

## NOTICES

**Coffee Stop in Colmworth Church on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April.** 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.

**Colmworth Community Lunch** takes place on **25<sup>th</sup> April** in church at 12 noon. Contact Heather on 376513 to book.

**Colmworth and Neighbours History Society** meet at Colmworth Village Hall on **April 20<sup>th</sup>** 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. Roy Smart – Admiral Beatty: The Last Naval Hero. All welcome.

**Colmworth Gardening Club** will be meeting at “The Romans”, Queens Road on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April** from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon. New members always welcome.

**Ravensden Community Cuppa** is on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at Ravensden Village Hall**. All welcome £2 entrance to include tea and cake. This month we also have a Beetle Drive.

### Dates for your Diary

**Wilden May Day 7<sup>th</sup> May.** May Queen's Procession from the school led by the Bedford Pipe Band. New entertainment this year includes a barber shop quartet and ukulele band. The children will dance and the stocks will be in use! Many stalls and games so come along and join in the fun. All proceeds for the Village Hall, the Church and the School.

**Ouse River Branch RNLI Coffee Morning on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 10.30 – 12.00 at Great Barford Village Hall. Everyone welcome.**

**Ravensden Big Brunch Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May** from 9.30 a.m. Choice of a cooked or continental breakfast (vegetarian and vegan options) followed by **Live Music**, the **Papers** and finally an **Auction of Promises**. Booking by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May vital!** Contact Chris at [thebends@btinternet.com](mailto:thebends@btinternet.com) or 'phone 01234 771139.

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# Wilden, Ravensden & Colmworth Newsletter

**April 2018**

A clergy friend of mine shared this with me and it seems appropriate to share it with you as we continue celebrating Easter in the next weeks.

We often hear from a leading politician or ‘public relations’ professionals ... “Fake news!” And through the ages this has been said about the story of Jesus dying on the cross to then rise again three days later. So how can we know if this story is true or false? Where is the evidence?

Well the death of Jesus, on the cross, by the command of Pontius Pilate, is well documented not only in the Bible but in other writings of the same time. Josephus, a Roman-Jewish historian, as well as Roman politicians Pliny and Tacitus, neither of whom liked Christians, all wrote about the death of Jesus, the Christ, at the same time the Bible was being written. But what about his resurrection?

Well, if the Roman and Jewish authorities had wanted to nip the growing movement of ‘Jesus followers’ in the bud wouldn’t they have brought out his body to prove the ‘false news’? But they didn’t! Why? Because the tomb was empty ... because he wasn’t there ... because he had risen!

The Bible, which shows itself, in these modern times, to be true again and again through archaeology and science, reports that when Jesus rose again he was seen not only by his close friends but by hundreds of witnesses before he returned to heaven. And many of those who witnessed the risen Jesus went on to sacrifice their lives as they went on to share with others the one they loved and followed. Why would they do that if the news of Jesus being alive was ‘fake news’? They wouldn’t would they!

And today people choose to follow Jesus because they know he is alive ... they have met with him and they love him just as he loves them. In some places around the world this still means people sacrificing everything to follow the one they know died on the cross for them and who rose again victorious over death.

All of this provides a very real hope for all who choose to follow Jesus ... fantastic news for all of us. Jesus himself said “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die” (John 11:25-26). What an invitation! What a cause for celebration!

Madeleine.

## SERVICES FOR April 2018

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

### Easter Sunday

A day to celebrate! Why not come along for a special breakfast at Ravensden Church at 9.30 a.m. Everybody is welcome so invite your friends and neighbours! The **Easter Service** will start at 10.30 a.m. After Church, there will be an Easter egg hunt so stay around for that too!

**Ravensden, breakfast 9.30 a.m. Service 10.30 a.m.**

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April

### Second Sunday of Easter

Colmworth 9.00 a.m.  
Ravensden 10.30 a.m.  
Wilden 6.00 p.m.

Benefice Morning Worship  
Benefice All together Service  
Benefice Evensong

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April

### Third Sunday of Easter

Ravensden 9.00 a.m.  
Wilden 10.30 a.m.

Benefice Morning Worship  
Benefice All Together service  
with communion

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Ravensden 9.00 a.m.  
Colmworth 10.30 a.m.  
Wilden 6.00 p.m.

Benefice Holy Communion  
Benefice All Together service  
Benefice Evensong

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Do Something Different Sunday – A prayer walk in Colmworth.**

Meet at Colmworth Church at 10am. Everyone of all ages welcome. Prayer activities in church for those who prefer not to walk.

## Readings

1 <sup>st</sup> April	Acts 10. 34-43	1 Cor. 15. 1-11	John 20. 1-18 or Mark 16. 1-8
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Acts 4: 32 – 35	1 John 1: 1-2:2	John 20: 19-31
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Acts 3: 12-19	1 John 3: 1 – 7	Luke 24: 36b-48
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Acts 4: 5-12	1 John 3: 16-24	John 10: 11-18
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Acts 8: 26-40	1 John 4: 7-21	John 15: 1 - 8

## Flowers and Brasses

Colmworth	April 1 <sup>st</sup> April 8 <sup>th</sup> April 15 <sup>th</sup> April 22 <sup>nd</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup>	Combined Kate Abrahams & Heather Smith Kate Abrahams & Heather Smith Margaret Seabrook
Ravensden	April 8 <sup>th</sup> / 15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sue Steed
Wilden	April 1 <sup>st</sup> April 8 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> April 22 <sup>nd</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup>	Hilary Fisher & team Di Parkin Louise Mardlin

**The Benefice Annual Meeting takes place at Ravensden Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. Cheese and wine will precede the meeting at 7 p.m. At this time, Churchwardens are elected and reports of Church progress given. Come along to support your village churches.**

## From the Registers

### Funeral:

On 27<sup>th</sup> February we said goodbye to **May Ayto** at Colmworth Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this sad time.

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**Bulk Waste Collection in Wilden will be on 19<sup>th</sup> May  
outside the Victoria Arms, High Street, Wilden.**

**1 – 4 p.m.**

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