

Collect

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Friday 25th December – Christmas Day

10am Holy Communion for all the family at St Denys Colmworth

Collect

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 27th December – Christmas 1

10am Morning Prayer at St Dunstons Bolnhurst

Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.15-21

Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Community Help Initiative:

If you need help during this difficult time contact:

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| for Wilden | Martin & Susie Cooper wildennews@hotmail.com |
| for Colmworth | Jeremy & Gillian Freedman j.freedman@sky.com |
| for Ravensden | < ravensdenhelpline@gmail.com > or phone 772230 |
| for Keysoe | Laura Barry PcllrLaura@outlook.com |
| for Bolnhurst | Jane Browning janebrowning50@gmail.com |

[Erinna Pilbeam](#) is collecting used stamps to send to EDS UK as part of their fund raising venture. She would be delighted to send to them any stamps you may wish to forward to her. Just cut them off the envelope leaving a small border around the edge, put them in an envelope and pop them in the letter box at 22 High Street, Wilden MK44 2PB. Ehlers Danlos Syndrome is a connective tissue disorder and you can find out more at <https://www.ehlers-danlos.org/about-us/> A Big Thank You from Erinna.

Wilden with Colmworth & Ravensden St Mary Keysoe with St Dunstan Bolnhurst

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NEWSLETTER

December 2020

Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Hope.

‘What can we do?’ I keep asking myself and challenging others. Not in a desperate way, but as a positive and creative focus when all around us restrictions tell us what we can’t do! As I write we’re hearing news of slight relaxation not because the virus has gone away, but because we have to find ways of continuing to live, thrive and encourage one another. We undertake Risk Assessments, not because we don’t want to take any risks but because life is about taking risks! Some say ‘faith’ is spelt ‘R-I-S-K’ and what a risk God took when He sent his Son Jesus Christ to be born as a helpless baby into our fallen dark and dangerous world. And being God He knew how we would treat His only Son. And being God He knows all will be well because He is God. And what a sure hope that gives us.

I love Advent. Not just because it’s about getting ready for Christmas – that can weigh us down especially this year with all the restrictions! But because it is a season of Hope looking not just back to when God first sent Jesus into the world, but because we look ahead when God will as He promised send Jesus back in power and great glory as King of kings to bring all things together at His feet. Christmas is a great celebration because that hope began with the tiny baby, and Epiphany marking magi from distant lands visiting the infant Jesus tells us this hope is good news for everyone in the whole world. So in these uncertain times we have a sure hope as we approach Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

In this newsletter, as ever, we advertise the services and events we are planning especially Celebrating Christmas. But these might change so do keep an eye on our website and emails and local village social media sites.

With my love for a very happy, peaceful and hope filled Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and New Year.

Timothy Wilson

**During this time of the Coronavirus Pandemic,
please look at our website: www.wcrchurches.org
which will give you the days and times our churches are open.
There will be a special Christmas Words of Hope available from 3pm on
Christmas Eve.
There will be no specific Words of Hope on Sunday 27th December, but will
resume from Sunday 3rd January 2021.**

**St. Nicholas Church Wilden is open for Private Prayer on Sundays (if no
service) 10.30 - 11.30 am. and Wednesdays 2 – 3 pm.**

To join our **ZOOM** Wednesday 7:30pm Gatherings e mail via the
Website for the ZOOM link

Likewise for the **ZOOM Nativity** on Christmas Eve at 6pm e mail the
website for the ZOOM link

If you are planning to come to any of our 'live' services please advise us
via the website

Or for each local church contact e mail:

Wilden – Dionne Collins - cwdcwilden@wcrchurches.org

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Bolnhurst - Judith Norfolk judithanorfolk@gmail.com

During these restricted times please keep an eye on our Website for any
changes and announcements, as well as on our email network or on our Village
E Mails, Facebook & Social Media sites.

Services, Readings & Collects for December

Sunday 6th December – Advent 2 & St Nicholas Day

10am Holy Communion at All Saints Ravensden

6pm Evensong at St Nicholas Wilden

Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.1-2,8-13; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great
might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are
grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful
grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your
Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now
and for ever.

Wednesday 9th December

7:30pm ZOOM gathering 'What is special for Christmas for you' Part 1

(e mail via the Website for ZOOM link)

Sunday 13th December – Advent 3

10am Holy Communion at St Marys Keysoe

Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8,19-28

6pm Candlelit Carol Service at St Nicholas Wilden

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare
your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable
people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Wednesday 16th December

11am Holy Communion at All Saints Ravensden

7:30pm ZOOM gathering 'What is special for Christmas for you' Part 2

Sunday 20th December – Advent 4

10am Holy Communion at St Denys Colmworth

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16; Psalm 89.1-4,19-26; Romans 16.25-27; Luke
1.26-38

3pm Crib Service at St Dunstons Bolnhurst

3pm Candlelit Carols at St Marys Keysoe

6pm Candlelit Carols at All Saints Ravensden

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of
your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be
ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Wednesday 23rd December

1pm Nativity Trail in Colmworth Country Park – depending on current
restrictions

Thursday 24th December – Christmas Eve

3pm Christingle Service at St Nicholas Wilden

6pm ZOOM Nativity Service – e mail via the Website for the Zoom link

11:15pm Holy Communion at St Marys Keysoe (by extension)

11:30pm Holy Communion at All Saints Ravensden