th 9.30am Liz Hunter Di Blockley  
(Romans 12:1-8, RCL p.343 Gospel:Matthew 16:13-20)  
Intercessions: Meta Reeves Chalice: Liz Hunter

### September

3rd 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*

### Weekday Services in Whitwell

Every Tuesday 9.30am. Morning Prayer at the Parish Office  
Alternate Wednesdays 9.30am . Holy Communion at Lime Tree House.

5, 19 July and 2,16,30 August

## **A LETTER FROM OUR TEAM VICAR**

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Dear Friends,

June seems to be a very long month this year. As I write, the general election is only a week away and the story dominating the front pages is the tragic loss of lives and homes and hopes of the many people who used to live in Grenfell Tower, the high-rise block of flats in west London, devastated by fire. This catastrophic event has touched the hearts of many and I pray that help and support for all those affected comes quickly.

Here in this parish we held a very successful Ice-cream Service at St Martin's last Sunday. We have a really good team of children involved in the service and they are now very confident about speaking in church. We hope that we can find a way of getting them more involved in the music in future. Please get in touch if you have any suggestions for future services.

Next month we have the first All Saints' Ice-cream Service on 16 July at 11am. Do come along and encourage children to come too. There will be plenty of opportunities for participation in the service. It will last just 30 minutes and there will be ice-cream, tea and coffee afterwards.

And we have an update on last month's announcement of another Animal Service. The date remains Sunday 17 September but it will take place in the afternoon in the grounds of St Paul's Walden Bury. We will be inviting members of the Hitchin Team churches to join All Saints' and St Martin's for this service. We are very grateful to the Bowes Lyon family for inviting us to meet in their grounds. More news soon.

In the meantime I hope that all of you are able to enjoy some extra rest and relaxation over the summer either at home or away. And we look forward to catching up with one another during the next couple of months and of course at Village Day on Saturday 8 July.

With my prayers and good wishes to you all

Elizabeth

**FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS**  
27th May. Marriage of John Blaza and Samantha Murphy

**ST MARTIN'S CHURCH 120 CLUB**  
The winners of the June draw in the 2017/18 120 Club (£30 each) were:

No. 54 Mrs S Palmer  
No. 114 Mrs M C Reeves

**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: Saturday 15 July 10.00am to 12.00 noon**

There will be a Police Surgery in Preston **Village Hall** on **Saturday 15 July** from **10.00am to 12.00 noon**. Our Safer Neighbourhood Team will be happy to discuss any concerns you may have.

### **FRIENDS OF ST MARTINS: Saturday 22 July**

The annual Quiz and Chips Evening will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 22 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.

### **PRESTON VILLAGE SOCIETY: Wednesday 19 July**

The meeting on Wednesday 19 July will be a Barbecue at Caroline Walford, Rose Bank, Back Lane Lane at 7 p.m. A flier will be sent with the details.

Wednesday 16 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 is organising a bottle tombola at the Village Day on Saturday 8 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.

### **COMMUNITY BOOK SWAP**

Please note that the Community Book Swap will not be open in August and will start again on Saturday 16 September. Residents are welcome to take extra books on Saturday 15 July.