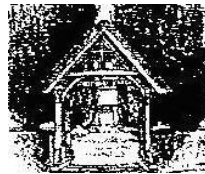




PRESTON

Church & Village News

May 2017



Deadline for the June 2017 newsletter is 20 May. Contact Howard Trinder ☎435339
or e-mail htrinder@btinternet.com.
The newsletter is also available via the village website www.prestonvillageherts.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue 2 May	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Sat 6 May	Community Book Swap – Village Hall – 10-11.00am
Wed 17 May	Preston Village Society – Hitchwood Cottages – 8.00pm
Sat 20 May	Community Book Swap – Village Hall – 10-11.00am
Tue 6 June	Church Cleaning 4.00pm

PRESTON TRUST AGM

The Preston Trust will hold its Annual General Meeting on Sunday 14th May at 11am in the village hall. All are invited – do come along to hear what we've been up to over the past year, what we're planning for the next year, and contribute any suggestions and feedback you may have to help us enhance and preserve Preston

PRESTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 May at Jenny Murray's, Hitchwood Cottages. Caroline Stroud will talk about her involvement with the Cinnamon Trust. Please meet on The Green at 7.45pm to share transport as parking is limited.

BURY TEAS

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and particular thanks to everyone who volunteered to help during the afternoon. The event raised £587 for St Martin's Church.

HITCHIN HARD HALF MARATHON

The Hitchin Hard Half marathon will take place on Sunday 25 June and will be going through Preston between 9.30am and 12.00. Any residents who would like to help marshal the race should contact the organisers by email at h3m@tilehouserotary.org

MAY**SIDESMAN****READER**

- 7th No Service at St Martin's. 11am Communion service at All Saints
3.00pm In Loving Memory at All Saints
- 14th 9.30am Elizabeth Hunter Richard Gill
(Acts 7:55-end, RCL p.232 Gospel: John 14:1-14)
Intercessions: Meta Reeves Chalice: Elizabeth Hunter
- 21st 9.30am Malcolm Lowle Anna Lawson
(Acts 17:22-31, RCL p.17:22-31 Gospel: John 14:15-21)
Intercessions: Alec Dickinson Chalice: Alec Dickinson
- 25th Ascension Day. 8.00pm Communion at All Saints
- 27th 6.30pm Andy Cole various
Songs of Praise
- 28th **9.00am** Malcolm Lowle Di Blockley
(Acts 1:6-14, RCL p.245 Gospel: John 17:1-11)
Intercessions: Elizabeth Bunker Chalice: Meta Reeves

JUNE

- 4th 9.30am Richard Blockley Mark Lawson
Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21, RCLp.249 Gospel: John 20:19-23)
Intercessions: Hugh Reeves Chalice: Di Blockley

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

PRESTON OPEN GARDENS 28 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 22nd 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 28th.

Many thanks, Pam, Liz and Meta

A LETTER FROM OUR TEAM VICAR

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Dear Friends

We had a number of special services in the week before Easter starting with Palm Sunday and ending on Good Friday with our usual children's activities and worship in the morning and The Last Hour at 2.00pm. On Palm Sunday evening our parish joined other village churches for a service of music and hymns for Holy Week. This year the service was at St Mary's King's Walden.

I am writing this on Easter Monday morning after a day of lovely busy services at St Martin's and All Saints' and the flowers were glorious in both churches and at All Saints' we are very grateful for the donations for lilies. You were very generous again in 2017 and, after paying for the lilies, the money goes to the Garden House Hospice. It is a lovely way of remembering loved ones who have died, especially at this time of the Christian year when we remember the death of Jesus and his glorious resurrection. The list of names of those remembered will remain in church for a few weeks.

We hope that many of you will come to our **2017 In Loving Memory** service which will be held **at All Saints' at 3pm on Sunday 7 May and will be followed by refreshments.** In Loving Memory is a special service of hymns, prayers and short readings with the opportunity to light candles in memory of 'those we love but see no longer'. If you and other family members wish to attend and would like the name of your loved one read out during the service please let us know by email. Personal invitations are being sent to the families we know in Whitwell and Preston where there has been a death in the last three years, but the service is, of course, open to everyone.

The **Confirmation service** for Hitchin and St Paul's Walden is on **Tuesday 27 June at All Saints'** this year and the confirmation group in preparation for this will begin to meet soon. Please get in touch with me if you would like to discuss this.

With my prayers and good wishes to you all.

Elizabeth

NEW CHURCHWARDEN

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish of St Paul's Walden with Preston on 24 April, Malcolm Lowle was elected churchwarden of St Martin's Church in our parish of St Paul's Walden with Preston.

Many thanks to Andy Cole, the previous churchwarden, and thanks and best wishes to Malcolm for taking on this important role.

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.

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH 120 CLUB

A big thank you to all who have renewed their membership this year and those who have joined for the first time.

The proceeds help to maintain our church and its churchyard for the benefit of all who live here and our visitors.

The winners of the first two draws in the 2017/18 120 Club (£30 each) were:

March

No. 128 Revd. E Bunker

No. 44 Mr A G Hardy

April

No. 25 Miss A M Marshall

No. 121 Mr D J Hill