

## NOTICES

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

**Coffee Stop in Colmworth Church** on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February.** 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 **27<sup>th</sup> February** in church at 12 noon. Contact Heather on 376513 to book.

**Colmworth & Neighbours History Society – meet on February 15<sup>th</sup>** at Colmworth Village Hall when **Les Evans** will tell us about **Concorde: A Magnificent Aircraft. 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.** All welcome.

**Blunham Giant Book Sale – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 10 – 3p.m.** Come to our Browse and Buy Second Hand Giant Book Sale at Blunham Parish Church (St. Edmunds or St. James, Park Lane, Blunham. Beds MK44 3NQ). Selection of second hand/nearly new books. Homemade cakes, teas and coffees, homemade soup and a raffle. All proceeds to Blunham Church Fabric Fund.

At the **Wilden Christingle Service** the **Children's Society** boxes raised £334.14. Many thanks to all who have boxes. If anyone is interested in having an annual box please contact wildennews@hotmail.com

**Colmworth Crib Service.** A big thank you to all those who took part and made it such a special occasion, especially the children.

**Friends of Wilden** held a very successful social evening in January and have decided to hold another on **22<sup>nd</sup> February 7 pm to 9 pm** at **Wilden Village Hall.** Come along, meet new neighbours and enjoy pleasant company for a couple of hours.

**Editors: Revd. Timothy Wilson** [timcwilson1987@gmail.com](mailto:timcwilson1987@gmail.com)  
**Eunice Welbourn** (01234) 771583  
[eunicewelbourn@btinternet.com](mailto:eunicewelbourn@btinternet.com)

# Wilden, Ravensden & Colmworth Newsletter

February 2019

## New Starts

February isn't usually associated with new starts but for me as I begin as Priest in Charge here it is a very new start. (By the way Rector/Vicar/Priest in charge all mean the same thing in practice – there are just a few technical, legal and historical differences – but most people call me Tim which is the best name for me!)

Most times do mark a new start. February contains 'Candlemas' remembering Jesus being presented in the Temple and the aged Simeon calling Him 'the light to reveal Him to the nations and the glory of God's people, Israel'. Candlemas is 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 40 days after Christmas day. This marks the end of the 'Christmas Season' – Advent, Christmas and Epiphany – and the turn from celebrating Jesus birth to looking towards and preparing for remembering Jesus' death and celebrating His glorious resurrection. So the Sundays are no longer 'Sundays after Epiphany' but 'Sundays before Lent'. I love the opportunity to have another joyful celebration and candles out again on the Sunday nearest 2<sup>nd</sup> February. It's a long January since 12<sup>th</sup> Night when we took our Christmas tree and decorations down – and many do this even sooner – so I hope we'll celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World together this month.

But it is also a time to change from looking back to looking forward. Simeon is thought to be aged as he says 'now I can depart in peace according to Your Word'. He is ready to die, and Lent (an old English word meaning 'Spring') is a time to look forward when we try to make time to focus more on God and what He might mean to us personally. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 6<sup>th</sup> March – 40 days before Easter which is late this year (21<sup>st</sup> April) and traditionally a time for God's people to gather together in groups to encourage each other in their personal and corporate journey with Him. Details to be decided but we shall be having some groups across our 3 churches during Lent to read the bible, pray and encourage one another. I hope you will enjoy me as we make this new start together.

And for now I hope soon to be based locally in Ravensden Church room as I continue to live in Bromham. I plan to have a pot of fresh filter coffee on the go most of the time so do call in when you're passing. And I hope also to pray in each of the 3 churches one day a week in the mornings so I hope you will join me there too.

Timothy Wilson

## SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2019

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February Candlemass

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

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent

Colmworth 9.00 a.m. Benefice Morning Worship  
 Ravensden 10.30 a.m. Benefice All Together Service  
 Wilden 6.00 p.m. Benefice Evensong

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent Septuagesima

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

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent Sexagesima

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

Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Malachi 3:1-5	Hebrews 2: 14-18	Luke 2: 22-40
Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 6: 1-8, 9-13	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	Luke 5: 1-11
Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremiah 17: 5-10	1 Corinthians 15: 12-20	Luke 6: 17-26
Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 2:4b-9 & 15-25	Revelation 4	Luke 8: 22-25

### From the Registers

The funeral took place on January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 of **Sheila Dixon** from Wayside Farm Park, Ravensden. A complex person who adopted Wilden Church as her 'spiritual' home. May she now find eternal rest.

It is with sadness we report the death on 17<sup>th</sup> January of **Joe Howell**, late of Rose Cottage, Hollis Lane, Wilden. May he rest in peace.

### Flowers and Brasses

Colmworth	Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lorraine Knight
	Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny Nehan
Ravensden	Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	Helena Walker
Wilden	Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Judy Love
	Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup>	Christine Sansom
	Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup> /March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hilary Fisher

\*\*\*\*\*

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 10 am to 1 pm

**Help** needed to clear out, clean & paint Ravensden church room in preparation for setting up a base for Tim and a future part time administrator. If you can help please speak to Tim.

\*\*\*\*\*

### Dates for your Diary

On **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:Ascooper71@gmail.com)

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://gaude.org.uk) for details.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:WildenMayDay@hotmail.com)

On the **1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> 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.