

NOTICES

Coffee Stop in Colmworth will be on **Wednesday 11th September**. Come and join us for coffee/tea and a chat. 10.30 to noon. All welcome.

Colmworth Community Lunch takes place in Church on **Wednesday 25th September at 12 noon**. Contact Lorraine Knight (376220) for booking. All welcome.

Race Night at Colmworth Village Hall on Saturday 21st September. Fish and Chips will be served from 7 pm and racing will start at 8 pm. A licensed bar will be available and a raffle will be drawn during the intermission. You are warmly invited to join us for what promises to be an evening of fun and excitement. Tickets (£12.50) available from Steve/Felicity Evans 376887 and Rob/Angela Huddart 376835.

Ravensden Community Cuppa is on **Tuesday 3rd September at Ravensden Village Hall at 2 p.m.** £2 entrance to include tea and cake. Everyone is welcome.

Cream teas at Keysoe Church – Sunday 8th September 3.30 – 5 pm.

Colmworth and Neighbours History Society – Annual General Meeting 20th September at 7 p.m. at St Denys Church Colmworth. Also Thelma Marks will be giving a guided tour of the church in two halves – one before the AGM and one following supper (cold buffet with dessert and drinks - charge £10 each). So that we know numbers for catering, please contact Dave (01480 216065).

Ravensden Church Room Bible Group restarts on **Thursday 26th September**. We shall be looking at the Book of Romans. 7.15 pm to 9 pm. All welcome.

Jigsaw Evening in Colmworth Church. This takes place on **Saturday 28th September** with hot food buffet. Teams of 4 will compete with other teams to complete a 500 piece jigsaw. Bring your own team or just come along and we will put teams together on the night. Tea and coffee will be provided but if you would like any other drinks, feel free to bring your own. There will be a raffle. Tickets from Heather (376513) Wendy (376277) or Cheryl (07806779479) at a cost of £10.

Free Organ Lessons for young people between the ages of 10 to 25 who are interested in learning the instrument. Several students have benefitted from the scheme and are playing in their local church or have graduated to study music at University. Further details from www.bedsandhertsorganists.org

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NEWSLETTER

September 2019

And now we are Five!

We have just returned from running our Annual Venture for 8-12 year old near Ashdown Forest in Sussex. Home of the famous 'Pooh Sticks' bridge where AA Milne and his son Christopher Robin initiated the now world famous game.

I grew up on 'Now We are Six' with the line 'When I was five I was just alive'. It feels like that at the moment! Last month we joined the Benefice of Keysoe and Bolnhurst to the Benefice of Wilden, Colmworth and Ravensden, and yet we are still 5 very small communities and churches struggling to survive and pay our way but with a vibrancy, commitment and enthusiasm that is very alive.

As we look back over the history of God's dealings with His people there are many times in the Bible and throughout Church History when the people of God seem only just alive. Oppressed, displaced, exiled, persecuted, ridiculed, marginalised or just simply ignored, and yet still shining and living on making a huge impression on God's world, as Jesus tells us we are 'salt and light' in a world needing flavour and hope. And history has a way of repeating itself. I am fascinated by local history especially how it relates to national and global history. Until the 1950s Colmworth and Bolnhurst were one Benefice. And a famous Curate in the mid C19th The Rev Timothy Matthews living in Bolnhurst preached the Gospel in the open air calling people with his Bugle (which we still have at Colmworth where he is buried) in Ravensden where a Chapel was built. He faced great opposition especially from the church authorities at the time who were still reeling after John Wesley's preaching and forming Methodism a century earlier, and Matthews died young from his labours in telling as many as possible about Jesus' love and welcome.

So we are still just alive but full of hope as we continue to meet and work together to encourage and challenge one another to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to all. We may not stay as 5 - God always calls us to grow and adapt to the needs of the world around us that changes as history progresses but still needs to hear and respond to the good news of Jesus who loves us and died and rose again for us so that by faith and trust and hope in Him we will always be 'just alive'.

We are now five alive and well. And the life we have is for ever and will never end, by faith and trust in Jesus who died but rose again and is alive.

Yours in Jesus's Name

Timothy Wilson

SERVICES September 2019

Sunday 1st September

Colmworth 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Keysoe 10.15 a.m. Morning Prayer
Wilden 10.30 a.m. All Age Service

Readings: Jeremiah 2: 4-13; Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15, 16; Luke 14: 1,7-14

Wednesday 4th September

Keysoe 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Ravensden 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 8th September

Colmworth 9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Bolnhurst 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Keysoe 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion
Ravensden 10.30 a.m. All Age Service
Wilden 6.00 p.m. Evensong

Readings: Jeremiah 18: 1-11; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14: 25-33

Sunday 15th September

Ravensden 9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Keysoe 10.15 a.m. All Age Service
Wilden 10.30 a.m. All Age Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 4: 11-12 & 22-28; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15: 1-10

Wednesday 18th September

Colmworth 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd September

Ravensden 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Bolnhurst 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Keysoe 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion
Colmworth 10.30 a.m. **HARVEST Service - Followed by lunch**
Wilden 6.00 p.m. Evensong

Readings: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; 1 Timothy 2: 1-7; Luke 16: 1-13

Sunday 29th September

Keysoe 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion

COLMWORTH CHAPEL

10.30 a.m. Joint Service

Readings: Genesis 28: 10-17; Revelation 12: 7-12; John 1: 47-51.

Flowers and Brasses

Colmworth September 8th/15th Lorraine Knight
September 22nd **Harvest – Please help**
September 29th Kate Abrahams & Lorraine Knight

Ravensden September 8th/15th & 22nd
Wilden September 1st
September 8th/15th
September 22nd/29th

Margaret Bright
Elizabeth Wootton
Jane Snaith
Judy Love

From the Registers

Baptism:

Everly Steward was baptised on 4th August at Colmworth Church. We welcome her to the Church family. The wider family recently moved to Colmworth.

Weddings:

22nd July was the date of the marriage of **Emma Lorraine Miles and Andrew Malcolm Marsh** at Colmworth Church. We wish them every happiness in their new life together.

27th July **Christopher Jones & Rose Olding** were married at Ravensden Church. Chris was baptised, went to school and confirmed at Ravensden and we wish them every happiness in their new life.

Funerals:

On 1st July the funeral of **Basil Charles Hiron** took place in Colmworth Church. Our prayers and sympathy are with relatives and friends.

On the 2nd July we said good-bye to our friend, **Lt. Col. Alan Morton MBE** at Bedford Crematorium. To the family and all his friends we send our prayers. He will be greatly missed.

A Service of Thanksgiving was held at St. Nicholas Church Wilden on the 17th July for **Mary Rider** after a private committal at Bedford Crematorium. She will be missed by the family of the Church and all who knew her; we hold Michael and all the family in our prayers.

On the 1st August, relatives and many friends gathered at St Nicholas Church Wilden to say good-bye to **David John Heinie Smale**, known as **Peter**. A regular member of the congregation, Peter will be greatly missed by all. Our prayers are with the family at this sad time.

On 21st August the funeral of **Trevor Owen** was held at Ravensden. Trevor's parents and grandparents had always lived in Ravensden and our prayers are with his family at this sad time.

The funeral of **Jean Skelton** will take place at **Sharnbrook** Church on **Monday 16th September at 2 p.m.** All are welcome to attend. A private burial will take place afterwards at St. Nicholas, Wilden Churchyard.