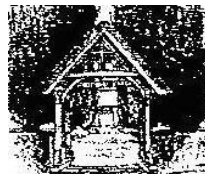


PRESTON

Church & Village News

October 2016



Deadline for the November 2016 newsletter is 20 October. 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

Sat 1 Oct	Community Book Swap – Village Hall – 10-11.00am
Tue 4 Oct	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Fri 7 Oct	Harvest Auction – The Red Lion 8.00pm
Sat 15 Oct	Community Book Swap – Village Hall – 10-11.00am
Wed 19 Oct	Preston Village Society – St Martin's House – 8.00pm
Sun 30 Oct	Quiz at the Red Lion – 7.30pm
Tue 1 Nov	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Wed 2 Nov	Parish Council – Village Hall – 8.00pm
Sat 5 Nov	Community Book Swap – Village Hall – 10-11.00am
Sat 5 Nov	Fireworks and Hog Roast at the Red Lion – 7.00pm

TELEPHONE QUALITY IN PRESTON

The Parish Council are aware of one or two complaints by local residents about the quality of their land line telephone service, such as significant crackling while the phone is being used or the line being completely dead.

The Parish Council would like to know how many severe problems there are so anyone experiencing issues such as those described above is asked to contact David Drew ☎01462 453963 or email: dfdrew@idnet.com so that the extent of the problems can be assessed.

PRESTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 October at 8.00 pm at Mary Young's, St Martin's House, Church Lane. There will be a talk entitled: Tutankhamun: Life and Death of a Pharaoh

HARVEST AUCTION

The annual Harvest Auction will be held at the Red Lion on Friday 7 October at 8.00pm. Would those donating produce for the auction bring to the pub in the afternoon. Proceeds will be shared between Preston Primary School, Colts Cricket and St Martin's Church.

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!

RED LION PUB QUIZ

The next Quiz will be held on Sunday 30 October at 7.30pm in the Red Lion, with the proceeds going towards the Garden House Hospice. Teams of up to 8, entry fee £5 per person, including a raffle ticket.

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH SERVICES

OCTOBER

SIDESMAN

READER

2nd	10.00am	Family Harvest Service	
9th	9.30am	Mr Blockley (2 Tim. 2:8-15, RCL p.1013 Intercessions: Mrs Reeves	Mr Reeves Gospel: Luke 17:11-19) Chalice: Miss Hunter
16th	9.30am	Captain Lowle (2 Tim. 3:14-4:5, RCL p.1018 Intercessions: Mr Dickinson	Mr Gill Gospel: Luke 18:1-8) Chalice: Mr Dickinson
	11.00am	All-age Celebration of Baptism at All Saints'	
23rd	9.30am	Miss Hunter Bible Sunday (Romans 15:1-6, RCL p.1028 Intercessions: Mr Reeves	Mr Kellard Gospel: Luke 4:16-24) Chalice: Miss Hunter
30th	9.30am	Mrs Reeves All Saints Day (Ephesians 1:11-end, RCL p.1040 Intercessions: Team Vicar	Mr Constantinidi Gospel: Luke 6:20-31) Chalice: Mrs Blockley

NOVEMBER

6th	10.00am	Family Communion at St Martin's Captain Lowle Mr Liddell (2 Thess.2:1-5, 13-17, RCL p.1046 Gospel: Luke: 20:27-38) Intercessions: Mrs Sansom Chalice: Mrs Reeves	
	4.00pm	Messy Church at Whitwell	

NB From November 2016 until March 2017 inclusive the service on the first Sunday in the month will be held at St Martin's Preston at 10.00am. There will be NO SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS'.

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

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH 120 CLUB

The winners of the September draw in the 2016/17 120 Club (£30 each) were:

No. 98 Mr & Mrs M Kellard
No. 119 Mr & Mrs R Lambe

A LETTER FROM OUR TEAM VICAR

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Dear Friends,

Just before the start of the school year Whitwell Holiday Club was held at The Pavilion in glorious sunshine. We were able to make good use of the outside area for our breaks and I hope that the children now know more about Joseph and his brothers and the importance of this Old Testament story to our Christian tradition. We certainly had an enjoyable and busy time, thanks to Helen Beavis and the team. And, as ever, we had a BBQ on the Sunday evening to round things off.

It is now nearly October and the start of the new school year seems an age ago, although the weather has been very warm again. Most of the children (and their teachers!) are now settled into their new routine and the time is here for those who have recently left school to be embarking on the next chapter in their lives. Some are living away from home for the first time studying at college or university, others are beginning apprenticeships or starting work. We wish them all well.

At church Harvest Festival is nearly upon us with Harvest Supper and an evening Harvest Praise with Preston Ladies Choir one weekend and the Harvest Family Service at St Martin's at 10am the following Sunday, 2 October. The Harvest Auction at The Red Lion on Friday 7 October at 8.00pm rounds off our 2016 Harvest season in Preston and I expect the weather will be changing soon to remind us that autumn is here.

The October Praise service at All Saints' is very special; on Sunday 16 October at 11.00am we will be celebrating Baptism. We hope that many of you in the parish will join us for this service in which we praise God and remind ourselves of the promises we made, or our parents and godparents made for us, at our baptisms. Please come along with your children and their godparents too, if they live nearby.

With my prayers and good wishes.

Elizabeth

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.

CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

Another 'CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN' and for ourselves, will take place on Saturday 15 October, between 10.30am – 12.30pm.

It is 7 months since our first successful 'Litter Pick Up' in early March this year, and so it is time for another one. The Preston Trust committee would like to invite everyone, and especially all the Trust supporters, to join us for a 2-hour collecting exercise, on Saturday 15 October, 10.30am – 12.30pm. Please come to The Green, with your own rubber gloves, and if you have one, your yellow 'high-vis' jacket. We will provide plastic rubbish sacks, and then send you off, in twos or threes, to specific lanes and footpaths. Bring your rubbish back to The Green, and we will dispose of it.

Do please come and help with this challenge. As usual, many hands make light work! See you there!

Any queries to Liz Hunter ☎ 433859.

ANNUAL BIKE 'N' HIKE 10 September

This year, the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust celebrates its 25th year of raising money to give, as grants or loans, to churches and chapels in the two counties. These grants then assist church committees and congregations with repair and restoration work on their own churches.

Grants given during 2015/16 amounted to £210,000.00, shared between 23 churches.

Repairs to roofs, to drains, to stonework on towers, eradication of damp, upgrading heating systems, kitchens and toilets, have all been given assistance. The average award was c. £9000.00, averaging 7% of the project cost.

The annual sponsored Bike 'n' Hike on the second Saturday in September is still the major source of income for the Trust. In 2015, this one day brought in £107,000.00, from the hundreds of cyclists and walkers taking part across the two counties!

This year, on 10 September, Ita Leaver bravely set out once again to raise money for St. Martin's. Five villagers kindly gave an hour of their time to sit in St. Martin's to welcome visiting cyclists: they were Sue Kellard, Linda Woodward, Mary Young, Phil Leaver and Liz Hunter. Twelve cyclists from Offley, Hitchin and St. Paul's Walden called in during the day.

Many thanks to all those who sponsored me on the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust bike ride. I visited 19 churches on a 30-mile round trip and raised £290. Half of this will be donated to St. Martin's Preston and the remainder is donated to needy churches in the diocese. *Ita Leaver*

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 4 December at the Red Lion. The Trust will supply free mince pies and mulled wine to warm up your singing voices for carols round the tree. We will continue festivities inside the pub with the Preston ladies choir and SG4 band for a not-very silent night.