

NOTICES

Wilden May Day 7th May. May Queen's Procession from the school led by the Bedford Pipe Band. New entertainment this year includes a ukulele band and crazy golf. 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.

Coffee Stop in Colmworth Church on Wednesday 9th May. 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 **23rd May** in church at 12 noon. Contact Heather on 376513 to book.

Colmworth and Neighbours History Society meet at Colmworth Village Hall on **May 18th** 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. Maurice Nicholson - Old maps and new of North Beds. All welcome.

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

Ravensden Community Cuppa is on **Tuesday 1st May at Ravensden Village Hall**. All welcome £2 entrance to include tea and cake.

Ravensden Big Brunch Sunday 20th 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 11th May vital!** Contact Chris at thebends@btinternet.com or 'phone 01234 771139.

Flowers and Brasses

Colmworth	May 6 th /13 th May 20 th /27 th	Judy Smith Kate Thorogood
Ravensden	May 13 th , 20 th and 27 th	Chris Bertram
Wilden	May 6 th /13 th May 20 th /27 th	Elizabeth Wootton Mrs Love

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Wilden, Ravensden & Colmworth Newsletter

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I'm sure, by now, most of us will have heard about GDPR. This is the act that gives people more control over how their data (contact details and information about themselves) is stored online and in other places.

It means that lots of companies, charities and all places that have contact details and information about people, need to now ask people what they want each company to know about them and to keep on file. We have to do this as a benefice and so are asking people to fill in a consent form to let us know how and when you would like us to be in touch. (see further on in the newsletter for more on this)

But even more than just letting people have more control over how their information is used and stored, GDPR gives people the 'right to be forgotten'. So, just because you gave some contact info once, that doesn't mean that that information can be kept forever. If you like, you can say to organisations 'I want to be forgotten' and they have to erase your details (this doesn't apply to absolutely everything - search online if you want to know more!)

This led me to think about what it means to be forgotten. We might be concerned about information that other people have about us and so choose to say, 'erase my details'. But what about those people who feel that they have been forgotten already, not online but in life? What about those people who feel invisible and unseen? The recent return of Syria to the headlines following the chemical attack over there reminds us of people who feel forgotten. The Rohingya refugee crisis, people fleeing from Myanmar, and its lack of resolution, has led to people feeling forgotten. And what about people in Yemen, Yarl's Wood, the Windrush Generation?

It's hard to remember people and situations that we need to remember. It's even harder to remember when those situations can make us feel uncomfortable or unsure of how to respond. UNCHR works with people who are refugees, Christian Aid works with those in places where there is violence, there are petitions online and we can lobby MPs about situations in our own country. There are ways for us to stay informed, to protest and to pray. And we need to do this.

But we also need to be aware of the One who never forgets. Who never forgets us or anyone. Psalm 139 says this "O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do." Whatever our situation, however we feel, who ever we are, we are not (and can never be) forgotten by God who loves us and calls us by name.

Madeleine

SERVICES FOR May 2018

Sunday 6th May

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Benefice Holy Communion
Benefice All together Service

Thursday 10th May 7.30 p.m.

Ascension Day Communion Service
at Keysoe Church

Sunday 13th May

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Benefice Morning Worship
Benefice All together Service
Benefice Evensong

Sunday 20th May

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

Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Benefice Morning Worship
Benefice All Together service with
communion

Sunday 27th May

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

Trinity Sunday

Benefice Holy Communion
Benefice All Together service
Benefice Evensong

Readings

May 6 th	Acts 10. 44-end	1 John 5. 1-6	John 15. 9-17
May 13 th	Acts 1. 15-17, 21-end	1 John 5. 9-13	John 17. 6-19
May 20 th	Acts 2. 1-21	John 15. 26-27, 16.4b-15	
May 27 th	Isaiah 6. 1-8	Romans 8. 12-17	John 3. 1-17

Important Notice

Keeping in touch (GDPR General Data Protection Regulation)

If you would like to stay in touch with the activities and services of the Benefice, please can you fill in a Consent Form that will be available in Church or from a Church Warden and return it in an envelope marked Consent Form to any Church Warden. This general consent form lets us know what information you would like us to have and how and when you would like to be contacted. If you don't complete a form, then we will be unable to specifically invite you to things, visit or contact you. Thank you!

From the Registers

Funerals:

Family and friends gathered together at Bedford Crematorium to give thanks for the life of **Ivy Margaret Thompson** from Ravensden on 6th April. Our prayers are with the family at this sad time.

The funeral of **Edith Joyce Farmer** was held at Bedford Crematorium on 6th April where family from Wilden and friends gathered together to celebrate her life of 95 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Baptism:

Beatrice Isabella Olive Cave was baptised at Ravensden Church on 8th April 2018. Welcome to the Church family.

Dates for your Diary

Colmworth Gardening Club will be meeting at Ommadawn, Channels End, on **Saturday 2nd June** from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon. New members always welcome.

Colmworth Gardening Club will be hosting Afternoon Tea at Ommadawn, Channels End, Colmworth on **Saturday 10th June** between 2-4 p.m. In aid of Perennial, donations will be gratefully received for this charity which was set up over 75 years ago to help those working in horticulture who get into difficulties. Do come and support them, learn more about a worthwhile charity and enjoy the cakes and tea.

St Denys Church Garden Party will take place on **July 8th** at Manor Farm from 2-4.30 p.m. More details later.

The Historic Churches Trust Bike and Hike will once again take place on **8th September** when the churches will be open. This annual fund raiser provides necessary funds for the preservation of our historic village churches. 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)** for the necessary sponsorship forms for this event if you are interested in taking part.

Don't forget the Bulk Waste collection 19th May at Wilden. 1-4 p.m.