

NOTICES

Ravensden Community Cuppa is on **Tuesday 5th March** at **Ravensden Village Hall** at **2 p.m.** £2 entrance to include tea and cake. Everyone is welcome.

Ravensden W.I. meet at Ravensden Village Hall on **March 19th** at 7.30 pm. My Creative Journey in Costume and Design by Amanda Sutherland. Visitors welcome. Entrance £5.00.

Ravensden Village Hall Horse Race evening. Saturday 9th March at 7.30 pm. Human Jockeys – Wooden Horses – Bar & Betting. Fish/Chicken & Chips £10 a ticket from Chris 771222 and Liz 771084. Pre bought tickets only due to limited numbers. All profits shared with Bedford Hospitals Charity.

Coffee Stop in Colmworth Church on Wednesday 13th March. 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 **27th March** in church at 12 noon. Contact Heather on 376513 to book.

Colmworth & Neighbours History Society – meet on March 15th at Colmworth Village Hall when Paddy Lambert will talk on Romano-British Curse Tablets. **7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.** All welcome.

Saltmine Theatre Company present Who? Me? You must be joking? **Friday 15th March 7.30 p.m. Christ Church, Dudley Street, Bedford.** A seriously funny look at why we don't invite – and how we might. Refreshment during interval.

On **Saturday 2nd March 9.30 – 12.30** there is a Yoga and relaxation morning at Ravensden Village Hall. For further information or to book please contact Audrey Cooper at Ascooper71@gmail.com

Saturday 2nd March 7.30 p.m. Bedford School Chapel – Gaude – Bedford's Professional Chamber Choir will be singing Bach Motets by Candlelight. Contact gaude.org.uk for details.

Saturday 9th March 7.00 p.m. St. Albans Cathedral Choir will be performing at St. Andrew's Church, Bedford. Adults £12. Concessions £10. See website for details – www.standrewsbedford.org/concerts.

Ravensden APCM 10th March in Church followed by a Bring and Share lunch after the 10.30 a.m. All Together Service.

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NEWSLETTER

March 2019

Lent

Lent is an old English word meaning 'Spring' associated with our word 'lengthen' as the days seem quite suddenly to draw longer. 'Lent Lily' is the other name for daffodils which should be out by the time you read this. Because Easter is late this year (21st April) Lent also is late as it begins 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays which continue to be feast days!) on Ash Wednesday which this year is 6th March.

Lent is also associated with new starts as everything in nature springs into life. A far better time to make a resolution rather than January 1st when the long winter still seems to stretch ahead of us! Lent for many is a time to 'give things up' - which might be a good thing after lots of extra food and drink at Christmas with leftovers into January and February! – but for Christians it is a time to 'take things up' especially in our faith and walk with Jesus.

As a church at Wilden, Colmworth and Ravensden we are taking 2 things up. As well as our annual 'Ash Wednesday evening Communion Service' which this year will be at Wilden at 7:30pm on 6th March we are beginning twice Monthly Wednesday Morning Communion Services at 11am in Lent. 1st Wednesdays in the month (6th March and 3rd April) these will be at Ravensden at 11am. 3rd Wednesdays in the month (20th March & 17th April) these will be at Colmworth at 11am. We'll review times, dates and venues at Easter but we hope this pattern will continue.

Secondly, we shall be holding 5 evening Lent Groups on Wednesday evenings in Ravensden Church Room at 7:30pm – March 13th, 20th and 27th and April 3rd and 10th. An opportunity to meet together to encourage one another in our faith and relationship with God as we read the bible and pray together. Again, we hope this will also continue beyond Easter in some form.

I do hope you will be able to join us at our new Wednesday Morning communion services and Wednesday Evening Lent Groups.

In the April newsletter there will be details of our Holy Week and Easter Services but 'Save The Date' info is in this Newsletter too.

With my prayers that you have a good Lent and you too grow in your faith and trust in Jesus.

Timothy Wilson

Message from Rev David Miller: The Benefice website is now live, more information will be added in due course – visit www.wcrchurches.org If you have any photographs of recent events which I could use on the website, then please forward them with information about the event (photos of children must have the parent's permission). Adverts for events can also be sent to me for the website. davidmiller.rev@gmail.com

SERVICES FOR MARCH 2019

Sunday 3rd March Sunday next before Lent - Quinquagesima

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

Sunday 10th March Lent 1

Colmworth 9.00 a.m. Benefice Morning Worship
Ravensden 10.30 a.m. Benefice All Together Service
followed by Ravensden APCM & Bring & Share Lunch.
Wilden 6.00 p.m. Benefice Evensong

Sunday 17th March Lent 2

Ravensden 9.00 a.m. Benefice Morning Worship
Wilden 10.30 a.m. Benefice Family service with
Communion

Sunday 24th March Lent 3

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

Sunday 31st March Mothering Sunday

Colmworth 10.30 a.m. All Age service preceded by continental
breakfast in church from 10.00 a.m.

Readings

March 3rd Exodus 34: 29-35 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2 Luke 9: 28-43
March 10th Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Romans 10: 8-13 Luke 4: 1-13
March 17th Genesis 15: 1-12 & 17-18 Philippians 3: 17-4:1 Luke 13: 31-35
March 24th Isaiah 55: 1-9 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 Luke 13: 1-9
March 31st Exodus 2: 1-10 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 Luke 2: 33-35

LENT

Ash Wednesday (6th March) Holy Communion 11 a.m. at Ravensden
and 7.30 p.m. at Wilden.

Then twice monthly communions through Lent Wednesdays 11 a.m. -
20th March Colmworth, 3rd April Ravensden and 17th April Colmworth.

Lent Groups

Wednesday 7.30 p.m. at Ravensden:
March 13th, 20th and 27th. April 3rd and 10th.

From the Registers

The funeral of **Simon Ackroyd** was held at Bedford Crematorium on
Friday 8th February where family and many friends gathered to say their
final farewell to a much loved man. Our thoughts and prayers are with
Kate and daughter Poppy at this very sad time.

Flowers and Brasses

Colmworth	Lent	No flowers
Ravensden	Lent	No flowers
Wilden	March 3 rd	Hilary Fisher
	March 10 th /17 th	Di Parkin **
	March 24 th /31 st	Elizabeth Wootton **

** Brasses only

Save the Date

Saturday afternoon 6th April Easter Egg Hunt in Colmworth Country Park
and Church.

Maundy Thursday 18th April 7.30 p.m. Informal Communion and simple
Bread, Cheese and Wine meal at Colmworth Church.

Good Friday 19th April:

10.30 a.m. All Age Service with Junior Choir followed by Hot Cross Buns at
Colmworth Church.

2-3 p.m. Quiet Meditation with Hymns at Ravensden Church

6 p.m. 'The Cross of Christ' Music and Readings with the Benefice Choir at
Wilden Church.

Easter Sunday 21st April – Holy Communion Services

9.30 a.m. Colmworth Church

10.30 a.m. Wilden Church

11 a.m. Ravensden Church

St Denys Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place on **Monday
8th April** – all welcome.

St Nicholas Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place on
Thursday 11th April at Wilden Village Hall at 7 p.m. followed by a
fish/chicken and chip supper. Please contact Eunice
(eunicewelbourn@btinternet.com) to order your supper.

Monday 6th May is the date that Wilden will be holding the traditional May
Day Fayre. The Committee is already hard at work organising and planning so
if you feel able to help in any way, contact WildenMayDay@hotmail.com

On the **1st/2nd June** Ravensden are holding a Flower Festival combined with a
Craft display at All Saints Church. The organisers will be seeking sponsors for
this event. Call Sue on 771910 if you are able to help.