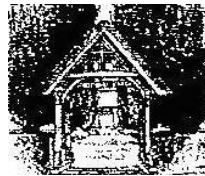




PRESTON

Church & Village News

June 2015



Deadline for the July/August 2015 newsletter is 20 June. 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 2 Jun	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Wed 3 Jun	Parish Council – Village Hall – 8.00pm
Sun 14 Jun	Mid Summer Family Service St Martin's 10.00am
Wed 17 Jun	Preston Village Society – The Willows – 8.00pm
Tue 7 Jul	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Sat 11 Jul	Preston Village Day
Sat 18 Jul	Quiz and Chips – Village Hall – 7.00pm

FRIENDS OF ST MARTINS

The annual Quiz and Chips Evening will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 18 July at 7.00 p.m. Ticket price £10.00 including fish and chips, BYO, tables of six, For tickets contact Sue Griffiths ☎ 434194. There will be a raffle during the evening.

PRESTON VILLAGE SOCIETY: Wednesday 17 June

Our next meeting will be held at Pam Stark's, The Willows, Butchers Lane on Wednesday 17 June at 8.00pm. There will be a talk on the Restoration of Wrest Park.

PRESTON SCHOOL MAY BALL

The PSA (Preston School Association) would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to the school May Ball on the 9 May. It was a huge success and great fun and we hope everyone enjoyed it. We are still not able to confirm a final amount raised, but we can say that we raised over £5000, which will go towards funding the new server, suite of laptops and iPads at the school.

If anyone had photographs taken on the night and didn't purchase them but would still like to, you can register on the photographers website, view the gallery and purchase direct: <http://www.pelliernoir.com/clients-galleries/black-tie-functions-109/preston-school-ball/>

Thank you again for all your support. - PSA

WANTED

Storage space for domestic personal effects. Village resident, infrequent access, dry and secure, approx. 15-20m². Monthly rental agreement. ☎ 07766417773

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH SERVICES

June		SIDESMAN	READER
7th	9.30am	Mr Kellard (Genesis 3:8-15, RCL p. 587 Intercessions: Mrs Sansom Chalice: Mr Kellard 4.00pm Messy Church at Whitwell	Mrs Lawson Gospel: Mark 3:20-end)
14th	10.00am.	Midsummer Ice Cream Service for families Mr Cole	
21st	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints Team Service at Hitchin Priory at Rhythms of the World Confirmation Service at St Mary's, Hitchin	
28th	9.30.00	Captain Lowle (Lamentations 3:23-33, RCL p.610 Intercessions: Mrs Reeves	Mrs Griffiths Gospel: Mark 5:21 - end) Chalice: Mrs Blockley
July			
5th	No Service at St Martin's. 11.00am Family communion at All Saints.		

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

A LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

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Dear Friends

I've just been looking back over the letter I wrote last month. A number of significant events have taken place in the first part of May. The General Election is over and we have a 'change but no change' government with a number of ministers having the same responsibilities as they had before the election but in a different context.

On the second Saturday of May our diocese formally welcomed the Right Reverend Michael Beasley as the new Bishop of Hertford after his consecration on Ascension Day. The second week of May is always Christian Aid Week. Thank you to all of you who have supported this organisation by returning your filled envelopes to church. The envelopes will be returned to Hitchin where the contributions are counted. We will have details next month.

In 2007 the annual income of Christian Aid was £86.5 million and it is now working with more than 650 overseas partners in around 50 countries, putting into practice its aim of turning

hope into action. But 60 years on from its founding the world isn't getting any fairer. Children in Gaza are going to schools pockmarked with bullet holes. Life expectancy for women in Zimbabwe is now 34 years old – it was 65 just a decade ago. So Christian Aid are continuing to support local organisations to deliver real, practical change, working so that everyone can fulfill their right to a decent life.

This year the Sunday of Christian Aid Week was also Rogation Sunday. About twenty of us left All Saints shortly after mid-day for a walk in the St Paul's Walden part of the parish. We met others en route, after lunch some folk returned home, and at about 5pm just four of us plus three dogs arrived back at church. Thank you very much to Jenny Mason for planning and organising the walk.

June and July are also busy months for church and village. We are hoping it will be a warm sunny day for our **2015 Midsummer Ice-cream Service on Sunday 14 June at 10.00am**. Posters and flyers have been printed and will soon be around in the village. We had a big crowd for this event last year and it would be good to see you all again and please bring along friends. The **Team Confirmation service is at 6.30pm on Sunday 14 June at St Mary's Hitchin**. The **Team Service at The Priory in Hitchin on Sunday 21 June at 10.00am** will take place in a huge marquee in the grounds as part of Rhythms of the World weekend. It is always a very special and inspiring service with activities for children; do join us, particularly if you haven't come along in previous years.

And in July our parish of St Paul's Walden with Preston has invited the Hitchin churches to **Picnic and Praise at St Paul's Walden Bury. This is on Sunday 12 July**. Please bring your picnic to The Bury from 4.00pm and at 5.30pm we will gather for a short act of worship suitable for all the family.

With my prayers and good wishes

Elizabeth

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH 120 CLUB

The winners of the May draw in the 2015/16 120 Club (£30 each) were:

- No. 3 Miss H Cole
- No. 62 Mrs M P Gallacher

PRESTON OPEN GARDENS

THANK YOU to all you kind and generous people who gave your time and efforts to the Open Gardens Day on 24 May. We had a large number of visitors on that day and despite the odd shower the very welcome sum of £5,190.00 was raised for our little village church. Preston was at it's best!
Pam, Liz and Meta

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.

FROM PRINCESS HELENA COLLEGE

PHC Sixth Formers wish to thank friends from the village for all their support for Night at the Movies, held on 8 May. It was a breezy evening but much fun was had by all. It was a great success and we raised £1500 for the prefect scholarship fund which will support a junior pupil to take up an extra-curricular lesson of their choice.

PHC warmly invite you to join us for our annual summer Hollywood Ball to be held on Saturday 20 June here at PHC. Tickets are available at £65 per person and if you are interested in coming along for a fabulous evening to include a champagne reception, sumptuous 3 course dinner and dancing to Beestung Lips, please contact emadden@princesshelenacollege.co.uk or ☎ 01462 432100 for an application form.

VILLAGE DAY - 11 July - check your diary now!!

Yes - it's going to be a cracker again - another super day to remember! This will be a day to let your hair down, pick up some super prizes, and have loads of fun! We can count on a bumper day with another opportunity to WIN AN IPAD for the best SCARECROW - as David Clark did last year!

The fun will start with scarecrows popping up in lots of odd places - watch out for some amazing and fantastic ideas - created with an enthusiasm only Preston can muster! Lots of dogs have already been seen, training their owners and putting on a style ready for the DOG SHOW - they were so good last year - and the dogs were good fun too!

Strolling around the Green, you will find BBQ'd Steaks, Hot Dogs, & Hamburgers, amazing sideshows and games that will tempt your nerves, courage and sense of humour - so watch out!

On top of that - NEW THIS YEAR - will be the launch of the first PRESTON INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SHOW - with vintage and modern supercars! We can't promise you'll win one - but they're bound to be a show stopper!

And on top of that - there will be entertainment by the Ladies Choir and the Village Band ensuring a fantastic day that will pass into the night as one to remember - yet again!

PARISH COUNCIL BOTTLE TOMBOLA

The Parish Council are organising a bottle tombola at the Village Day on Saturday 11 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.