NOTICES

Scarecrow Competition at Wilden 16th - 23rd September. The theme this year is "Lights, Camera, Action!" Voting and prize giving tea at St. Nicholas Church, Wilden on Sunday 23rd September at 3 p.m. Entry £10. per family.

Ravensden Community Cuppa is on Tuesday 4th September at Ravensden Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. £2 entrance to include tea and cake. Everyone is welcome.

Ravensden W.I. Tuesday 18th September 'Tai Chi for Health and Self Defence. Ravensden Village Hall 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcome £4 on the door.

Coffee Stop in Colmworth Church on Wednesday 12th September. 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 **26**th **September** in church at 12 noon. Contact Heather on 376513 to book.

Hymns with Memories – <u>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE</u> Colmworth Church on Sunday <u>September 16th</u> at 3pm. A programme of your special hymns and memories has been put together so come along and enjoy a good sing with the Benefice Choir.

The Historic Churches Trust Bike and Hike will once again take place on 8th September when the churches will be open. Volunteers are needed on the day to either ride or help man the churches and welcome visitors. Please get in touch with Eunice (771583) or Sue (376765) if you are interested in taking part.

While the Church is open for the Bike Ride, can you spare an hour or two on Saturday 8th September to help with a churchyard clear up at Wilden Church? Meet at 10 a.m. All help will be very much appreciated.

Colmworth & Neighbours History Society meet for the AGM on 21st September at 7 pm followed by Kevin Varty – Pictures in the Parlour, a talk about the history of magic lanterns. All welcome.

After a brilliant start, **Gaude**, Bedford's Professional Chamber Choir, will be singing again at Bedford School Chapel on **Saturday 15th September at 7.30** p.m. Tickets £15. visit Gaude.org.uk or on the door.

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Newsletter Newsletter

September 2018

We've been using the words of Jesus from the end of Matthew's gospel for prayers in Church recently. These are the words that Jesus says to his followers after his giving them his final commission telling them:

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." Jesus finishes his teaching here by saying "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

We pray using the phrase "I am always with you", for each word pointing the fingers and thumb of our hand. Puttting our hand behind our backs, we pray for people who feel forgotten and out of people's sight and, touching each finger and thumb in turn, we say "Jesus says 'I am always with you." We put our hands out to the left side and pray for those who feel left out and alone and and, touching each finger and thumb in turn, we say "Jesus says 'I am always with you." We put our hands out to the right side and pray for those in positions of power and, touching each finger and thumb in turn, we say "Jesus says 'I am always with you." We then put our hands out to the front (You'll be getting the hang of it now) and we pray for those who we see often, those who are at the front of our thoughts and, touching each finger and thumb in turn, we say "Jesus says 'I am always with you."

Why I am sharing this simple but effective way to pray? At the end of the month, Shamsher and I will be moving on from the benefice and we will all be facing some changes. It's good to know in the midst of change, new things, old things, that the words of Jesus "I am always with you" can be relied upon. But we also need to remember the first part of his teaching in that passage too, the paassage where he gives the Great Commission, that this commission, this command to keep on making disciples, to continue teaching and obeying the call of God to follow Jesus is for us all, no matter how young or old and to continue to proclaim the gospel afresh in every generation, whoever (young, old, believer, non-believer, undecided and all others) and wherever (in Church, out of Church, out playing sport, in school, at work, at home) they may be.

Remember, Jesus says "I am always with you". May you truly know this and may it be your prayer for yourselves and others.

My last Sunday will be 30th September so we invite you to come along to a bring and share lunch at Colmworth Church at 12noon. Anyone is welcome. You may also wish to come along to the simple service of prayer held beforehand at 11am.

Thank you, Madeleine.

SERVICES FOR September 2018

Sunday 2 nd So	-	15th Sunday after Pentecost
Colmworth	9.00 a.m.	Benefice Holy Communion
Wilden	10.30 a.m.	Benefice All together Service
Sunday 9th Se	eptember	16 th Sunday after Pentecost
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 th S	September	17th Sunday after Pentecost
Ravensden	9.00 a.m.	Benefice Morning Worship
Wilden	10.30 a.m.	Benefice All Together service with communion
Sunday 23 rd September		18th Sunday after Pentecost
Ravensden	9.00 a.m.	Benefice Holy Communion
Colmworth	10.30 a.m.	Benefice All Together service
Wilden	6.00 p.m.	Benefice Evensong

Sunda	ıy 30 th	September	Do something	different Sunday.
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Colmworth 11.00 a.m. Service of Prayer

This will be Madeleine's last service with us so do join us for a Bring and Share Lunch after the service. You will be most welcome.

Readings

Sept. 2nd	Deuteronomy 4. 1-2, 6-9	James 1. 17-27
•	·	Mark 7.1-8,14,15, 21-23
Sept. 9 th	Isaiah 35. 4-7a	James 2. 1-10(11-13)14-17
		Mark 7. 24-37
Sept. 16 th	Isaiah 50. 4-9a	James 3. 1-12
		Mark 8. 27-38
Sept. 23 rd	Jeremiah 11. 18-20	James 3. 13-4:3,7-8a
		Mark 9. 30-37

Don't forget the change of date from 2^{nd} September to 16^{th} September for the Hymns with Memories at Colmworth Church 3 p.m. with refreshments. Come and help us "raise the roof".

Are you interested in Machine or hand knitting. The Putnoe Club is moving to **Wilden** on Friday 7th **September** in the Village Hall. 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. New members very welcome. Contact Sheila Day 771328.

Renhold Carpet Bowls is taking part in the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. The venue: Renhold Village Hall, Wilden Road, Renhold on Thursday 27th September from 10.30 – 12.30. If you fancy a bit of bowling fun with your coffee and cake, we'll have a carpet set outgive it a try.

Flowers and Brasses

Colmworth	September 2 nd	Maria Marsh
	September 9 th /16 th	Lorraine Knight
	September 23 rd /30 th	Kate Abrahams &
		Heather Smith
Ravensden	September 9 th , 16 th & 23 rd	Margaret Bright
Wilden	September 2 nd	Jane Snaith
	September 9 th /16 th	Hilary Fisher
	September 23 rd /30 th	Di Parkin

Dates for your Diary

Colmworth will be celebrating Harvest on October 14th with a service of thanksgiving in St Denys at 10 a.m. followed by a guided Harvest walk at 11 a.m. and a Harvest Lunch with a glass of wine at 12.30p.m. at a cost of £10 each £20 per family with children under 12. All are welcome to join us for one or all of these events or any combination.

Wilden Village Hall has been booked on the 8th October for the Wilden Harvest Supper and the Thanksgiving service will take place on Sunday 7th October at 6 p.m. at St. Nicholas Church. Look out for the posters and details.

Saturday 27th **October** from 10 a.m. to mid-day. The Aragon Lacemakers will be demonstrating in St Denys Church Colmworth – How to make Bedfordshire Lace. There will also be an Exhibition of Lace made 100 years ago, some of which will have been made by children from the age of 5... Entrance £3. Children under 16 free. Refreshments will be served in the Bell Tower.

Saturday 17th November Quiz Night at Wilden. A fun evening with our Quiz Master, Andy.