

NOTICES

Quiz Night at Wilden. Ploughman's supper and delicious puddings! **20th July** at Wilden Village Hall. £10 per head. Licensed bar and Raffle. Contact Jane 771326 or Di 772170.

There will be **no** Colmworth coffee stop this month: do join us for Holy Communion on **Wednesday 17th July** at 11 a.m. where coffee and biscuits will be served after the service. Coffee stop as usual **14th August**.

Colmworth Community Lunch takes place in Church on **24th July and 28th August**. Contact Lorraine Knight (376220) for booking. All welcome.

St Denys Garden Party – Sunday 7th July 2pm – 4.30 pm at Manor Farm, Colmworth. Come and join us – fun for all the family.

Ravensden Community Cuppa is on **Tuesday 6th August at Ravensden Village Hall at 2 p.m.** £2 entrance to include tea and cake. Everyone is welcome. **There is no 'cuppa' at the Hall in July.**

Wilden Open Church: Time 3.00 – 4.30 pm.

July 7th Come and join us for tea, cake and a chat.

July 14th Wilden Wandering Rocks. Decorate a stone or two for hiding and finding around the village and beyond!

July 21st Hymns with Memories with the Benefice Choir followed by tea.

July 28th Come and join us for tea, cake and a chat.

August 4th Scalectrix – Fun for all

August 11th Painting with children! (To start some Junior Choir harvest prep.)

August 18th Come and join us for our last tea, cake and a chat.

Games Evening at Colmworth on Friday 12th July in St Denys church from 7pm – 10pm. Fun evening with board games provided (or bring your own drink). Buffet meal from 7pm. Tea/coffee available but bring your own if preferred. £10 adults (£5 children under 12). Contact Wendy (376277) or Heather (376513) for further information.

Keysoe Church fete on Saturday 6th July followed by Hog Roast at 5 pm. Contact Revd. Timothy for details.

Open Review for all members of our Benefice Churches **Monday 22nd July 7-9pm** at The Stables Christian Centre, Bolnhurst – all welcome.

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NEWSLETTER

July and August 2019

Review

I find the summer a very good time to stop and think about what we're all up to. Coming from a family of teachers I always tend to think of September as having more of a 'new year' feel than January. Not just schools but lots of organisations seem to start their annual programmes in the Autumn. Although I do remember some years ago when I worked without a break all summer, rather resenting the leader of the choir in which I sang saying 'come on, we've all had a good summer break, so time to work hard!'

The Bible is full of references to stopping and thinking about the way ahead. Both Moses and Joshua stopped to take time to seek God's guidance in preparation to enter the promised land. St Paul took time out after his Damascus Road experience before beginning a very active ministry with his new found faith in Jesus as Lord. Jesus took 40 days in the Wilderness after his Baptism by John the Baptist. And we are instructed to think and be ready for what is before us – 'always be ready to give an answer for the hope that is within you' writes Peter; and regarding giving, Paul writes to the Christians at Corinth 'on the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.'

So we as a Benefice are also having a review this summer. I was appointed as 0.8 Interim Priest in Charge on Monday 22nd January for 2 years. So after 6 months and with a quarter of that time passed it seems good to stop this summer and have a review. So please join us on **Monday 22nd July at the Stables Christian Centre on the Kimbolton Road in Bolnhurst at 7-9pm**. A chance to meet together, share some food and drink and social time. But also to reflect on the last 6 months and look to where God might be guiding and providing for us in the next 18 months.

You will probably have heard by the time you read this that our Benefice is to join with the Benefice of Keysoe and Bolnhurst at a special evensong on **Sunday 14th July at St Marys Keysoe at 6pm** led by Bishop Richard of Bedford and our new Archdeacon of Bedford The Ven Dave Middlebrook, to which you are all invited. So we will be uniting as a growing family. I am writing to all on our Electoral Rolls of Wilden, Colmworth, Ravensden, Keysoe and Bolnhurst to invite you all to this and our 6 month review on Monday 22nd July. I do hope you are able to join us.

Yours in Jesus' Name

Timothy Wilson

SERVICES FOR JULY 2019

Wednesday 3rd July

Ravensden 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Bible Course 7.15 p.m. Ravensden Church Room

Sunday 7th July 3rd after Trinity

Colmworth 9.00 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion
Wilden 10.30 a.m. Benefice All Age Worship

Readings: 2 Kings 5: 1-14; Galatians 6: 1-16; Luke 10: 1-11 & 16-20.

Wednesday 10th July

Bible Course 7.15 p.m. Ravensden Church Room **Final week**

Sunday 14th July 4th after Trinity

Colmworth 9.00 a.m. Benefice Morning Prayer
Ravensden 10.30 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion
Keysoe 6.00 p.m. Evensong marking the uniting of our two Benefices

Readings: Amos 7: 7-17, Colossians 1: 1-14; Luke 10: 25-37

Wednesday 17th July

Colmworth 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Ravensden 6.30 p.m. Ravensden School Leavers' service in Church

Friday 19th July

Wilden 9.30 a.m. Wilden School Leavers' service in Church

Sunday 21st July 5th after Trinity

Ravensden 9.00 a.m. Benefice Morning Prayer
Wilden 10.30 a.m. Benefice All Age Communion

Readings: Amos 8: 1-12; Colossians 1: 15-28; Luke 10: 38-42

Sunday 28th July 6th after Trinity

Ravensden 9.00 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion
Colmworth 10.30 a.m. Benefice All Age Service
Wilden 6.00 p.m. Benefice Evensong

Readings: Hosea 1: 2-10; Colossians 2: 6-19; Luke 11: 1-13

Flowers and Brasses

Colmworth July 7th/21st Betty Johnson July 28th/Aug 11th Kate Abrahams
Aug 18th/Sept 1st Maria Marsh
Ravensden July 14th/21st & 28th Ann Bryden Aug 11th/ 18th & 25th Judy Cotton
Wilden July 7th Jane Snaith July 14th/21st Judy Love
July 28th/Aug 4th Hilary Fisher Aug 11th/18th Di Parkin
Aug 25th/Sept 1st Elizabeth Wootton

Sunday 14th July 'Listening to young people' event at Harold United Reform Church 5-6.30 pm – all aged between 11-25 welcome.

Saturday 10th August 'Listening to young people' Barbecue at Riseley.

SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2019

Sunday 4th August 7th after Trinity

Colmworth 9.00 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion
12.30 p.m. Baptism of Everly Stewart

Wilden 10.30 a.m. Benefice All Age Service

Readings: Hosea 11: 1-11; Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21.

Wednesday 7th August

Ravensden 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 11th August 8th after Trinity

Colmworth 9.00 a.m. Benefice Morning Prayer

Ravensden 10.30 a.m. Benefice All Age Service

Wilden 6.00 p.m. Evensong

Readings: Isaiah 1:1 & 10-20; Hebrews 11: 1-3 & 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40

Sunday 18th August 9th after Trinity

Ravensden 9.00 a.m. Benefice Morning Prayer

Wilden 10.30 a.m. Benefice All Age Communion

Readings: Isaiah 5: 1-7; Hebrews 11: 29-12:2; Luke 12: 49-56

Wednesday 21st August

Colmworth 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 25th August 10th after Trinity

Ravensden 9.00 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion

Colmworth 10.30 a.m. Benefice All Age Service

Wilden 6.00 p.m. Benefice Evensong

Readings: Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Hebrews 12: 18-29; Luke 13: 10-17

Save the Date

Friends of Ravensden Church are hosting the Fenny Stomper Jazz Band who are playing Dixie, Trad and New Orleans Jazz in Ravensden Church on **Saturday 7th September at 7.30 p.m.** Tickets £15. each to include fish/chicken and chip supper. Bar available. For further information and tickets contact Cathie on 772035.

From the Registers

Family gathered at All Saints Church Ravensden for a service of committal and interment of **Jessie Rose Jeff** on 28th May 2019 followed by a Memorial Service at Little Staughton Baptist Chapel. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and she will be missed by all who knew this amazing lady.