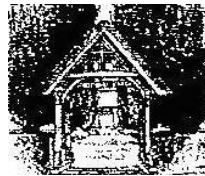




# PRESTON

## Church & Village News

### November 2015



Deadline for the December 2015 newsletter is 20 November. Contact Howard Trinder  
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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 Nov	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Wed 4 Nov	Parish Council – Village Hall – 8.00pm
Sat 7 Nov	Fireworks at the Red Lion – 7.00pm
Wed 18 Nov	Preston Village Society – Driftacres – 8.00pm
Tue 1 Dec	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Sun 6 Dec	Christmas Tree lighting – The Red Lion – 6.00pm

### **FIREWORKS**

This year's Fireworks Display and Hog Roast will take place at the Red Lion on Saturday 7 November from 7.00pm. Fingers crossed for a fine, star-lit evening!

### **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON**

The Preston Trust warmly invites you to the annual switching on of the Christmas Tree lights at 6.00pm on Sunday 6th December at the Red Lion. The Trust will supply free mince pies and mulled wine to warm up your singing voices for carols, so please do join us to really kick-start the festive season.

### **BUTCHERS LANE**

Butchers Lane will be closed, except for access, for utility works for one day between Monday 16 and Friday 20 November. Signs will be displayed nearer the time.

### **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**

There will be a Police Surgery in Preston Village Hall on Saturday 28 November from 10.00am to 12.00pm. Our Safer Neighbourhood Team will be happy to discuss any concerns you may have.

## NEW TREE

You may have seen a new tree appear on the green just south of the pond, so just to let you know that The Preston Trust planted it to replace one that had perished which was originally placed there to celebrate the Queen's diamond jubilee. For the horticulturalists among you, it's a Liquidambar Styraciflua (Sweet Gum) which offers a spectacular show of colour in the Autumn which we hope you will enjoy.

## KINGS WALDEN POST OFFICE STORES

Opening times: Shop: Mon - Friday 7.30am - 1pm Saturday 8.00am - 12 noon.

Post Office: Mon, Tues and Thursdays 8.00am - 12 noon.

Weekend newspapers can now be ordered and left out for collection at any time with our new personalised collection system. Please call in or 📞 for details 01462 768511.

## PRESTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

The next meeting of Preston Village Society will be at 8p.m on Wednesday 18 November at Shirley Cooper's, Driftacres, The Green. There will be an amusing talk by a lady who is the daughter of a soldier and wife of an airman and is considered as "wife of" or "civilian attached" by the military establishment.

## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH SERVICES

### NOVEMBER

	<b>SIDESMAN</b>	<b>READER</b>
1st	No Service. All Saints' Day. 11.00am Family Communion at All Saints, St Paul's Walden 4.00pm Messy Church in Whitwell Pavilion.	
9th	Mr Kellard	Mr Gill
	Remembrance Sunday (Micah 4:1-5, RCL p.1209 Gospel: Mark 1:14-20, RCL p. 741) Intercessions: Mrs Reeves Chalice: Mr Kellard	
15th	Miss Hunter	Mr Blockley
	(Daniel 12:1-3, RCL p.745 Gospel: Mark 13:1-8) Intercessions: Mr Dickinson Chalice: Mr Dickinson	
22nd	Captain Lowle	Mr Reeves
	(Rev. 1:4-8, RCL p.752 Gospel: John 18:33-37) Intercessions: Parish Priest Chalice: Mrs Hill	
29th	Miss Hunter	Mr Constantinidi
	Advent 1 (Jer. 33:14-16, RCL p. 755 Gospel: Luke 21:25-36) Intercessions: Mr Reeves Chalice: Miss Hunter 6.30pm Advent Carol Service at St Mary's, Hitchin	

### DECEMBER

6th All Saints. No Service. 11.00am Family Communion at All Saints.

13th 4.00pm Christingle service for children and families

*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

As I write the end of British Summer Time is fast approaching, schools are about to break for half-term and in church November brings All Saints, Remembrance and the start of Advent. Our St Martin's service on Remembrance Sunday, 8 November is at 9.30am as usual. After last year's centenary of the outbreak of World War One, in 2015 we have celebrated the 70th anniversary of the end of World War Two in Europe and in Japan. We hope you will be able to join us either in church or in the afternoon at Whitwell War Memorial.

Last week I was delighted to receive a letter from the St Alban's diocese informing us that the Church Commissioners have confirmed that the benefice of Hitchin and St Paul's Walden will come into being in February 2016.

Two or three years of meetings, discussions, exchanges of paperwork have preceded this decision and it is good that everyone has had the opportunity to be involved in the process. Now we have just three months before the birth of the new Team, to be known as the Hitchin and St Paul's Walden Team Ministry. Our worship, our buildings, our finances are unaffected by this change but now we will have the security of being part of a team of clergy and people as we continue our Christian ministry in this parish of St Paul's Walden Whitwell, Bendish and Preston.

The inauguration of the new Team will take place at St Mary's Hitchin on Sunday 6 February at 10.00am. The Bishop of St Alban's, Bishop Alan, will preside and preach at this service of Holy Communion. I'm sure it will be a wonderful celebration of all that has been and a promise of things to come. Please put the date in your diaries.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this letter, Advent begins this month and once again the Real Advent calendars (£3.99) with (Fairtrade) chocolate stars are available. This is a fun way for parents, grandparents and godparents to share the Christmas story. For details of where to buy these please visit the website [www.realadvent.co.uk](http://www.realadvent.co.uk)

With my prayers and good wishes

Elizabeth

## **ST MARTIN'S CHURCH 120 CLUB**

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

No. 53 Mr & Mrs L Harvey

No. 73 Mrs J H Clark