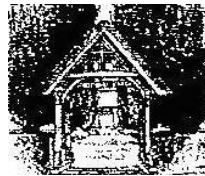




PRESTON

Church & Village News

September 2015



Deadline for the October 2015 newsletter is 20 September. 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 1 Sept	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Tue 15 Sept	Parish Council – Village Hall – 8.00pm
Wed 16 Sept	Preston Village Society – 19 Chequers Lane – 8.00pm
Fri 25 Sept	Harvest Supper – Village Hall – 7.30pm
Sun 27 Sept	Family Harvest Service – 10.00am
Fri 2 Oct	Harvest Auction – The Red Lion – 8.00pm
Tue 6 Oct	Church Cleaning 4.00pm

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council are working with the Police and Hertfordshire County Council on measures to reduce the speed at which vehicles drive through the village. In the meantime, they would like to ask all local residents to ensure that they drive at low speeds on the narrow lanes and to be aware of pedestrians, children, cyclists and horse riders.

Following the recent consultation, the No 88 bus service will no longer run on Saturdays. The Monday to Friday service will run in term time only and not in school holidays. The new service starts on 30 August. The new term starts on Wednesday 2 September so there will be no service on Tuesday 1 September.

PRESTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

This month's meeting is being held at Ita Leaver's, 19 Chequers Lane on Wednesday 16 September at 8.00pm. There will be a talk by Derek Henderson entitled: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly of Wildlife Photography.

Last month's tea afternoon raised £145 for Garden House Hospice. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and to Margaret for hosting it.

THE RED LION – HARVEST AUCTION

The annual Harvest Auction will be held on Friday 2 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.

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH SERVICES

SEPTEMBER

		SIDESMAN	READER
6th	No Service. 11.00am Communion Service at All Saints, St Paul's Walden		
13th	9.30am	Mr Cole (Isaiah 50:4-9a, RCL p.688 Intercessions: Mrs Reeves	Mrs Griffiths Gospel: Mark:8:27-end) Chalice: Mrs Hill
20th	9.30am	Mr Kellard (Jer. 11:18-20, RCL p.683 Intercessions: Mr Dickinson	Mrs Blockley Gospel: Mark 9:30-37) Chalice: Mr Dickinson
27th	10.00am	Harvest Family Service Mr Cole	
	6.00pm	Harvest Praise Captain Lowle	

OCTOBER

4th No Service. 11.00am Communion Service at All Saints, St Paul's Walden
4.00pm Messy Church at Whitwell – our 5th birthday

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

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

25th June. Funeral of Rachael Ann Jeffrey, age 49. Formerly of Shefford.

A LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

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Dear Friends,

August has seen many of us having a break or a change in our usual activities and the weather in the first part of the month has been warm, maybe too warm for those who are busy!

The school holiday began with Holiday Club at Whitwell Pavilion where the children and adults joined in activities and games based around the story of Noah and in particular his obedience to God even though he could not understand why God was asking him to build an ark. Together we designed and created a 'mural' which is now displayed at All Saints'. Thank you to all the helpers, adult and younger, and especially to Helen Beavis.

In early August Suzanne Windsor visited us at All Saints' again and updated us on her missionary work in Bolivia, in particular the continuing success and growth of the Broombush Nursery in Cochabamba. Her words and photographs help us to appreciate the poverty and

difficulties of families in the developing world. The project is making a remarkable difference with its Christian support and education for the children and their parents.

September is often the time of year for new beginnings. Many young people will be starting at a new school, starting work, continuing with education at a college. For some this will mean living away from home for the first time. All these are big changes for youngsters and parents too. These situations will present opportunities and challenges, some of them unforeseen. As the rest of us cope with changes in our lives or continue with things much as they've been for a while, let's spare a thought and a prayer for younger members of our own family and for all those in this parish who face the excitement and the anxiety of new beginnings.

Later we celebrate Harvest - Harvest Supper on Friday 25 September at the Village Hall; two services at St Martin's on Sunday 25 September - Harvest Family Service at 10am and Harvest Praise with the Ladies Choir at 6.00pm and the Harvest Auction at The Red Lion takes place on Friday 2 October. There are more details elsewhere in the Newsletter. It's a great time to say 'Thank you' to God for ALL his gifts.

With my prayers and good wishes

Elizabeth

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH 120 CLUB

The winners of the last two draws in the 2015/16 120 Club (£30 each) were:

July

No. 94 Mrs D M Sansom

No. 91 Miss C Needs

August

No. 22 Mr & Mrs J Skirrow

No. 29 Mrs M C M Young

HARVEST SUPPER ON FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

This year the Harvest Supper will be held on Friday 25 September in the Village Hall, 7.30 for 8.00pm. Tickets, priced £12, include a welcome drink and a two course meal and can be obtained from Di Blockley ☎ 457631. Numbers are limited to 40, so please call soon!

If you have a vegetarian preference, just let Di know well in advance. Please bring your own bottle. There will be a Raffle, so donations of prizes would be very much appreciated. Families who have moved into the Parish recently are especially welcome, but anyone living in the village is warmly invited so do come and join us.

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.

THE PRESTON TRUST

Thanks to everyone who joined in the fun and made Village Day a great success. 29 fabulous Scarecrows were entered and after the public vote was counted Brian Waters won the first prize with "Gotcha" (Scarecrow policeman with Speed camera on Chequers Lane junction). We also had a wonderful collection of cars on display, Preston School provided dance displays, the dog show was very popular and in the evening the Ladies Choir and One2Many entertained the crowds. Hope everyone enjoyed it. Once again many thanks to all involved.

We will soon be re-instituting the Preston photographic competition with results to be displayed at next year's Village Day. We hope this will be an opportunity for residents of all ages to have fun capturing life in Preston, so look out for entry details in the next newsletter.

Finally, many thanks to those of you who have already subscribed to The Trust, and for anyone who has not yet had the opportunity, you will see that we have included a subscription form with the newsletter. If you are able to become a member, this helps finance the events we run, the local projects we support, and the village website. In addition, having a good proportion of villagers being members adds weight to the local representations we make on the village's behalf.

ART EXHIBITION in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

St Paul's Walden Church, 25-27 September 2015. Fri 25th 10.00 - 13.00, Sat 26th 10:30 - 15.00, Sun 27th 12.00 - 16.00 (after the church service).

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served. All proceeds to Macmillan.

A local art group run by artist Beverley Bentley is putting on this exhibition of work under the Macmillan Coffee Morning scheme. Members of the group, all local ladies, have great fun drawing and painting local scenes, still lifes and other subjects under Beverley's guidance, and are pleased to support this excellent cause. Come along and have a look, a chat and a cuppa!

BEDS AND HERTS BIKE 'N HIKE

The annual sponsored Bike n Hike is on 12 September. Anyone interested or requiring further information please contact Andy Cole ☎ 01462 454033

CRICKET CLUB DINNER/DANCE AND AWARDS NIGHT

This annual event will be held on Saturday 19 September in a marquee at the Red Lion. For more information and to reserve tickets please contact Jane Hunter ☎ 01462 768688 or 07805636335.