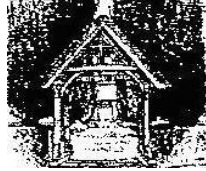


## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH SERVICES

### PRESTON Church & Village News March 2015



5 newsletter is 20 March. Contact Howard Trinder ☎435339

[net.com](http://www.prestonvillageherts.com).

ailable via the village website [www.prestonvillageherts.com](http://www.prestonvillageherts.com).

Church Cleaning 4.00pm  
Village Council – 8.00pm – Village Hall  
Preston Village Society – Langcliffe – 8.00pm  
Evening Family Service – St Martins – 10.00am  
Church Cleaning 4.00pm  
Primary School May Ball  
Preston Open Gardens

### MAY 2015

is coming...crikey, this must go in the diary NOW!

ll this year there will be some of the same events...but much more as  
back, by popular demand - lots of SCARECROWS!!! Will they make  
ou-to-death? AAAaaahhh!!!

he 30 Scarecrows we had last year? You bet there will...probably  
n your thinking caps and start planning now!

n ever, so there will be a BUMPER DOG SHOW, and lots of stalls

his SUPER DAY in your diary NOW!!!

e directed to Andy Cole, (what a hero)

[l.com](http://www.prestonvillageherts.com)

### SUNDAY 24 May

ns will be open to visitors this year again. There will be  
nd BBQ and Plants on the Green as well as other stalls. The Flower  
a highlight of the day. Please bear the Plant Stall in mind when you  
plants this Spring!

d your garden before but would like to do so this year, we would be  
u!

422315) or Meta ☎ (456567)

**SIDESMAN      READER**

at St Martin's. 11.00am Communion Service at All Saints,  
Hilden. 4pm Messy Church & Café in Whitwell Village Hall.

Men's World Day of Prayer at St Mary's Church, Pirton

Mr Cashin                  Mr Reeves  
Exodus 20:1-17, RCL p. 514 Gospel: John 2:13-22 )  
S: Mrs Sansom          Chalice: Mrs Hill

Mr Cole                  Mrs Lawson  
Sunday (Exodus 2:1-10, RCL p.125  
S: Mr Dickinson      Chalice: Mr Dickinson  
Family Service at All Saints.

Gospel: John 19:25b - 27)

Spring Family Service  
Mr Kellard

Miss Hunter              Mrs Blockley  
Friday (Psalm 118:1-2, 19-end , RCLp.528  
S: Mr Reeves          Chalice: Miss Hunter

Gospel: John 12:12-16 )

Discipline and meditation at St Martin's  
Discipline and meditation at All Saints

Thursday. 8.00pm Holy Communion at All Saints

10.00am Children's Service at All Saints.  
Last Hour. All Saints

Captain Lowle              Mr Kellard  
(Acts 10:34-43, RCL p.541  
Gospel: Mark 16:1-8)  
S: Mr Dickinson      Chalice: Mr Dickinson

*cannot make any of these dates, please try to find an alternative*

**CONTACT OUR PARISH PRIEST**

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ave Shrove Tuesday and, of course, Lent begins the following day. Lent is a journey towards Easter and, of course, a journey has to end somewhere. o of Easter morning by which time there will be daffodils and new life all around us. For me one of the encouraging aspects of Lent in the UK is that the tion of the Old English word 'lencten' which means 'lengthen'. And, we hope, the weather gets warmer too as the days lengthen. As we journey toward y the longer, warmer days.

er Eggs are on sale again for the sixth year. They are available in Morrison's, Tesco and Waitrose – they have been spotted in the Hitchin branch - or r from the Parish Office from Mothering Sunday onwards. They are £3.99 and include a 150g chocolate egg, a pack of chunky chocolate buttons and . For more details please ask. If you want to be sure of getting the Egg(s) you want please order them by contacting me by telephone or email.

f March this year and the middle Sunday (15<sup>th</sup>) is also mid-Lent Sunday, Mothering Sunday. We will have our usual services with special additions for r s for the female members of the 10am Spring Family Service at St Martin's. Sometimes in this country, we have anxieties about the purity of our wat this precious commodity. But, in some parts of the world, access to clean fresh water is very difficult for the poorest people in rural areas.

ays in the afternoon and in the evening –take your choice – both at the Parish Office, in Whitwell we have our Lent Course which this year is Praise Hi e details in weekly bulletins in church.

ly Week, begins with Palm Sunday which we celebrate at our usual services. We will meet in St Martin's on Monday evening and at All Saints on Tues a Meditation and on Maundy Thursday we mark the last Supper with a service of Holy Communion at All Saints. On Good Friday at 'The Last Hour' at 2 es towards its end as we sing hymns, listen to readings, say prayers and keep silence with Jesus.

All Saints at 10.00am. We'll meet at Whitwell Village Shop at 9.30 and walk up to church together. There will be no Messy Church on Easter Day.

on Easter Day, we meet for Holy Communion at St Martin's at 9.30 and at All Saints at 11.00am.

ishes to you for o good Lenten journey and peace and joy at Easter

## TCH

North Herts Police for all non-emergencies (including witnessing of fly-tipping) is 101 or 01707 354000. which has already occurred, call Veolia ☎ 0800 328 6023.

SO Heather Burrows can be contacted regarding local community issues - ☎ 01438 757604

ency or if you witness a crime taking place please call 999.

## CIETY

ednesday 18 March at Chris Hardy's, Langcliffe, Butchers Lane. Keith Baldwin will give a talk entitled "All the Queen's Horses and all the Queen's Men

ays faults should be reported to Hertfordshire Highways at: [www.hertsdirect.org/highwaysfaults](http://www.hertsdirect.org/highwaysfaults) or ☎ 03001234047.

of reports, the more likely it is that the problems will be rectified.

ouling in the village have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council, particularly on the recently refurbished path from Chequers Lane towards ind dog owners that it is their responsibility to clear up after their animals and there is a dog bin at the entrance to this path, as well as in other areas of

ton a dog faeces free zone so that we can all enjoy a heathy and attractive environment. Evidence of dog fouling can be reported to NHDC ☎ 014624

hen follow the links from environment and planning.

## 120 CLUB

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is year's 120 Club. Tickets for 2015/16 are being distributed by members of the church committee to the current participants. The funds generated by year – support the general running costs of our church and churchyard and contribute towards their on-going maintenance. Tickets cost £20 for the year and 3 in December. This year we are asking regular participants, who have not done so already, to pay by standing order – this will simplify things in the future or are willing to take an additional ticket please contact Richard Blockley, Lychgate House, Church Lane ☎ 457631.

Sunday 29 March starting at 7.30pm. Proceeds to support the Garden House Hospice. Tickets £3 including a raffle ticket.

in size from tiny to 3 litre, free for collection from Jane Clark