

NOTICES

Ravensden Community Cuppa is on **Tuesday 8th January 2019** at **Ravensden Village Hall 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** £2 entrance to include tea and cake. Free book exchange. Everyone is welcome.

Ravensden WI meet on **Tuesday 15th January** at 7.30 pm at Ravensden Village Hall. This month the talk is on 'The Wartime Housewife'. Non members welcome. Entry £4.

Coffee Stop in Colmworth Church on Wednesday 12th December and 11th January. Come and join us for a coffee and a chat - 10.30 a.m to noon. All welcome.

Favourite Carols with mince pies. Come and join us at Colmworth Church for carol singing on **Thursday 13th December at 6 p.m.** If you have a favourite Carol let Wendy 376277 or Heather 376513 know what it is and why it is a favourite.

Colmworth Community Lunch takes place on **23rd January** in church at 12 noon. Contact Heather on 376513 to book.

Wilden Primary School will be holding a Christmas Shopping Event and Wreath Making on **Wednesday 12th December** from 7 – 9 pm at the school. All welcome, entrance is £2,50 and there are lots of Christmas stalls on offer as well as mulled wine and mince pies. Wreath making is at an additional cost. Further details from wildenpta@outlook.com

Saturday 8th December is Quiz Night at Ravensden Village Hall. 7 for 7.30. Tables of 6 or join another table on the night. £10 each includes fish/chicken and chips. Bar and Raffle. Book your place from Chris 771222 or ring 07999 870876. Book early to secure your place.

On each **Thursday in Advent** (29th November, 6th December, 13th December and 20th December) at St. Nicholas Church, Wilden, Doug and Geraldine will lead a study on “The run up to the birth of the Messiah”. The service will be based on the final office of the day – Compline and includes a bible study. All welcome.

The **Friends of St Denys** are selling lovely Christmas Cards depicting Colmworth Church in the snow. £4.50 for five. All proceeds to the Church Restoration Fund. Contact Felicity Evans 01234 376887.

Creative Christmas – we shall be decorating Colmworth Church on **December 22nd at 9.30 a.m.** If any children would like to join in making decorations for the tree and to take home for themselves there will be a number of creative activities taking place.

A Big “Thank you“ to all who distribute and deliver the Church Newsletter. A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Wilden, Ravensden & Colmworth Newsletter

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Rhythm, it's a strange word isn't? It is one of the few words in the English language that does not have a vowel in it, and yet rhythm is quite literally the "heartbeat" of our lives. When it comes to music, Strictly's Len Goodman says "it's all about rhythm, it's what gives a piece of music its unique flavour." When it comes to nature, it's the rhythm of the seasons that makes living in England so varied and colourful as winter gives way to spring and summer colours deepen into autumn.

Just recently it was my pleasure and privilege to be invited to join Geraldine in leading the Harvest Festival Service and also attending the Harvest Supper the next day, I could not help but notice just how well connected the church and community are in celebrating this rhythm of the seasons together.

Now as I write this article I am staying on the Island of Lindisfarne, known as Holy Island. As you may know it is an island off the Northumberland coast that has a rhythm all of its own as twice a day the island is cut off from the mainland and is only accessible at certain times via a mile long causeway which is exposed at low tide. It is this daily rhythm of connectedness and separation which lends itself to times of prayer and meditation that made this island a special place for those early Christians Aidan and Cuthbert who brought Christianity to the North East of England in the 7th century.

This natural alternating rhythm of connectedness and separation is a wonderful picture of how those of us who are Christians should be both looking to God in a private place of prayer and worship, but also going outward into the world as we seek to share the love of God and the Good News of Jesus Christ with those with whom we are connected in our community. The Prayer of St. Aiden of Lindisfarne expresses this rhythm very well:

"Leave me alone with God as much as may be. As the tide draws the waters close in upon the shore make me an island, set apart, alone with you God, holy to you.

Then with the turning of the tide prepare me to carry your presence to the busy world beyond, the world that rushes in on me, till the waters come again and fold me back to you."

Revd. David Miller

SERVICES for December 2018

Friday 30th November

Ravensden 6.00 p.m. Lighting of the Cross

Sunday 2nd December First Sunday of Advent

Colmworth 9.00 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion

Wilden 10.30 a.m. **Bless the Bauble Service**

Sunday 9th December Second Sunday of Advent

Colmworth 9.00 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion - with Bishop Richard

Ravensden 10.30 a.m. Benefice All Age Worship – with Bishop Richard

Wilden 6.00 p.m. Benefice Evensong

Sunday 16th December Third Sunday of Advent

Ravensden 6.00 p.m. Carol Service

Wilden 10.30 a.m. Benefice Family service with
Communion

Sunday 23rd December Fourth Sunday of Advent

Ravensden 9.00 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion

Wilden 6.00 p.m. Benefice Nine Lessons & Carols

Monday 24th December Christmas Eve

Colmworth 6.00 p.m. Crib Service *

Wilden 3.00 p.m. Christingle Service

11.30 p.m. Benefice Midnight Communion
- with Bishop Richard

Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day

Colmworth 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 30th December First Sunday after Christmas

Ravensden 10.30 a.m. Benefice All Age Worship

***Colmworth Crib Service Christmas Eve at 6 p.m.** If your children would like to take part, they are welcome to come on the night or if they would like a more active role, contact Heather on 376513.

Readings

Dec. 2 nd	Jeremiah 33: 14-16	1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13	Luke 21: 1-9
Dec. 9 th	Baruch 5: 1-9	Philippians 1: 3-11	Luke 3: 1-6
Dec. 16 th	Zephaniah 3: 14-20	Philippians 4: 4-7	Luke 3: 7-18
Dec. 23 rd	Micah 5: 2-5a	Hebrews 10: 5-10	Luke 1: 39-45
Dec. 30 th	Isaiah 61: 10-62:3	Galatians 3:23-25:4:4-7	John 1: 1-18

SERVICES for January 2019

Sunday 6th January The Epiphany

Colmworth 9.00 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion

Wilden 10.30 a.m. Benefice All Age Worship

Sunday 13th January First Sunday after Epiphany

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 20th January Second Sunday after Epiphany

Ravensden 9.00 a.m. Benefice Morning Worship

Wilden 10.30 a.m. Benefice Family Communion

Sunday 27th January Third Sunday after Epiphany

Ravensden 9.00 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion

Colmworth 10.30 a.m. Benefice All Together Service

Wilden 6.00 p.m. Benefice Evensong

Flowers and Brasses

Colmworth	December 30 th	Lorraine Knight
	January 6 th /28 th	Lorraine Knight
Ravensden	December 9 th , 16 th & 23 rd	Sue Steed – Greenery only
	January 13 th /27 th	Sue Stewart
Wilden	December 2 nd /9 th	Hilary Fisher - Brasses
	December 16 th /23 rd	Di Parkin - Brasses
	December 30 th January 6 th	Louise Mardlin
	January 13 th /20 th	Elizabeth Wootton
	January 27 th	Judy Love

From the Registers

The family gathered together at St Nicholas Church on **1st November** for the Interment of Ashes of **Edith Joyce Farmer**. Our prayers are offered for them at this time.

We gathered at Bedford Crematorium on **16th November** to say good-bye to **David Prigmore**. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this sad time.

Help needed! We are meeting at 2 p.m. on **Saturday 1st December** at St. Nicholas Church to clean the Church. If you have an hour to spare on that day, you will be most welcome.