

Flowers and Brasses		
Colmworth	January 5 th /12 th	Kate Abrahams
	January 19 th /26 th	Felicity Evans
Ravensden	Dec. 8 th , 15 th & 22 nd	Sue Steed (Greenery only)
	January 5 th , 12 th & 19 th	Sue Stewart
Wilden	Dec. 1 st /8 th	Judy Love
	Dec. 15 th /22 nd	Hilary Fisher & Team
	Dec. 29 th January 5 th	Di Parkin
	January 12 th /19 th	Elizabeth Wootton
	January 26 th	Jane Snaith

NOTICES

Colmworth Coffee Stop December 11th and January 8th 10.30 – 12 noon.
Colmworth Community Lunch takes place in Church on **Wednesday January 22nd at 12 noon.** Contact Heather Smith (01234 376513) for booking. All welcome.

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.

Thank You to those who rode and contributed to the grand total of £448.06 raised for the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Bike & Hike day. Wilden will get half of this back to help maintain the Church building.

The **Bishop's Tear Fund** "Light up Tanzania" Harvest Appeal raised £461.53 across the five churches. Thank You.

Ravensden Community Cuppa are meeting at 12.30pm on **3rd December** for a shared lunch at Ravensden Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, just bring a small plate of food to share. £2 entry. No meeting in January.

Wilden School are looking for new governors with a range of skills. If you are interested please contact the Chair of Governors, Andy Parkin on 01234 772170 for more details.

Choir Concerts and Parties in December:

Tuesday 7th at 7.30pm Cantamus Choir Christmas Concert at Wilden Church – tickets at the door.

Sunday **8th** at 7.30pm Kimbolton School Christmas Concert at Ravensden Church.

Thursday **12th at 6 pm** Favourite Carols & Mince Pies at Colmworth Church

Saturday **14th** 5-6.30 pm "Listening to Young People" Deanery Christmas Party and celebration at Colmworth Church

Wednesday **18th** 7.30pm Carols by Candlelight with Gaude (Bedford's Professional Chamber Choir) at Bedford School Chapel. Visit gaude.org.uk

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NEWSLETTER

Christmas 2019 and New Year 2020

I'm writing in November looking ahead to both the end of this year and the beginning of a New Year as this Newsletter covers both December and January. November marks the end of the Church's year which always starts on Advent Sunday – 4 Sundays before Christmas – which this year falls on Sunday 1st December. And whilst there are 12 Days of Christmas, the 'Christmas Season' lasts 40 days until Candlemas, 2nd February. So as one year ends another one begins.

But one thing we pray for one another at both Christmas and New Year is Peace. The Peace of the Christ child, the Prince of Peace, and for a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Peace is something we all long for. In our world, in our own lives, and in the lives of those around us. Peace isn't just quiet - the absence of noise. Or just stillness. But it is something we long for within us, and within others, that will flow out across the world. As the Bible puts it which we use in the Blessing after Communion Services 'the peace of God which passes all understanding'. A confident hope that despite what is going on around us and within us and in this troubled world, because God has sent His son Jesus into the world, born as a tiny baby, we can know that peace by trust and faith in Him.

Our Christmases and especially the run up and preparation can seem anything but peaceful. But if we don't focus on the peace that the Prince of Peace brings, we miss out on what Christmas is all about. I greatly enjoy all the busyness and excitement in the build up to Christmas but I also look forward to time off afterwards to relax and enjoy that Peace that I know by faith in Jesus the Prince of Peace.

Once again, the Church of England centrally has produced resources to help us focus aright at this very special time. There will be some 'Follow the Star' little gold booklets at the back of each of our 5 churches during December to take us from Christmas into New Year with help to know God's peace as we read, think and pray. They are just £1.25 each. Do take one and use it. We can easily get more if they run out.

Wishing you a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year

Timothy Wilson

SERVICES for DECEMBER 2019

Sunday 1st December

Advent Sunday

Colmworth 9:00am Holy Communion
Bolnhurst 10:00am Holy Communion
Keysoe 10:15am Holy Communion
Wilden 10:30am All Age Service – *beginning to dress the Christmas Tree*

Readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24: 36-44

Monday 2nd December

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

Wednesday 4th December

Ravensden 11:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th December

Advent 2

Colmworth 9:00am Morning Prayer
Keysoe 10:15am Holy Communion
Ravensden 10:30am All Age Service
Wilden 6:00pm Advent Carol Service

Readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10; Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12.

Sunday 15th December

Advent 3

Ravensden 9:00am Morning Prayer
Bolnhurst 10:00am Holy Communion
Keysoe 10:15am Christingle Service
Wilden 10:30am All Age Communion
Ravensden 6:00pm Candlelit Carol Service

Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11.

Tuesday 17th December

Keysoe 2:00pm Kymbrook School Carol Service in Church

Wednesday 18th December

Colmworth 11:00am Holy Communion

Friday 20th December

Wilden 9:30am School Carol Service in Church
Ravensden 1:30pm School Carol Service in Church

Sunday 22nd December

Advent 4

Ravensden 9:00am Holy Communion
Keysoe 10:15am Holy Communion
Colmworth 10:30am All Age Service
Keysoe 3:00pm Candlelit Carol Service
Wilden 6:00pm Candlelit Carol Service

Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-16; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1: 18-25

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

Bolnhurst 3:00pm Crib Service followed by Short Communion
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

Readings: Isaiah 52: 7-10; Hebrews 1: 1-12; John 1: 1-14.

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day

Colmworth 10:00am Joint All Age Communion Service

Readings: Isaiah 9: 2-7; Luke 2: 1-7.

Sunday 29th December

Christmas 1

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

New Service Pattern begins

Wednesday 1st January 2020

No Midweek Communion at Ravensden to-day

Sunday 5th January

Epiphany

Colmworth 9:00am Holy Communion
Keysoe **10:30am** Holy Communion
Ravensden 10:30am Morning Prayer
Wilden **6:00pm Evensong**

Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12

Sunday 12th January

Baptism of Christ

Bolnhurst **9:30am** Holy Communion
Keysoe **10:30am All Age Service**
Ravensden **10:30 am Holy Communion**
Wilden 3:00pm **Praise Party for children and their families**

Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-9; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 13-17

Wednesday 15th January

Colmworth 11:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th January

Epiphany 2

Ravensden 9:00am Holy Communion
Keysoe **10:30am Holy Communion**
Colmworth 10:30am All Age Service
Wilden **6:00pm Evensong**

Readings: Isaiah 49: 1-7; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42

Sunday 26th January

Epiphany 3

Colmworth 9:00am Morning Prayer
Bolnhurst **9:30am Holy Communion**
Keysoe **10:30am Morning Prayer**
Wilden 10:30am Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 9: 1-4; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 4: 12-23.