

NOTICES

Colmworth Coffee Stop will be held as usual on the 2nd Wednesday of the month which is **March 11th from 10.30 to 12 noon in Colmworth church.** All are welcome, if you are home alone why not join us for a coffee and chat.

Ravensden Community Cuppa at Ravensden Village Hall on Tuesday March 3rd 2-4pm. Entry £2 for tea and cakes. Monthly book swap and raffle. Everyone welcome.

Ravensden W.I. - Police Commissioner Kathryn Holloway will be the guest speaker at our meeting on **Tuesday March 17th** at 7.30pm at Ravensden Village Hall. This is an Open Meeting so everyone is welcome. £5 entry to non members. There will be a licensed bar.

In Bolnhurst, St Dunstan's Church started **Free Coffee Mornings** and 'Book Browse'. 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 Morning takes place on Saturday 7th March at Bolnhurst Old School, School Lane, MK44 2EN from 10.30am onwards. We would love to see you.**

On Saturday 7th March the Cantamus Chamber Choir are giving a concert at the Bunyan Meeting Bedford at 7.30 pm. See posters for details.

Scrabble Evening. By popular demand this is to be held again on March 7th. This time at Wendy Jephcote's house, Autumn Leaves, Little Staughton Rd, Colmworth at 7pm. We shall start with food, followed by games with a pause in the middle for dessert. Cost £10 to include food. Feel free to bring your own drinks. Ring Heather on 376513 for further information or to book a place.

Colmworth Community Lunch this month is on March 25th at the usual time of 12noon. If you would like a cooked 2 course Lunch followed by coffee or tea all for £5 let me know and I will book you a place. Heather tel: 376513

Easter Egg Hunt and Activities. April 4th from 2-4pm cost per child £4 Adults free. This includes the Easter trail round the park to win an egg, the Egg Hunt in the church and a puppet show at 3.30pm. There will also be tea and cake for sale and extra children's activities for 50p each.

Colmworth & Neighbours History Society meet on **March 20th** at 7.30 at Colmworth Village Hall when Roy Smart will talk about Wallis Simpson and the Abdication crisis of 1936: The Year of Three Kings!

BIG BREAKFAST in aid of St Denys Church and Breast Cancer. **Now** - on Saturday **March 28th** 9-11.00am at Colmworth Village Hall. Booking essential. Please contact Kate (378132) or Kathy (376780) for more details.

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NEWSLETTER

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Lent

Lent is almost entirely in March this year. Lent is an old word meaning 'spring' from the word 'lengthen' as the days wonderfully grow longer. It is also a time for Christians to consider their lives as disciples of Jesus Christ, following and trusting in Him.

In our local churches once again we are having 'Lent Groups' on Thursday evenings to consider how we can grow in our faith and trust in Jesus and be more like Him and be an even greater blessing to others.

Lent lasts 40 days as Jesus was in the Desert 40 days preparing for his earthly ministry. After Ash Wednesday we shall have 5 Lent Groups – one each week before the last week of Lent. This takes us to Holy Week and prepares us especially for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

So this year we shall be meeting on Thursday evenings starting at 7:15pm with coffee and ending at 9pm in Ravensden Church Room (except 26th March 7pm at Wilden Church). The dates and details are:-

Thursday 5th March 7:15 Ravensden. The Bible. Reading, listening to, studying and meditating on the scriptures is vital to our Christian Faith.

Thursday 12th March 7:15 Ravensden. Worship. Addressing God in prayer and praise in words, songs, silence and other ways either alone or with others encourages us and one another in our Faith.

Thursday 19th March 7:15 Ravensden. Fellowship. Meeting with other Christians brings mutual support, encouragement and challenge and others notice this.

Thursday 26th March NOTE 7pm WILDEN. Prayer. What a privilege that we can commune with God alone and with others. This will be a practical session led by the Rev Christine Clark Assistant Rural Dean of Sharnbrook in how we can lead others in corporate prayer especially in our church services.

Thursday 2nd April 7:15 Ravensden. Witness. We have experienced God's presence and His call on our lives. We need to live this out so others are drawn to Jesus and learn more of what it is to be a Christian.

I do hope many of you will want to join us on these Thursday evenings in Lent. Even if you cannot make every week please come along to as many as you can. Many give things up for Lent. Is this something positive you could take up?

Timothy Wilson