

## NOTICES

**Colmworth Community Lunch** takes place in Church on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 12 noon**. Contact Heather Smith (01234 376513) for booking. All welcome.

**Coffee and cake** will be served after the Sung Holy Communion service at Colmworth Church (11 a.m.) on **9<sup>th</sup> October** instead of the usual coffee stop. All welcome.

**Ravensden Community Cuppa** is on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at Ravensden Village Hall at 2 p.m.** £2 entrance to include tea and cake. Everyone is welcome.

**Colmworth and Neighbours History Society** – Meet on **18<sup>th</sup> October** at Colmworth Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. when Jonathan House will be telling us about “Finds from the A14 Excavations”. All welcome.

**Ravensden Church Room Bible Group** continue to meet on **Thursdays throughout October**. We shall be looking at the Book of Romans. 7.15 pm to 9 pm. All welcome.

**Wilden Harvest Supper and Auction** will take place at Wilden Village Hall on **14<sup>th</sup> October** at 7 pm for 7.30. Come along for a fun evening. Tickets £12.50 each (12 years and under £10.) available from Jane (771326) or Di (772170).

**Scrabble Evening on Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>**. Do come and join us at Autumn Leaves, Little Staughton Road for a fun evening of Scrabble and a hot supper. Those who came last year will know what fun was had by both serious players and amateurs. We shall start play at 7.30p.m. The cost is £10 and for tickets or more information please contact Heather tel: 376513 or Wendy tel: 376277.

**Light Party on 31<sup>st</sup> October (time to be advised)**. Come and join us in Colmworth Church for hot chocolate, a hot dog and some fun activities. All welcome.

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# NEWSLETTER

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### Harvest – again or moving forward?

Life can be both linear or cyclical. Harvest along with all the festivals and seasons especially can feel like the same every year but is always slightly different from last year. Our farmers and others involved in Harvest may know and be prepared for the annual task, but it is never predictable.

Life often seems a series of events coming around and around and we try to make sure we fit in different experiences – trips, holidays, events – but life always moves forward. God’s pattern of creation especially shows this. The Bible tells us the world begins in a Garden in the book of Genesis but ends in a City in the Book of Revelation.

And the church and especially ministers can seem like a series of happenings and people, one after another, but again often different.

This article used to be just in Wilden, Colmworth and Ravensden newsletter. Since last month it’s also in Keysoe and Bolnhurst Newsletter so having been made Priest in Charge of Keysoe and Bolnhurst just 2 months ago, I thought I’d reflect on my role in this cyclical and linear role and share something of myself in this.

I grew up in the church as my father was an organist and especially remember Harvest Festivals at school as well as Church. From an early age I wanted to be a Vicar and now recognise this as an early calling like the Prophet Samuel in the Old Testament. But I later recognised that part of being a Vicar is ‘doing yourself out of a job’ as you are there to enable growth and development in the ministry of others by God’s Holy Spirit who calls, equips and gifts those who follow and trust in Him. Vicars come and go, and we always assume another one will come. But in our situation, it seems very different. We’ve struggled to recruit and finance a full time Vicar, even shared between us, over the last few years. So I am here definitely short term for just 2 years and not even full time – just 0.8 as I’m working for the Diocese 0.2 on our mission and growth strategy. And as this started in January 2019 I have just 15 months to go! But God often has surprises and none of us know what that means in practice – I have no plans to leave the country on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021! But God is faithful and fulfils His plans and callings in many and varied ways. I’ve been ordained 30 years next July. After 4 years Curate in rural Shropshire, my first incumbency was the first Vicar of a brand-new church in Margate, and leaving after 9 years I was replaced by my successor, who is still there. I was 15 years near Ashford in Kent following many predecessors going back to C11<sup>th</sup>. So far I’ve not yet been replaced as we set up a Team that is covering a large area. Yes like Harvest, life can be circular where things come round and round. But life is linear where God leads us ever forward to all He has before us.

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