

NOTICES

Ravensden Community Cuppa is on **Tuesday 7th May** 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 8th May Come and join us for a coffee/tea 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 in Church on **May 22nd** – contact Lorraine Knight (376220) for booking.

Colmworth & Neighbours History Society – meet on **May 17th** at Colmworth Village Hall when Stephen Smith will talk about Colmworth 1820 – 1850. **7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.** All welcome.

Ouse River RNL Coffee Morning to be held on Wednesday 15th May at 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon at Great Barford Village Hall. All welcome.

Bulk Waste Skip on Wilden Village Green **25th May** 1 – 4 p.m.

Monday 6th May is the date that Wilden will be holding the traditional May Day Fayre. We would love to see you there.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning on **25th May** 10 – 2 pm at Pyghtle Cottage, Rectory Lane, Wilden. Plant Stall and raffle. All welcome.

'**Cantamus**' **Spring Concert Saturday 4th May** 8 p.m. Moot Hall, Elstow Unaccompanied madrigals and part songs. Speak to Tim for details.

'**Living Christianity**' – a presentation by the Christian Institute **Tuesday 7th May** Grange Baptist Church Letchworth 8 p.m. **Wednesday 8th May** Soham Baptist Church 7.45 p.m. See handbills for details.

Churches Together in Bedfordshire meeting at Dunstable **Thursday 9th May**, Tea 6.30 p.m. Speaker 7.30 p.m. **Speak to Tim if you would like to come.**

Thursday 16th May 7.45 p.m. Archdeacon's Visitation at St. Andrew's Church Bedford with our new Archdeacon, Dave Middlebrook. All Churchwardens need to be sworn in at this meeting; PCC members are also encouraged to attend to be commissioned. All welcome!

Diocesan Reaching New People Day Saturday **11th May** Harpenden 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Speak to Tim for more details.

All Saints Church Turvey. Saturday 18th May 7.30. Gilbert & Sullivan evening. See posters for details.

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NEWSLETTER

May 2019

Prayer

May just contains Ascension Day on 30th May as Easter is late this year. Ascension Day is always 40 days after Easter so falls on a Thursday and marks the time Jesus ascended into Heaven after God raised Him gloriously from the dead on Easter day, so He is still alive and raised to the highest heaven as King. But Jesus gave us an instruction as He left. To wait and pray especially for the gift of His Holy Spirit who came at Pentecost which we celebrate 50 days after Easter (hence 'pente-costa'); an ancient Jewish festival 50 Days after Passover. So there has arisen a tradition in the church of '9 Days of Prayer' between Ascension Day and Pentecost which this year runs from Friday 31st May – Saturday 8th June.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York for a number of years have called the church to a prayer initiative entitled 'Thy Kingdom Come' as we pray as Jesus taught us for God's Kingdom to come on earth as it is in Heaven. Across the nation there are creative prayer initiatives and gatherings often with churches working together. Locally in our Deanery of Sharnbrook we are gathering at St Peters Church Thurleigh on Wednesday 5th June from 7pm for an evening of prayer for the world and our nation with displays to help us focus on the needs around us and pray for God's Kingdom to Come in all areas of our society. All are welcome!

On Ascension Day we gather for a Deanery Communion Service at St Marys Yelden at 7:30pm to which all are welcome of course. But as well as our services its good to be reminded that Jesus teaches us to pray specifically and what a privilege it is to pray to God our Father in Heaven by the power of God the Holy Spirit and in the Name of God the Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer is something we can do anywhere and at any time; on our own or with others. Jesus also teaches us the importance of gathering together with others even if only 2-3 gathered in His Name. In every church I've been in there have been specific times of prayer during the day and evenings on different days throughout the week where people meet to pray together in church buildings or other places. It would be great to establish this in Wilden, Colmworth and Ravensden. Ascension Day to Pentecost is a good opportunity to experience the power and privilege of prayer with others and find a way to continue in prayer together.

Timothy Wilson

SERVICES FOR MAY 2019

Wednesday 1st May

Ravensden 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 5th May Third Sunday of Easter

Colmworth 9.00 a.m. Benefice Holy Communion

Wilden 10.30 a.m. Benefice All Age Worship

Readings: Acts 6: 1-20; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19.

Sunday 12th May Fourth Sunday of Easter

Colmworth 9.00 a.m. Benefice Morning Prayers

Ravensden 10.30 a.m. Benefice All Age Worship

Wilden 6.00 p.m. Benefice Evensong

Readings: Acts 9: 36-43; Revelation 7: 9-17; John 10: 22-30

Wednesday 15th May

Colmworth 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 19th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

Wilden 10.30 a.m. Benefice All Age Holy Communion

Ravensden 9.00 a.m. Benefice Morning Prayers

Readings: Acts 11: 1-8; Revelation 21: 1-6; John 13: 31-35

Sunday 26th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

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: Acts 16: 8-15; Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:5; John 14: 23-29

Thursday 30th May Ascension Day

Yelden Church 7.30 p.m. Joint Deanery Holy Communion

From the Registers

Funerals:

On **28th March**, at Wilden Church, family and friends gathered to say good-bye to **Claire Shirley Barker**. Our love and prayers are with James and all the family at this time.

On **8th April**, **David Horton** was laid to rest in Colmworth Cemetery. Family and friends are remembered in our prayers.

After a service at Bedford Crematorium, a Memorial Service was held at Colmworth Church to celebrate the life of **Susan Watts** on **9th April**. Our sympathy and prayers go to all family and friends at this time.

Flowers and Brasses

Colmworth

May 4th

Kate Abrahams & Heather

May 12th/ 26th

Margaret Seabrook

Ravensden

May 12th, 19th and 26th

Chris Bertram

Wilden

May 5th/12th

Christine Sansom

May 19th/26th

Di Parkin

Save the Date

Ravensden Life – a flower and craft festival in the Church. **Saturday 1st June 10-4 p.m. and Sunday 2nd June 10-3 p.m.** Drinks, cakes, light lunches and stalls selling produce and crafts by local people in the village hall. Dual entry £3 for adults. In aid of church restoration fund – the roof repairs are almost finished but now we need to start on the walls inside the church! Contact Chris on 01234 771139 or email thebends@btinternet.com for further details.

'Mid-Summer WI Dance with live music and buffet supper on **Friday 21st June** at 7.30 at Ravensden Village Hall. Tickets £15 from Bernie on 772230 or Maureen on 771501. Licenced Bar. All welcome.

'**Thy Kingdom Come**'. Beacon Prayer Celebration Sunday 9th June at St Albans Cathedral 6.30 p.m.

Teddy Bear Drop – Wilden Church on 30th June – Bring along your Teddy and give him/her a treat. Zip wire or parachute! Tea and refreshments served and the Salvation Army band will also entertain us.

Wilden Open Church from 7th July during the summer. 3.00 – 4.30 p.m. Teas and chat plus some surprises.

Nibbles, Quiz and Puddings night on **20th July** in aid of church funds at Wilden Village Hall – details later.

The Bible Course begins on Wednesday **1st May** in the Parish Room, All Saints, Ravensden at 7.15 p.m. with coffee and welcome. Sessions begin at 7.30 to 9.00 pm. Book on line at www.wrcchurches.org The Bible Course consists of 8 sessions, each session includes video content, discussion time, personal reflection and daily readings. Explore the BIG story and its relevance for to-day.

Advanced Notice – Confirmation Tuesday 8th October. If you'd like to consider being Confirmed, speak to Tim. Eastertime is a good time to consider this!