

From the Registers

Funerals:

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of **Eileen Meeks** took place on **16th October** at Wilden Church. Our prayers are with her family and friends at this time. Eileen was a dedicated member of the Church and will be greatly missed by the Church family.

Flowers and Brasses

Colmworth	Nov. 3 rd /10 th	Angela Huddart
Ravensden	Nov. 10 th /17 th /24 th	Annie Griffin
Wilden	Nov. 3 rd /10 th	Elizabeth Wootton
	Nov. 17 th /24 th	Jane Snaith

NOTICES

Colmworth & Neighbours History Society meet on **November 15th** at Colmworth Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. when Clare Mulley will tell us about 'The Woman Who Saved the Children'. All welcome.

Colmworth Community Lunch takes place in Church on **Wednesday 27th November at 12 noon**. Contact Heather Smith (01234 376513) for booking. All welcome.

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

Scrabble Evening on Friday November 8th. Do come and join us at Autumn Leaves, Little Staughton Road for a fun evening of Scrabble and a hot supper. We shall start play at 7.30p.m. The cost is £10 and for tickets please contact Heather tel: 376513 or Wendy tel: 376277.

The Friends of St Denys' Church Colmworth are once again holding their popular **BARN DANCE** on **SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER** in Colmworth Village Hall. Doors open at 19:00. Dancing starts at 19:30. Music provided by 'Parson's Nose' with Caller Patti Pitt. Licensed Bar. Auction of Promises in the Interval. Tickets £12.50 including Ploughman's Supper. Please ring Felicity and Steve on 01234 376887, Angela and Rob on 01234 376835 or Paul and Sharon on 01234 376119. All proceeds will go to St Denys' Church Restoration Fund.

Quiz Night 7th December 7.30 p.m. at Ravensden Village Hall. Tickets £10.each to include Fish/Chicken and Chip supper. Licensed Bar and Raffle. Pre booking only on 07999870876.

Choir Concerts:

Cantamus Chamber Choir Concert at St. Peters Bedford **Sunday 3rd November 3pm**. Tickets £8. at door. All welcome.

Carols by Candlelight at Bedford School Chapel with Bedford's Professional Chamber Choir. **Wednesday 18th December 7.30 pm**. Tickets £15. Visit Gaude.org.uk

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NEWSLETTER

November 2019

The other day I came across a box of old family photographs. As I blew off the dust and removed the lid and peered inside I was immediately transported back in my mind to the time, the people and the occasions in my life that have influenced and shaped me. Memories are so important as they are part of our DNA.

November for the Christian church is a season of remembrance too. It begins on November 1st when we give thanks for all those Christians, people of faith, who have died and are now with Christ in heaven. It is a time to recall their faithfulness and to be reminded that we are called to follow their example by being a people of faith.

November is also a time of remembrance when on Sunday November 10th we as a nation and commonwealth give thanks for all those who in past and present conflicts have laid down their lives to secure the freedoms that we enjoy today.

November comes to a close with the festival of Christ the King, a time when the church remembers that Jesus Christ is coming back one day as the triumphant King to inaugurate a new heaven and a new earth.

It is no accident that the central act of worship within the Christian Church, (Holy Communion or Eucharist), is also an act of remembrance when we are reminded that Jesus Christ died on a cross to save us from our sins. The Gospel writer Luke records "*Jesus took bread (and wine), gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body (and my blood) given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'*" As we drink the wine and eat the bread it speaks powerfully to us that we are called to feed on Christ in our hearts, by constantly remembering all that he has done for us and is doing for us.

Just as memories are part of our DNA that make up who we are, so too the cross of Jesus Christ is part of our DNA as Christians and it defines the people that we are called to be.

Wishing you God's blessing,

Rev'd David Miller

SERVICES November 2019

Friday 1st November

All Saints Day

Ravensden 7:00 p.m. 'In Loving Memory' service remembering loved ones especially those who've died in the last year or so – all welcome.

Sunday 3rd November

Fourth before Advent & All Saints

Colmworth 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Bolnhurst 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Keysoe 10:15 a.m. Communion for All Saints-tide
Wilden 10:30 a.m. All Age Service

Readings: Daniel 7: 1-3 & 15-18; Ephesians 1: 11-23; Luke 6: 20-31

Wednesday 6th November

Keysoe 10:00 a.m. Communion
Ravensden 11:00 a.m. Communion

Sunday 10th November

Remembrance Sunday

Colmworth 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer followed by Act of Remembrance in the Churchyard
Keysoe 10:15 a.m. All Age Service followed by Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
Ravensden 10:50 a.m. Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial and service in Church
Wilden 6:00 p.m. Evensong with Act of Remembrance

Readings: Job 19: 23-27a; 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5 & 13-17; Luke 20: 27-38

Sunday 17th November

Second before Advent

Ravensden 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Bolnhurst 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Keysoe 10.15 a.m. All Age Service
Wilden 10.30 a.m. All Age Communion

Readings: Malachi 4: 1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13; Luke 21: 5-19

Wednesday 20th November

Colmworth 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 24th November

Christ the King

Ravensden 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Keysoe 10:15 a.m. Holy Communion
Colmworth 10:30 a.m. All Age Service
Wilden 6:00 p.m. Evensong

Readings: Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Colossians 1: 11-20; Luke 23: 33-43

Christmas in December at our five Churches

Sunday 1st Advent Sunday

Keysoe 10:15am Advent Sunday Communion Service

Wilden 10:30am Christmas Tree dressing Service

join us as we set up and begin to decorate our Tree for Christmas

Monday 2nd

Ravensden 4:00pm 'Cross Lighting Service' in church
with refreshments from 3:30pm

Tuesday 3rd

from 5:00pm Outside Tree Decorating on the Village Green *with Carols by Salvation Army Junior Band. Make a Christmas Decoration and enjoy some seasonal food & drink in The Victoria.*

Sunday 8th

Wilden 6:00pm Advent Carol Service

Ravensden 7:00pm Kimbolton School Christmas Concert

Thursday 12th

Colmworth 6-7pm 'Come & sing your favourite Carols' *with mulled apple juice & mince pies & judging best Christmas jumper!*

Sunday 15th

Ravensden 6:00pm Candlelit Carol Service

Followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Tuesday 17th

Wilden 7:30pm 'Cantamus' Chamber Choir Christmas Concert

Sunday 22nd

Keysoe 3:00pm Candlelit Carol Service

Wilden 6:00pm Candlelit Carol Service

Both Services followed by mulled wine/apple juice & mince pies

Tuesday 24th Christmas Eve

Bolnhurst 3:00pm Crib Service

Wilden 3:00pm Christingle Service

Colmworth 6:00pm Nativity Service

Keysoe 11:15pm Midnight Communion Service

Ravensden 11:30pm Midnight Communion Service

Wilden 11:30pm Midnight Communion Service

Wednesday 25th Christmas Day

Colmworth 10:00am All Age Communion Service

Sunday 29th

Wilden 10:30am short joint benefices service of Carols & Readings.