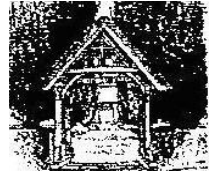




# PRESTON

## Church & Village News

### November 2016



Deadline for the December 2016 newsletter is 20 November. Contact Howard Trinder  
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or e-mail [htrinder@btinternet.com](mailto:htrinder@btinternet.com).

The newsletter is also available via the village website [www.prestonvillageherts.com](http://www.prestonvillageherts.com).

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

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	Neighbourhood Plan drop in – Village Hall – 10-11.00am
Sat 5 Nov	Fireworks and Barbeque at the Red Lion – from 6.30pm
Wed 16 Nov	Preston Village Society – Trinity House – 8.00pm
Sat 19 Nov	Community Book Swap – Village Hall – 10-11.00am
Sat 19 Nov	Police Surgery – Village Hall 10.00 – 12.00
Sun 27 Nov	Quiz – The Red Lion – 7.30pm
Sun 4 Dec	Christmas Tree lighting – The Red Lion – 6.00pm
Tue 6 Dec	Church Cleaning 4.00pm

#### FIREWORKS

This Year's Fireworks Display and Barbeque will take place at the Red Lion on Saturday 5 November. Barbeque from 6.30pm – Fireworks after 7.00. Fingers crossed for a fine, star-lit evening!

#### RED LION PUB QUIZ

The next Quiz will be held on Sunday 27 November at 7.30pm in the Red Lion, with the proceeds going towards Sidney Nurthen's International Citizenship Service trip to Rhwanda. Donations can also be given at [www.gustgiving.com/fundraising/sidney-nurthen](http://www.gustgiving.com/fundraising/sidney-nurthen). Teams of up to 8, entry fee £5 per person, including a raffle ticket. Pizzas @ £10 available from John Hurthen's Pizza oven.

#### PRESTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our next meeting is being held on Wednesday 16 November at Gail Edwards, Trinity House, Church Lane. Jayne Campbell will talk about "Giving a Damn".

#### 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.

## THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING - PHC

Thank you to our Preston neighbours who joined us for our coffee morning last month. We raised over £465.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

### ST MARTIN'S CHURCH SERVICES

#### NOVEMBER

#### SIDESMAN

#### READER

6th	10.00am	Malcolm Lowle (2 Thess. 2:1-5,13-17, RCL p.1046	Tim Liddell Gospel:Luke 20:27-38)
		Intercessions: Doreen Sansom	Chalice: Meta Reeves
13th	9.30am	Malcolm Lowle Remembrance Sunday (Micah 4:1-5, RCL p.1209	Richard Gill Gospel: Luke 21:5-19, p. 1052)
		Intercessions: Hugh Reeves	Chalice: Carolyn Hill
20th	9.30am	Andy Cole (Col. 1:11-20, RCL p.1057	Di Blockley Gospel:Luke 23:33-43)
		Intercessions: Alec Dickinson	Chalice: Alec Dickinson
27th	9.30am	Mike Kellard Advent 1 (Isaiah 2:1-5, RCL p.1	Sue Griffiths Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44 )
		Intercessions: Elizabeth Bunker	Chalice: Mike Kellard

#### DECEMBER

4th	10.00am	Richard Blockley Advent 2 (Isaiah 11:1-10, RCL p. 4	Danny Rowlands Gospel:Matthew 3:1-12)
		Intercessions: Meta Reeves	Chalice: Di Blockley

**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 10am. 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

19th September 2016. Ashes interred of Dean Antony Mardell  
20th September 2016. Ashes interred of Arthur Pateman

### ST MARTIN'S CHURCH 120 CLUB

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

No. 49 Mrs A C Morecroft

No. 124 Mr & Mrs B J Laphorne

### A LETTER FROM OUR TEAM VICAR

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Dear Friends,

At Preston this year our harvest celebrations were spread over nearly two weeks. We began with the Harvest Supper and Harvest Praise at St Martin's when we praised God in words and music, with special contributions from the Preston Ladies' Choir and our organist, Peter Saunders. The following week we held our third Harvest Family Service. There was lots of participation from the younger members of the congregation and afterwards we enjoyed there or took home lovely cakes made to help raise funds for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. The congregations at both Harvest services also gave generously to this appeal which this year is to support Water Aid in its work to bring fresh water to more people in Madagascar. Our third Harvest in church was the Preston School service the following week. The children sang and read beautifully and they too contributed to the Bishop's Appeal. Finally we enjoyed a good evening at The Red Lion for the Harvest Auction.

By the time you read this our special Celebration service for Baptism and Confirmation at All Saints' will have taken place. It has been good preparing for this and I am delighted that some of the teenagers in our congregation will be speaking about their baptism and confirmation during the service.

As usual November brings All Saints, Remembrance and the start of Advent. Our service at St Martin's on **Remembrance Sunday, 13 November** is at 9.30am as usual. As we continue to mark the centenary of World War One, in 2016 we are paying special tribute to the many who lost their lives or were seriously injured during the long battle of the Somme. We hope you will be able to join us on Remembrance Sunday.

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. There will be some available from mid-November at church or via the Parish Office. For details of other places to buy them please visit the website [www.realadvent.co.uk](http://www.realadvent.co.uk).

With my prayers and good wishes

Elizabeth

### **HARVEST SUPPER**

The Friends of St Martin's Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Harvest Supper. This event raised £434

### **PRESTON is CLEAN and GREEN again!**

Very many thanks to the following 14 people who volunteered to come and help, on Saturday 15th October, with the Preston Trust's 2nd 'Clean for the Queen' litter picking up exercise this year: Sue and Mike Kellard, Andy Cole, Richard Blockley, Meta Reeves, Richard Cole and family, John and Sue Robinson, Jane Campbell, Jane Clark, Charlie Clark, Oliver Clark, and myself (Liz Hunter). The verges along all 'our' lanes, the footpath along to Wain Wood, and Dead Woman's Lane now look 'clean and green' again. Tin cans, glass bottles, plastic paint tubs, plastic boxes, a Volvo rubber footmat, a length of metal piping, part of a child's scooter, etc. were all found amongst the grasses, and all have now been safely disposed of. PLEASE please do put all your litter into your own bins!

There were 6 rather large piles of 'dog poo' along the public footpath towards Wain Wood. This is a convenient and favourite walk for both dog walkers and for non-dogwalkers in the village; it is also one of the ways that walkers from Gosmore and Hitchin come into the village, or return home from the village. There is a red 'Dog Litter' bin clearly positioned by the new metal gate, at the junction of the footpath and Chequers Lane; this is regularly emptied by the NHDC rubbish bin collection service.

We all know that 'dog poo' is biodegradeable, but it takes some weeks of rain, frost, and bacterial action for this to happen and for the 'poo' to disintegrate completely. 'Dog poo' is unsafe and unsightly.

Therefore, please could we, once again, ask all dog-walkers always to collect their dog's poo, and then put the bag into that bin? This would then make that favourite footpath walk a safer and more pleasant experience for children, adults, and all visitors. This consideration would be much appreciated. Many thanks.

### **DOG FOULING**

In addition to the above comments, recent incidents of dog fouling in the village have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council, including on the path from Chequers Lane towards Wain Wood and on the path from The Green to the Primary School. The Parish Council would like to remind dog owners that it is their responsibility to clear up after their animals. There are several dog bins in the village. Alternatively, dog owners can double bag the poo to take home to dispose of in their purple bin.

Please help to keep Preston a dog faeces free zone so that we can all enjoy a healthy and attractive environment. Evidence of dog fouling can be reported to NHDC 📞

01462474000 or online at [www.north-herts.gov.uk](http://www.north-herts.gov.uk), then follow the links to environmental health and dog fouling.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD STEERING GROUP**

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are holding a 'Drop In' Session during the Book Swap at the Village Hall on Saturday 5 November from 10:00am to 11:00am. Please join members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for a chat and a "cuppa" and hopefully we can answer any queries you may have, such as — What is a neighbourhood plan? What will it involve? How will it affect me? Who are the members of the Steering Group and how do they hope to achieve our Neighbourhood Plan? We hope you can join us.

### **PRESTON CRICKET CLUB**

2016 proved to be one of the most successful seasons in the club's recent history.

The 1st X1 finished up the season just missing out on promotion to finish in 3rd place in Div 2 in the Saracens Herts League. The 2nd X1 had their most successful season ever finishing a very positive 4th place in Div 5. The Thirds were the real success story finishing up top of Div 10, and will be promoted next season. We also still fielded a 4th X1 who also finished successfully in mid-table of Regional East.

2016 also saw our first ever season in the Beds Sunday League and we again narrowly missed out promotion but the change to the Beds League proved to be very popular and we hope to build on this next season. The Sunday 2s again gave many of our young senior players the chance to play senior cricket and have a go in a senior format.

We played over 60 junior matches this season which is a Herculean task over a condensed Junior Cricket season of only a few months, as well as every Sunday morning coaching sessions for many of the village children that all need to be managed and run by volunteer staff.

Massive thanks to everyone who volunteered time to help the junior section of the club. We could do with some more help though....(hint hint, Mums and Dads).

Our new artificial nets proved to be a huge benefit to the whole club and really does set Preston Cricket Club up to be a major sports club in the area for many years to come. More improvement projects are in the pipeline.

We also said goodbye to our friend Justin Powick who joined us for the season from Melbourne, Australia. Justin got to know many in the village and had a superb few months with us. He will be sorely missed as will his prowess on the field having scored no less than nine 100s during the season. He was a very positive influence to all members of the Club. Safe travels Justin.

Thanks to everyone who has lent assistance to the Club from the village - we simply couldn't do it without you. With nearing 100 senior games across the season and 60 junior games - that's a lot of cricket for a village club.

We had a superb Awards Dinner a few weeks ago at The Sun Hotel and much celebrating was to be had. Again many thanks to those who came.

It takes a lot of hours during the week and we rely on very kind people giving us some of their precious time - whether it's to help prepare our superb ground and the ground we now also help manage in Whitwell, make our amazing teas and maintain our facilities. Impressive and a huge thanks to you all and here's to 2017...

### **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 19th November from 10.00am to 12.00noon. Our Safer Neighbourhood Team will be happy to discuss any concerns you may have.

### **HITCHIN & LETCHWORTH FOODBANK**

Both distribution centres have been very busy over the summer, and the warehouse is now very low on certain items. The following are required urgently: tinned tomatoes, long-life fruit juices, tinned fruit and tinned fish. Other items e.g. tinned sponge puddings, dried milk, biscuits, long grain rice, cereals, instant potato, squash, UHT milk and shampoos are also welcomed. Donations can be left in the blue box in the garage at Lychgate House. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Di Blockley ☎ 457631

### **MUD ASSAULT AT PHC**

We are holding this popular event once again on Sunday 20 November so gather your team and test yourself this autumn by signing up to the PHC Mud Assault. If you are over 14 and looking for a 5K or 10K run featuring Spiders' Webs, Welly Stealers and lots of mud, this is a challenge for you! Visit [www.princesshelenacollege.co.uk/Mud-Assault-2016](http://www.princesshelenacollege.co.uk/Mud-Assault-2016)

### **LOCAL PLAN PROPOSED SUBMISSION**

The Local Plan Proposed Submission Consultation is open until 23.59 on Wednesday 30 November 2016 and is available at: [www.north-herts.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.north-herts.gov.uk/localplan). The plan is the first item under Attachment, halfway down the page, with Preston on p 196.

Attachment Sheet 1 Side B is the map of our area. This is the last opportunity for people to make their final comments on the Local Plan. This Plan will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as it stands accompanied by all representations which are made. All North Herts residents are invited to comment and indicate which aspects of

the Plan they support and which they object to. Any representations against the Local Plan must be backed up with evidence as to why a proposal should be changed.

The issues for Preston are the same as in the previous Plan: A revised settlement boundary, 21 houses in the field off Templars Lane and 2100 dwellings at Cockernhoe.

Representations can be made online, details of how to do this are on the website, by email to [local.plans@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:local.plans@north-herts.gov.uk), by post to: Strategic Planning and Projects Group, North Hertfordshire District Council, PO Box 480, M33 0DE.

Anyone who does not have internet access and would like paper copies of the pages relevant to Preston and a list of points which might be helpful for a response should contact Margaret Trinder, Clerk to Preston Parish Council on 01462 435339.