

NOTICES

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

Coffee Stop in Colmworth Church on Wednesday 10th October. 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 **24th October** in church at 12 noon. Contact Heather on 376513 to book.

Colmworth & Neighbours History Society meet on **October 19th** at **7.30 pm** – Bob Ricketts – Bedford and its River. All welcome.

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.

Ravensden Village Hall – Yoga and relaxation morning **27th October** 9.30 to 12.30. For details contact Audrey Cooper (772904) or email ascooper71@gmail.com

Friends of Wilden: There will be an Open Meeting to explore setting up a Committee to raise funds for community projects and to arrange social activities such as cinema nights etc. For those interested in a Friends' Group a meeting has been arranged at **Wilden Village Hall on 18th October at 7.30 p.m.** **Would you be willing to help?**

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Wilden, Ravensden & Colmworth Newsletter

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On Sunday 16th September, the benefice held a Hymns with Memories event. This was a great opportunity for people to choose a particular hymn that had special meaning for them. It was a lovely occasion with a wide range of hymns, old and new, that were chosen and sung by the congregation and accompanied by the choir. There were 18 hymns sung with a well earned break at half time for much needed tea and cake.

Some hymns were chosen because they brought back memories of happy times, particularly wedding days. Some were chosen because they had been sung many times as a child and now held significance for both children and parents. Other hymns were chosen because they brought back memories of parents and other family members, whether chosen for funerals or other occasions. And still more were chosen because of the impact they had had on people's faith, how certain hymns spoke to them about the love of God, told the story of their faith journey or gave encouragement in difficult times.

Many people will have different ideas about their favourite hymns - or even thinking about what they remember from school or other times. Can you remember yours? Which one would you choose?

There is a great theologian who studied the Bible throughout his life. His name was Karl Barth. He wrote many books and taught the Bible to many students. Coming towards the end of his life, he was asked how he would sum up his faith. His audience held their breath to hear how would he convey the wonder of God? In what way would he speak of God's love? What had the Bible told him about God's plan for the world and for each of us.

He replied "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so"

No matter when you last went to Church, you may remember this song:

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so

Little ones to him belong,

They are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me

Yes, Jesus loves me

Yes, Jesus loves me

The Bible tells me so.

If you fancy singing some hymns and remembering which are important to you or exploring faith, we sing hymns every Sunday in Church, please feel free to pop along!

SERVICES FOR October 2018

Sunday 7th October	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Colmworth 9.00 a.m.	Benefice Holy Communion
Wilden 6.00 p.m.	Harvest Festival
Sunday 14th October	Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
Colmworth 10.00 a.m.	Harvest Festival
Ravensden 10.30 a.m.	Harvest Festival
Wilden 6.00 p.m.	Benefice Evensong
Sunday 21st October	Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost
Ravensden 9.00 a.m.	Benefice Morning Worship
Wilden 10.30 a.m.	Benefice Family service with Communion
Sunday 28th October	Twenty Third 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

Readings

Oct. 7 th	Genesis 2: 18-24	Hebrews 1:1-4: 2: 5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Oct. 14 th	Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15	Hebrews 4: 12-16	Mark 10: 17-31
Oct. 21 st	Isaiah 53: 4-12	Hebrews 5: 1-10	Mark 10: 35-45
Oct. 28 th	Jeremiah 31: 7-9	Hebrews 7: 23-28	Mark 10: 46-52

Flowers and Brasses

Colmworth	Oct. 7 th	Kate Abrahams & Heather Smith
	Oct. 14 th	Combined for Harvest
	Oct. 21 st /28 th	Thelma Marks
Ravensden Wilden	Oct. 14 th /21 st /28 th	Combined for Harvest
	Oct. 7 th	Combined for Harvest
	Oct. 14 th	Louise Mardlin
	Oct. 21 st /28 th	Elizabeth Wootton

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 Harvest Supper and Auction will be held at **Wilden Village Hall** on the **8th October** 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets from Jane (771326) £10 each (children 12 and under £7.) Licensed Bar.

The Bishop of Bedford will be attending an Open meeting of **ALL** residents of Wilden, Colmworth and Ravensden on **30th October** at 7 p.m. at **Ravensden Church** to discuss the future of the Benefice.

Wilden School – The Parochial Church Council are looking to appoint two new Governors for Wilden School. If you are interested in helping our local school, please get in touch with the Chair of Governors, Andy Parkin (772170).

Children's Society – For many years, Jane Harrison has collected the Children's Society boxes brought in at our Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. We are very grateful to her to doing this. It is now someone else's turn and we are appealing to anyone in the village who will take on this responsibility. Jane will be happy to go through the procedure with you and you can reach her on 772448. Please help – the Children's Society do sterling work.

Dates for your Diary

Barn Dance at Colmworth Village Hall. The Friends of St Denys are holding a Barn Dance on **Saturday November 10th** at 7 p.m. There will also be an auction of promises. Tickets £12.50 to include a Ploughman's Supper. Licensed Bar available. Tickets from Rob and Angela Huddart (376835).

Wear a Poppy Commemorative Lunch – Ravensden Village Hall. Following on from the Remembrance Sunday Service there will be a bring and share lunch. Save the date (11th November) in your diary. More details in November newsletter.

Saturday 17th November Quiz Night at Wilden. Tables of 8 (we can make up numbers on the night). £10 each to include supper. Bar and Raffle. 7 for 7.30 p.m. Wilden Village Hall. A fun evening with our Quiz Master, Andy. Tickets from Jane (771326).