

**Wilden Ravensden and Colmworth  
Caring for our Churchyards**

There are many volunteers across the benefice who look after our Churchyards and we are very grateful for all that they do. We have a responsibility to maintain them in a particular way, from regulations about memorials, to what types of flowers should be present in a Churchyard, to how the grass is cut and how wildlife is cared for.

Please can we ask, if you visit a particular Churchyard, that you adhere to the following guidelines and take the time to read the notice about Churchyard regulations displayed on the noticeboard.

- 1) Please help those who mow the grass by placing flowers (in a non breakable container) up against the head stone. They should not be placed away from the stone.
- 2) Please only place one container of flowers at each head stone (unless there is a built in vase). Obviously, around special occasions and anniversaries, you'll want to place more which is fine, but please remove these after the flowers have faded.
- 3) Please do not mow or strim the grass anywhere around the stone or grave or any part of the Churchyard or use any machinery (electric or petrol) in the Churchyard unless you are part of the Churchyard team. If you would like to maintain any Churchyard, please let us know and you will be welcomed onto the team!
- 4) Please do not remove the turf from around the head stone.
- 5) If you would like to plant something near the head stone, bulbs are welcomed.
- 6) Whilst sometimes it is necessary to include silk flowers, we strongly encourage real flowers or a small annual plant in a container. Please try to avoid using fake flowers. Please remove them once they are tatty or faded.

These regulations are given to us from the diocese. We need to ensure that we maintain the Churchyard as a place of quiet, rest and for nature. A rural Churchyard will naturally be different from a cemetery that is maintained in an urban setting. Please help us keep the Churchyard as a haven for those who need a place for reflection as well as for local wildlife.

**Thank you from the benefice clergy**

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**Wilden, Ravensden & Colmworth  
Newsletter**

**July and August 2017**

**Join us for our summer services!**

Some of us will be looking longingly towards August and planning a holiday. Some of us may be thinking about all the work that we'll get done once the weather is warmer! August is prime time for holidays and a time when people make the most of the hopefully nice weather to do their work or to have a change. August gives the Church an opportunity to reflect, to change the pace and to try something different for 4 Sundays.

This year our August services will take place at 10am and will be looking at the parables of Jesus at our DIY Instant summer services.

Maybe you are someone who likes to sit still and listen and learn, and there will be time for that or maybe you are someone who sits and thinks "I think I'd like a go at that". Well, this summer there will be a something for everyone with our Instant DIY Summer Services. Maybe you've always thought... I'd like to choose the hymns or maybe you've thought I'd like a go at reading or maybe you've thought I'd like to do the offering..... so, whether you've thought that or just thought you'd like to learn about the parables of Jesus then our Instant DIY summer services are for you.

Christians believe that everyone has a role to play in worshipping God no matter how old or young, how wise or foolish, how well read or not, how confident or shy, we all bring our worship together and our Instant DIY summer services will help us do this.

Come and meet the rest of the congregation from the benefice, come ready to worship God, bring your worship and wonder and join us for our Instant DIY summer services taking place around the benefice. There'll be space to sing, to learn, to reflect and, for those who would like, to take part in the service by reading, choosing the hymns and helping us pray. Whatever your age, you are welcome at any service but the service on 27th August is specifically designed to be appropriate for all ages.

<b>6th August</b>	<b>Ravensden</b>	<b>Luke 11. 5-8</b>	<b>Prayer</b>
<b>13th August</b>	<b>Wilden</b>	<b>Luke 10. 25-38</b>	<b>Love</b>
<b>20th August</b>	<b>Colmworth</b>	<b>Luke 8. 1-15</b>	<b>The Kingdom of God</b>
<b>27th August</b>	<b>Wilden Churchyard</b>	<b>Luke 15. 11- 31</b>	<b>The rescue!</b>

We hope you can join us on one of these occasions! Come and take a break from the usual routine and celebrate with us,

***"From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised."***

Psalm 113.3

Madeleine

## SERVICES FOR JULY 2017

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Colmworth	9.00 a.m.	Benefice Holy Communion
Wilden	10.30 a.m.	Benefice All together Service

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Colmworth	9.00 a.m.	Benefice Morning Worship
Ravensden	10.30 a.m.	Benefice All together Service
Wilden	6.00 p.m.	Benefice Evensong

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Ravensden	9.00 a.m.	Benefice Morning Worship
Wilden	10.30 a.m.	Benefice All Together service with communion

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Ravensden	9.00 a.m.	Benefice Holy Communion
Colmworth	10.30 a.m.	Benefice All Together service
Wilden	6.00 p.m.	Benefice Evensong

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July “Do Something Different Sunday” will be a prayer walk. Meet at Ravensden Church at 10 a.m. followed by coffee and cake. See notices in Church for more information.**

### Readings

<b>July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Jeremiah 28.5-9	Romans 6. 12 - end	Matthew 10.40 - end
<b>July 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Zechariah 9. 9-12	Romans 7. 15-25a	Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end
<b>July 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Isaiah 55. 10-13	Romans 8. 1-11	Matthew 12. 1-9, 18-23
<b>July 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Isaiah 44. 6-8	Romans 8. 12-25	Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43
<b>July 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Romans 8. 26-end	Matthew 13. 31, 44-52	

### From the Registers

#### Funerals

Family and friends gathered at Colmworth Church on 31<sup>st</sup> May to say good-bye to **Jennifer Ann Neville Hutchings**. Jenny will be greatly missed and we send our love and prayers to John and all the family at this time.

#### Flowers and Brasses

Colmworth	July 2 <sup>nd</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny Nehan
	July 23 <sup>rd</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Johnson
	August 6 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup>	Lorraine Knight
	August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Maria Marsh
Ravensden	July 9 <sup>th</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ann Bryden
	August 13 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Cotton
Wilden	July 2 <sup>nd</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth Wootton
	July 16 <sup>th</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jane Snaith

July 30<sup>th</sup>/August 6<sup>th</sup>

August 13<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>

August 27<sup>th</sup>

Hilary Fisher

Heather Griffiths

Louise Mardlin

## NOTICES

**An update on Bella:** Bella's surgery took place at Great Ormond Street Hospital on 26th May. The surgeon has said that everything went really well. Bella is spending 3 weeks at the hospital and has started on the long road of physiotherapy. She has been very brave and determined and hasn't lost her smile throughout. We would like to thank you all for helping Bella with her dream of walking one day.

**Sue and Andy Luckett.**

**Colmworth Community Lunch** will take place **Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup>** 12 noon in Colmworth Church. Please book with Heather 376513

**Coffee Stop in Colmworth Church Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup>.** Come and join us for a coffee and a chat - 10.30 a.m to noon. All welcome and bring the children – we shall have some toys.

**Colmworth** guided walks will continue at 10 a.m. on **Wednesday mornings**, meeting at the triangle near the church. All welcome.

**Bike and Hike:** Are you willing to ride your bicycle to raise funds for your church and the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust? The annual sponsored Bike and Hike takes place on **September 9<sup>th</sup>** and packs are now available from Eunice (771583).

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** As part of our **Open Sunday** teas we are planning to sing your favourite hymns and tell the memories it gives you. We start at 3.00 p.m. at St Nicholas Church Wilden and tea and cake will follow. The Benefice Choir have been practising so we shall be very pleased to see you. More details of future Sunday activity email WildenNews@hotmail.com

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July Garden Party** 2 p.m. to 5 pm. at the **Manor House Colmworth**. Teas on the lawn, Chris's Animal Encounters, stalls including cakes & produce, plants, books, white elephant etc. also games, and a mouse hunt round the Country Park. If you would like to contribute to the event we would be grateful to receive cakes, jams, produce, plants, books & white elephant items. Please bring on the day or beforehand to the church or to Heather or Kate. Proceeds in aid of St Denys Church Funds.

**Cars and Bikes with Character** continues on the first Sunday of the month at **Colmworth Village Hall. July 2<sup>nd</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>** 8.30am-noon. Come and enjoy a bacon or cheese roll (£5) while you stroll round the cars on display, or if you have a vehicle that is unusual bring it along.

**Colmworth Garden Club** meet on Saturday **July 1<sup>st</sup>** at 1 Manor Cottages. New members welcome.

**Wilden 3<sup>rd</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Sept. Scarecrow Competition Entry £15 per family (includes prize giving tea 3 p.m.) Contact Jane 771326 or Susie 771534 for details.**