

NOTICES

Coffee Stop in Colmworth Church Wednesday 8th November. Come and join us for a coffee and a chat - 10.30 a.m to noon. All welcome.

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

Campfire Drinks at the Rectory

Come for drinks and nibbles around the campfire at the Rectory **Sunday 5th November** from 5-9pm. Everyone welcome. Children will need to be in the care of a responsible adult. There'll be some appropriate bonfire food, drinks and fun! Just pop in or, if you can, let us know you are coming. Hope to see you there whatever the weather! revdmadeleinealbert@gmail.com
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Colmworth and Neighbours History Society meet at Colmworth Village Hall on **17th November at 7.30 p.m.** Russell Bowes – The inexhaustible Paxton (previously scheduled for the 18th June). Contact Chris Walker 771536.

Colmworth Community Lunch takes place on **Wednesday 22nd November** in church at 12 noon. Contact Heather on 376513 to book.

Quiz Night at Wilden Village Hall on **18th November 7 p.m. for 7.30 start in aid of St. Nicholas Church Wilden.** Home cooked supper. Bar and Raffle. Tickets £10 from Jane 771326 or Di 772170.

Dates for your Diary

Get into the Christmas spirit! Come to a Christmas Concert in **St Denys Church Colmworth** on **Saturday 9th December** at 7.00pm. The Orpheus Choir of North Herts will be singing music with a Christmas theme and there will be opportunities to join in with some well-known carols. Tickets £10.00 (under 16s £5.00) available from Angela, 376835 or Felicity 376887. Mulled Wine/Prosecco and Mince Pies available on arrival and during the interval. Organised by the Friends of St Denys with all proceeds going to the Church Restoration Fund.

Colmworth Gardening Club invite you to join them at the triangle garden on **Sunday December 3rd at 6 p.m.** when the Christmas lights will be switched on. This will be followed by Carol singing and then mince pies and drinks in the Church.

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Wilden, Babensden & Colmworth Newsletter

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I love a good murder mystery. Ngaio Marsh, Dorothy Sayers, Agath Christie amongst many others. Midsomer Murders, Death in Paradise and Father Brown are all things I like to watch when I get a chance. But I'm not great at not knowing what the end is. I love to know who the guilty party is, I love to know how the story resolves itself but I can't always wait til the end. I don't know if anyone else is the same!

I don't mind reading the book or watching the show again even when I know they ending already. I'm not sure why this is, it's not just because I have a a bad memory - but I imagine that there is something about wanting to make sure that everything works out ok in the end.

We may wonder a lot about our lives, and the different challenging things that are going on in the world. And there will also be very challenging things going on in our own lives; family worries, grief, illness. There are no easy responses or answers to these things. Christians believe that prayer changes things and that we should be active in making our world a more compassionate and caring place, challenging the structures of injustice and inequality. They also believe that the we do know the ending. It's almost as if we have read the end of the book or seen the ending of the movie.

God says that "I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" in Revelation 22.13 and Jesus said on the cross, "it is finished" (John19.30) This wasn't just the fact that he was about to die, but that he had done his work of defeating evil and putting the world to rights. We know the ending to the story. We're not living with unknowns in the really big stuff, God loves each one of us and is working to put the world to rights. Of course, we still have our lives to live and there will be uncertainty, but we can know that God is always with us.

The Church is preparing to celebrate Advent, the preparing for Christmas. But Christmas isn't the ending of the celebrations, it the beginning and an opportunity for us to start thinking about how the story of God will work out in our lives. It's an adventure, we might not know exactly how everything will work out but we do know the ending...!

Madeleine.

SERVICES FOR November 2017

Sunday 5th November

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

Sunday 12th November

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 19th November

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

Sunday 26th November

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

Readings

Nov. 5 th	Revelation 7. 9-end	1 John 3. 1-3	Matthew 5. 1-12
Nov. 12 th	Amos 5. 18 – 24	1 Thess. 4. 13-end	Matthew 25. 1-13
Nov. 19 th	Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18	1 Thess. 5. 1-11	Matthew 25. 14-30
Nov. 26 th	Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24	Ephesians 1 15-end	Matthew 25. 31-end

STOP PRESS: Christmas Events:

1st December Christingle: Ravensden
 8th December Campfire carols with beer and burgers: Wilden
 17th December Nine Lessons and Carols: Ravensden
 21st December Blue Christmas Service: Ravensden
 24th December at 4 pm Christmas Eve Children's service: Wilden
 at 6 pm Christmas Eve Children's service: Colmworth
 at 11.30 pm Midnight Communion: Wilden
 25th December 9.30 am All Age Christmas Day service: Colmworth
 Times and exact venues will be confirmed asap.

Look out for the Christmas flier and posters or contact Madeleine
 (Revdmadeleinealbert@gmail.com) for more information.

Exploring Confirmation and baptism

Have you thought about taking the next step in your faith? Would you like to explore baptism and / or confirmation? Confirmation is when you want to say that the promises that were made by your parents when you were baptised (Christened) are now the promises that you want to make. When you make these promises, you say that you are a follower of Jesus, and part of the local and worldwide family of Christians. We will be looking to start a confirmation course on the new year which will explore some of the things that you might need to think about before confirmation. So whether you are a young person or older, please get in touch with Madeleine if you would like to know more.

Have you thought about using Bible Reading notes to help you read and study the Bible in new ways?

We're organising Bible Reading notes for anyone that would like them, starting in the New Year. They contain a daily reading, a short reflection and then something to continue thinking about for the rest of the day. We will be using Encounter with God by Scripture Union. You can find out more if you go to www.scriptureunion.org and search for Encounter with God. There's also a sample copy for you to see in Church if you would like to have a look.

Please let Heather know if you would like to order some or find out more. (email: smith.h@live.co.uk or call: 376513)

We hope that you will join us as we use the notes to help us all to think about what God is saying to us as individuals and as a benefice.

Christingle Service

This year, our benefice Christingle will be slightly different. It's going to coincide with the Lighting of the Cross at Ravensden. Everyone is welcome! It takes place at 3.45 / 4pm, **Friday 1st December** at Ravensden Church. It would be great to see you there. There'll be refreshments after the service so please join us!

Flowers and Brasses

Colmworth	November 5 th /12/19 th	Thelma Marks
	November 26 th	Advent
Ravensden	November 12 th /19 th /26 th	Annie Griffin
Wilden	November 5 th /12 th	Heather Griffiths
	November 19 th /26 th	Louise Mardlin