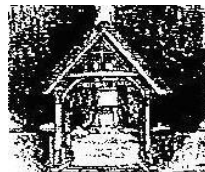


PRESTON

Church & Village News

September 2016



Deadline for the October 2016 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

Sat 3 Sept	Community Book Swap – Village Hall – 10-11.00am
Tue 6 Sept	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Wed 14 Sept	Parish Council – Village Hall – 8.00pm
Sat 17 Sept	Community Book Swap – Village Hall – 10-11.00am
Wed 21 Sept	Preston Village Society – Dreft Acres – 8.00pm
Fri 30 Sept	PHC Macmillan coffee morning – 10.00 to 11.00am
Tue 4 Oct	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Fri 7 Oct	Harvest Auction – The Red Lion 8.00pm

HARVEST SUPPER ON FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

This year the Harvest Supper will be held on Friday 23 September in the Village Hall, 7.30 for 8 p.m. Tickets, priced £12, include a welcome drink and a two course meal and can be obtained from Sue Griffiths on 434194. Numbers are limited to 40, so please call soon!

If you have a vegetarian preference, just let Sue 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.

THE RED LION – HARVEST AUCTION

The annual Harvest Auction will be held 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.

COMMUNITY BOOK SWAP

The community book swap will be held on the first and third Saturdays of every month from 10.00 to 11.00am in the village hall. Dates for September are 3rd and 17th. There are plenty of books available so it is not essential to bring one to swap. Please feel free to use this as a library. We are now including DVDs so please bring any adult or children's DVDs which you would like to donate.

THE RED LION

Please note the Red Lion will be closed on Monday 5 September for essential maintenance and deep cleaning.

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH SERVICES

SEPTEMBER**SIDESMAN****READER**

4th No Service. 11.00am Communion Service at All Saints, St Paul's Walden
 No Messy Church this pm. Please come along to:
 Family BBQ 5-7pm at Whitwell Pavilion

11th 9.30am Captain Lowle Mrs Griffiths
 (Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28, RCL p.987 Gospel: Luke 15:1-10)
 Intercessions: Team Vicar Chalice: Mrs Hill

18th 9.30am Mrs Reeves Mrs Lawson
 (Jeremiah 8:18-19:1, RCL p.992 Gospel: Luke 16:1-13)
 Intercessions: Mr Dickinson Chalice: Mr Dickinson

25th 6.30pm Mr Cole Mr Constantinidi
 Harvest Praise readings t.b.a.

OCTOBER

2nd 10.00am Harvest Family Service
 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

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

10th July. Baptism of Michael Laurence Palmer, age 2 years, 8 months
 30th July. Marriage of Jason John Moretti and Tara Elizabeth Doherty
 14th August. Baptism of Polly Grace Cornell, age 11 months

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH 120 CLUB

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

July

No. 127 Mrs Z E Coles
 No. 56 Capt. M R Lowle

August

No. 52 Mrs L J Chambers
 No. 101 Mr E C Heathcote

A LETTER FROM OUR TEAM VICAR

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Dear Friends,

On Sunday 24 July Eleanor Bowes Lyon, Thea Liddell and Eleanor Rowland were joined by 26 others to be confirmed at the Confirmation service at St Faith's Hitchin by Bishop Michael (of Hertford). The Bishop said to each candidate at the service 'God has called you by name and made you his own'. The church was filled to over-flowing and with all the doors wide open the service attracted a lot of attention from passers-by. It was a great occasion and we are delighted to welcome all three girls from the parish as full members of the Christian community.

There seems to have been lots going on in July and August this year. It has been good to enjoy the weather at home and away and, for many people, basking in the glory of Team GB at the Rio Olympics has been wonderful too.

Unfortunately not all the news this summer has been good. There have been some hideous terrorist incidents in Europe and elsewhere and although the problem of refugees is not being so widely reported now, the difficulties remain, particularly for children and young people whose parents did not travel with them.

I am writing this letter just before the publication of national examination results and I know from my own family what a tricky time this can be for those who took the exams and for their parents and others. Let's hope that it will not be too long before decisions can be made for the way ahead for the young people in our families.

As the evenings are getting darker earlier the new school year beckons and it is harvest time in the fields and in church. The Harvest Supper at the Village Hall will take place on Friday 23 September and the Harvest Praise service at St Martin's is on Sunday 25 September at 6.30pm. The following Sunday 2 October will be our Family Harvest service at 10.00am and the final Harvest event this year is the Auction at The Red Lion on Friday 7 October. I look forward to seeing many of you at one or more of these occasions.

With my prayers and good wishes to you all.

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.

PRESTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2018-2031

Our Parliament passed the Localism Act in 2012. This new Act gives all communities, for the first time ever, the legal right and opportunity to prepare their own Neighbourhood Plan. Such a plan sets out policies to guide development and the use of land in a parish or a neighbourhood. Once approved by NHDC, the plan becomes part of the statutory planning process.

At a public meeting in our Village Hall on June 26th, a large majority of the 35 residents attending, voted in favour of producing a Neighbourhood Plan for this parish. Six residents have volunteered to form the Steering Group, and to be responsible for producing the plan. This task may take 2 years to complete. The Group will report regularly to the Parish Council and to all residents. We will have a 'Question and Answer' drop-in session at the Village Hall very soon – watch out for details!

The Group has already agreed a Code of Conduct, a Constitution, a Project Plan, and also has its own website: preston-np.org.uk This will have a contact page by September 10th.

Seven other residents have also volunteered to be involved in different ways. Further volunteers would be most welcome. Please let us know what skills or knowledge or time you can offer. Contact us via the website, or telephone Rae Reynolds ☎ 07736-348655.

The Group must consult widely across our whole community – that is about 420 people in 168 households. We are going to need your help! We will prepare a Questionnaire, and copies will be circulated to everyone. Any suggestions for appropriate questions will be welcomed.

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING AT PHC : Friday 30 September

As is our tradition here at PHC, we are holding our annual coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support between 10.00 and 11.00am. Our friends and neighbours of Preston are very welcome to join us. Simply come along and you are assured of a warm welcome.

PRESTON VILLAGE SOCIETY: WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

This month's meeting is being held at Shirley Cooper's, Drift Acres, The Green. There will be a talk on miniature dolls' houses.

Last month's tea afternoon raised £140 for Garden House Hospice. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and to Margaret for hosting it.

QUIZ AND CHIPS

The Friends of St Martin's Committee would like to thank everyone who supported their Quiz and Chips event in July which raised £160.