

NOTICES

Colmworth Coffee Stop February 12th 10.30 – 12 noon. **Colmworth Community Lunch** takes place in Church on **Wednesday 26th February at 12 noon.** Contact Heather Smith (01234 376513) for booking. All welcome.

St Denys Church Colmworth – For about a year now we have been opening St Denys every day from 10am to 4pm. The Church has received many local visitors and some from as far away as New Zealand and America. If you haven't realised that the church is open, do feel welcome to visit and to bring visitors to see the wonderfully restored window and the famous Dyer monument. Or use it to step away from the rush of day to day activities and spend some quiet time in reflection or prayer.

Ravensden Community Cuppa at Ravensden Village Hall on Tuesday 4th February 2-4pm. Entry £2 for tea and cakes. Monthly book swap and raffle. Everyone welcome,

Wilden School are looking for a new governor to fill a Parochial Church Council vacancy. If you are interested please contact the Chair of Governors, Andy Parkin on 01234 772170 for more details.

£100. was sent to the C.R.I.B. appeal for Prebend Street following donations at St Denys Church Colmworth during Advent. The PCC would like to thank everyone for their generosity. St Mary's Keysoe also sent £242.85 to SMART Prebend Centre from the collection taken at the Carol Service on 22nd December.

Christingle collections from Wilden, Keysoe and Kymbrook School (including the Children's Society boxes) amounted to £533.18. Many thanks to all who contributed.

In Bolnhurst, St Dunstan's started Free Coffee Morning with the added benefit of a 'Book Browse' a couple of years ago. Essentially this means we have a lot of second-hand books. Everyone is very welcome to borrow or take the books home to keep but the idea is to provide a relaxed and sociable meeting point for people to meet friends, old and new. The next **Coffee Mornings take place on Saturday February 8th and 7th March at Bolnhurst Old School, School Lane, MK44 2EN both from 10.30am onwards. We would love to see you.**

Blunham's Big Book sale – Saturday 22nd February 10.00am to 3.00pm. Come and browse and buy at our Big Book Sale in Blunham Parish Church (St Edmunds or St James, Park Lane, Beds. MK44 3NQ) Huge selection of nearly new books, homemade cakes, teas and coffees, homemade soup and a raffle. All proceeds to Blunham Church Fabric Fund. For more details ring Sue and Peter on 01767 640572.

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NEWSLETTER

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And so the focus changes...

February this year we end the 'Christmas Season' and turn our focus to Lent as we change from celebrating Jesus' birth to remembering His death and preparing to celebrate His glorious resurrection at Easter.

Whilst Christmas is 12 days, although many do not keep the decorations and tree up now even to 12th night, the Christmas Season lasts 40 days from 25th December to 2nd February – often called 'Candlemas' or 'The Presentation of Christ in the Temple' when Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the Temple and the aged Simeon recognises Him as the Light to reveal God's glory to all nations. So if you're reading this before the 2nd February – Happy Christmas - just! But also happy new year as this is our first publication for 2020.

February ends with Ash Wednesday on 26th February. A day that marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent running up to Easter. A time to reflect on Jesus' great love for us in giving Himself to this world. His suffering and death but looking forward to celebrating His resurrection.

There will be various services across our 5 Parishes on Ash Wednesday (see the calendar overleaf) but we will also have 5 Lent Groups on the Thursdays of Lent 7:15-9pm in Ravensden Church Room. We will be considering different aspects of our Christian life and discipleship – but more details in the March newsletter.

Our new monthly service pattern across our 5 Parishes has begun and its good to see folk willing to attend our many regular services in different places and move around. These were well publicised on our Christmas greeting cards we gave out at all our Christmas services. Do please keep a look at our website as all services and other events are publicised there.

I have also now been in post for a year - half-way through my 2 year post. We are encouraged by the growth, vibrancy and energy that is increasing around us. We are thankful to God for this and look constantly to Him to guide, equip, strengthen and provide for us as we seek to follow Him through Jesus Christ by the power of His Holy Spirit.

Timothy Wilson