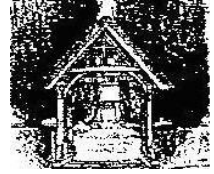




# PRESTON

## Church & Village News

### May 2016



Deadline for the June 2016 newsletter is 20 May. 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**

Tue 3 May	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Wed 4 May	Parish Council – Village Hall – 8.00pm
Sun 8 May	Preston Trust AGM – Village Hall – 11.00am
Sat 14 May	Community Book Swap - Village Hall - 10-11.00am
Wed 18 May	Preston Village Society – Jenny Murray’s – 8.00pm
Sat 28 May	Community Book Swap - Village Hall - 10-11.00am
Sun 29 May	Preston Open Gardens
Tue 7 Jun	Church Cleaning 4.00pm

#### **PHC GARDEN PARTY**

PHC are holding a garden party on 11 June from noon until 4.00pm in honour of the Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday (the Queen is PHC’s patron). There will be food, activities and stalls focussed on the Queen’s 9 decades, with groups taking part from various organisations including from the village. Please contact [gardenparty@princessshelenacollege.co.uk](mailto:gardenparty@princessshelenacollege.co.uk) for further information and to purchase tickets in advance (Adults £5, children are free).

#### **THE PRESTON TRUST AGM**

The Preston Trust warmly invites you to its Annual General Meeting on Sunday 8 May in the village hall at 11.00am. It’s been an active twelve months, so please do come along to hear in brief how the Trust has aimed to fulfil its objectives over the past year, and plans for the next year. The Trust exists to enhance and preserve Preston for the benefit of all villagers, so there will be a space for you to contribute any comments or ideas you may have.

#### **PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Preston Neighbourhood Plan Designated Area Consultation:** Details were in the April newsletter. To respond to the consultation, follow this link: <http://www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/what-neighbourhood-plan>.

**Village meeting:** The Parish Council have organised a village meeting on **SUNDAY 26 JUNE** at 11am in the village hall to decide whether a Neighbourhood Plan is the way forward for the village. Further details will be in the June newsletter.

**Dog Fouling:** The Parish Council have recently been informed of several incidences of dog fouling and would like to request that all dog owners remove their dog poo and dispose of it either in one of the dog bins in the village or by taking it home for the purple bin.

#### **ST MARTIN'S CHURCH SERVICES**

## MAY

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### READER

- 1st No Service. 11.00am Family Communion at All Saints, St Paul's Walden. followed by a walk around the parish, including both churches, leaving All Saints' at 12 noon. Please bring a packed lunch.
- 5th Ascension Day. 8.00pm Holy Communion at All Saints
- 8th 9.30am Mr Kellard Mr Gill  
(Acts 16:16-34 ,RCL p.880 Gospel: John 17:20-end)  
Intercessions: Mrs Reeves Chalice: Mr Kellard
- 15th 9.30am Miss Hunter Mr Blockley  
Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21, RCL p.885 Gospel: John 14:8-17)  
Intercessions: Mr Dickinson Chalice: Mr Dickinson
- 22nd 9.30am Captain Lowle Mrs Lawson  
(Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31, RCL p.891 Gospel:John 16:12-15 )  
Intercessions: Parish Priest Chalice: Miss Hunter
- 28th 6.30pm Songs of Praise
- 29th 9.00am Mrs Reeves Mr Reeves  
(1 Kings 18:20-21, 30-39 , RCL p.894 Gospel: Luke 7:1-10)  
Intercessions: Mrs Sansom Chalice: Mrs Reeves

## JUNE

- 5th No Service. 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*

### A LETTER FROM THE TEAM VICAR

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Dear Friends

As I write the weather is still very wet and the ground is saturated; this is such a problem locally that, unfortunately, the April Open Gardens at St Paul's Walden Bury, where Friends of St Martin's were due to do the teas, had to be cancelled, as car-parking in a field would have been impossible.

On Palm Sunday evening at All Saints' we had a service of music and hymns for Holy Week when we were joined by members of other village churches including the choir from King's Walden. This was a good start to our keeping of this important week. The Last Hour at All Saints' on the afternoon of Good Friday provided a time, at the end of the week, to reflect on Jesus' journey to his death, as we imagined ourselves at the foot of the cross. There were lots of people at our Easter Day services and both churches were, as always, beautifully decorated for Easter. This last Sunday the flowers were glorious too as we welcomed the Bishop of St Albans, Bishop Alan, to preside and preach at St Martin's and All Saints'. It was Vocations Sunday and so he took this as the theme of his sermon. We had

been waiting for the new memorial stone to be delivered for some time and fortunately it arrived and was mounted in the church last week. The Bishop dedicated the stone and read out the names of the Preston men who died in the two World Wars. We had a very good congregation able to be part of this very special occasion.

May is, of course, the month for Preston Gardens Open with the wonderful displays of flowers in church, the plants stall and teas in the Village Hall. This year Sunday 29 May is the date. It is encouraging that so many of you are involved in this event which raises money for the upkeep and work of St Martin's. And don't forget Songs of Praise on Saturday 28 May at 6.30pm. **If you are coming to church on Gardens Open Day itself the service is at 9.00am**

By the time you read this the Queen will have celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 21 April. At All Saints' as I mentioned last month, we are holding an exhibition of royal photographs to celebrate the Queen's official 90<sup>th</sup> birthday during the weekend of 10-12 June. The planning is going well and we hope that many of you will want to come to see the exhibition and the flower arrangements and bring your friends. We will certainly need a good number of volunteers to help to make the exhibition a success and especially to welcome visitors to the church and the exhibition. Please keep this weekend free and if you are able to help we would be delighted to hear from you.

With my prayers and good wishes to you all  
Elizabeth

#### **ST MARTIN'S CHURCH 120 CLUB 2016/2017**

the winners of the first two draws in the 2016/17 120 Club (£30 each) were:

March		April	
No. 74	Mr D I Clark	No. 35	Mrs G S Edwards
No. 97	Mr D G Drew	No. 84	Mrs K M Knight

#### **FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS**

3 April. Baptism of Charlie Robert Newell, age 6 months

#### **PRESTON OPEN GARDENS 29 May, 12.30pm – 5.00pm.**

We hope you will not mind being asked again to make a cake (or two) for the teas in the Village Hall? Whatever you enjoy baking will be much appreciated. Either bring them/it to the Hall on the day or leave them with Pam Stark or Liz Hunter beforehand.

**Plants for the Plant Stall** on the Green will also be welcome and can be left earlier in the week beginning 23rd May with Meta & Hugh Reeves at Crunnells Green House.

Also **Homemade Preserves** will be on sale in the Village Hall. Margaret Trinder will be pleased to receive them on the morning of the 29th.

Many thanks, Pam, Liz and Meta.

#### **PRESTON VLLAGE SOCIETY**

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 May at Jenny Murray's, Hitchwood Cottage. Dot Wigg on her experiences and "Tea with the Queen" Please meet on The Green at 7.45pm to share transport as parking is limited.

#### **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.

## **PRESTON CRICKET CLUB 2016 SEASON**

Preston CC will soon be starting their 2016 campaign. Once again, we will have 4 Saturday League sides in the Saracens Herts League. On Sundays, our First X1 will be joining the Bedfordshire League for the first time and the Sunday Seconds will focus again on local friendlies to give the younger members a chance to play their first senior games.

Our Thirds and Fourths will now be playing at Whitwell Cricket Ground, moving after many years from playing at Hitchin Boys School. Whitwell has excellent facilities and a good ground in a picturesque setting. We're very lucky – so do pop down and watch.

We will be welcoming to the Club an overseas friend, Aussie Justin Powick - who's spent the last 4 years playing Premier Cricket in the Victorian Leagues. He lands late April and I'm sure you may see him around. Do say Hi and get to know him.

Our well regarded Junior Cricket Programme will once again be starting early on 17 April and this year we will have 5 junior cricket teams. We welcome any enquiries from families with children aged 8 upwards who genuinely wish their children to learn cricket. This year we will be asking parents to get involved too!

We have made some significant investments at the ground to provide first class facilities for our members and the community. The largest and most noticeable being the new Cricket Nets, about which we are over the moon. They will provide very safe and top notch training facilities for all our members. Without mentioning those involved, a huge thank you from every single member of the Club. We couldn't have done this without you.

The Club will be hosting County Over 50/60s again, a Cricket Week, regular Colts Matches and mid-week T20s. We have a full season, please be a part of it - we love the support and there's always a cup tea and slice of cake. Please do connect with us in the Red Lion when you see us...

Brian Waters - President

Paul Constantinidi - Chairman

Mark Waters - Vice Chairman

Any anyone else, we'd happily talk you through how things are going.

On teas, we aim to provide first class teas to our visitors and this gets harder to do each year. We still have spaces and I would very much welcome the chance to speak to anyone who may have a few hours on a Saturday or Sunday to help us provide teas for our teams. You're reimbursed and it's a great chance to show off any cake baking skills you may have! Please get in touch if you just want to find out more. Mums, Grans, Dads, Grandads Daughters, any enquiries are more than welcome!

Looking forward to it. [markwaters75@gmail.com](mailto:markwaters75@gmail.com).