

Notices

St. Nicholas Church will once more be hosting the **Teddy Bear Parachute Jump and Zip Wire event** on **25th June** starting at 2 p.m. Come along with your teddies to give them a lifetime experience!

Colmworth Garden Club are holding an Open Gardens event on **June 4th** from 1 p.m. until 5p.m. starting from the Village Hall. Admission is £4 (accompanied children under 16 free) and is by programme obtainable from the Village Hall. Refreshments will be available in the Village Hall.

Community Cuppa at Ravensden Village hall on **Tuesday 6th June** 2-4pm. Entrance £2 includes tea and cake. Everyone welcome.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 2nd July : Have you a hymn that provokes memories? 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 2.30 p.m. at St Nicholas Church and tea and cake will follow. Do let us know what hymn you would like: Dionne, dcollins@bedford.ac.uk Susie csusiecooper@hotmail.co.uk or Geraldine robinskiner2@yahoo.co.uk would love to hear from you.

Sunday 9th July Garden Party at The Manor House, Colmworth. Proceeds in aid of St Denys Church funds.

CPRE Bedfordshire, a local countryside charity, celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. To mark this, the charity is running a photography competition open to all, to build a picture of Bedfordshire's much-loved countryside and green spaces, and glimpse how these are changing. The theme is: Bedfordshire - A Changing Landscape.

Entrants are encouraged to consider the ways that Bedfordshire's landscape, countryside and greenspaces can be seen to change, throughout the year and over time, through natural or human factors. We hope people will be inspired by the theme and that we get entries from across Bedfordshire.

The competition is free and open to all - first prize - £100, second prize - £50 M&S vouchers. The deadline for entries is 16th October 2017. Full details about how to enter can be found on www.cprebeds.org.uk.

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In the church calendar, we are still in the Easter season, that bit between Easter Day and Pentecost. Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit first anointed the disciples and other followers. This changed them from people hiding away and worrying about the future into bolder, more willing witnesses to Jesus. They were able to proclaim confidently what God was doing and who Jesus is. Though it is quite reassuring to know that they still made mistakes as you will find if you read the book of Acts.....

The time between Easter and Pentecost is one in which we continue celebrate the fact that Jesus has risen! And, during that first Easter period, Jesus still appeared amongst the disciples and other followers, assuring them that he had risen and God's plan was being fulfilled. What a wonderful encouragement to those first followers to see the risen Lord alongside them! And, of course, Christians continue to celebrate the fact that Jesus has risen every day!

There has just been a survey published that says that a quarter of Christians don't believe in the resurrection. Whilst this does show the wide range of beliefs that people hold, I do wonder what people think being a Christian is about. Our faith is not just a nice faith or a hobby or a being kind to people sort of a faith, it's not just about going to Church on Sunday or being good (which, again, is reassuring to know because most of us know we are not that good!) but our faith is based on the fact that God is at work in the world and He totally changed the world when Jesus rose from the dead. The fact that Jesus rose from the dead changes the lives of those who follow Jesus on the way and it changes the future, our life on earth and our life after we die.

There is a little booklet called Why Jesus? which answers some of the questions that people have about who Jesus is and what he did and why that still matters today. Perhaps that is something that you could consider wherever you are on your journey of faith. There are some of the Why Jesus? booklets in each of our Churches, just pop in and pick one up when the door is open... or maybe read one of the accounts of Jesus' life in the Bible, Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. Let's continue to celebrate the different that Jesus' resurrection makes and think a bit more about what that means for each of us.

Madeleine.

SERVICES FOR JUNE 2017

Sunday 4th June

Colmworth 9.00 a.m.
Wilden 10.30 a.m.

Day of Pentecost

Benefice Holy Communion
Benefice All together Service

Sunday 11th June

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

Trinity Sunday

Benefice Morning Worship
Benefice All together Service
Benefice Evensong

Sunday 18th June

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

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Benefice Morning Worship
Benefice All Together service with
communion

Sunday 25th June

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

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Benefice Holy Communion
Benefice All Together service
Benefice Evensong

Readings

June 4th Acts 2. 1-21 John 7. 37-39
June 11th Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-end or 2 Cor. 13. 11-end
Matthew 28. 16-end
June 18th Exodus 19. 2-8a or Romans 5. 1-8
Matthew 9.35 – 10.8
June 25th Jeremiah 20.7 – 13 or Romans 6.1b-11
Matthew 10.24-39

From the Registers

Funerals

On **28th March Robert (Bob) Peet** Funeral was held at St Nicholas Church Wilden, where friends gathered together to pay their last respects.

From Ravensden **Mrs Pamela Everall's** life was celebrated at Bedford Crematorium on **4th May** among family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Family and many friends gathered together at St Nicholas Church Wilden to say good-bye to **Mrs Joan Daisy Pell** on **11th May** and give thanks for her life. Our prayers are with all the family at this sad time.

Weddings and baptisms

Kurt Croft and Amy Lack were married at Colmworth Church on **6th May**. Their daughter, Arla Mary Kathleen Lack-Croft was baptised at the same service.

Richard Cooke and Jennie Marsh were married at Wilden Church on **14th May**. We wish them every happiness in their future life together.

Flowers and Brasses

Colmworth	June 4 th	Kate Thorogood
	June 11 th /25 th	Tricia Cockayne
Ravensden	June 11 th /25 th	Cathy Goodman
Wilden	June 4 th /11 th	Louise Mardlin
	June 18 th /25 th	Di Parkin

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Colmworth Community lunch will take place on **June 28th** 12 noon in Colmworth Church. Please book with Heather 376513.

Coffee Stop in Colmworth Church Wednesday 14th June. 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 and Neighbours History Society meet on **June 16th** with Russell Bowes "The Inexhaustible Paxton" at Colmworth Village Hall 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

Saturday 10th June 7.30pm - The "Ensemble of Friends" and "Double Take" will perform an evening of Choral and Barbershop music in Colmworth Church, an eclectic mix of words and music ranging from Classical right through to "Fats" Waller, Barry Manilow and Leonard Cohen, to name but a few. Doors open 7.00pm. Bar available. Concert tickets £10.00 adults - under 16s £5.00 from Heather Smith 01234 376513 or Felicity Evans 01234 376887..Organised by the Friends of St Denys Church in aid of the Church Restoration Fund.

The Friends of Ravensden church are having a cocktails, canapés and music evening on **24th June** at 7pm in the church. Further details from Greta on 771500.