

Community Help Initiative:

If you need help during this difficult time contact:

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From the Registers

Burial: The funeral of Dr. Richard King was held at St Mary's Church, Keysoe on 7th January 2021. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and all who knew Dr. King.

Notices

Peat's Educational Foundation – Peats awards grants for educational purposes to applicants under 25 years, living in Wilden parish, and in need of financial assistance.

Wilden Poor Estate – funds for this charity are very small, applicants must live in Wilden Parish and be in receipt of state benefits other than State Pension.

Applications for both charities are invited for 2021. Please email annemarkham@hotmail.com for further details. Applications to be received no later than Wednesday 31st March 2021.

Junior Choir on Zoom Wednesdays 5:45-6:15 For Zoom links contact us via the Website www.wcrchurches.org

Don't forget to go on line and participate in our "Words of Hope" service each Sunday. www.wcrchurches.org

During this six week period of **Lent** we have a 'Zoom gathering' every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Leave a message on the website or email Tim for the Zoom link or join by phone. All welcome to join us.

Circumstances change very quickly during this trying time so do check on the website which is kept up-to-date.

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

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NEWSLETTER

March 2021

We are now in Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter. Traditionally this season has been viewed as a rather sombre time, a time of fasting and penance, when we are encouraged to overcome our own desires for food or drink by "giving up something", wine or chocolate being popular examples. However, just as Christmas is not primarily about giving presents but about God coming amongst us through the birth of Jesus Christ, Lent is not primarily about self control or self improvement but about nurturing our relationship with Jesus Christ. During the past year many of us have been forced to give up so many things that we enjoy, like eating out, going shopping or travelling to distant places. This has not been by choice but by necessity due to the pandemic. We have been through a time of enforced fasting from those things that we enjoy. However, many of us have realised that all these things are of little consequence compared to the most precious thing that we have had to give up - the company of those we love, being in their presence and listening to their voice. We have been through a steep learning curve as we have "taken up" new skills, adapting to innovative ways of communicating with our families, friends and colleagues by Zoom, Facetime and WhatsApp. These means of communication have been invaluable at this time, although sometimes a little frustrating!

If the pandemic has forced us to review and renew the way in which we nurture our relationships with our family and friends, Lent is an opportunity for us to review and renew the way we nurture the most important relationship that we have, namely with Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Might I suggest several ways in which we can do that? Why not revisit a book that you have read that has helped you in your Christian life. Maybe set aside a time of day to sit quietly and listen to some music that has helped you focus in on God. For some the uplifting music of Handel's Messiah does just that, for others it might be contemporary worship songs, music has incredible power to help us focus on God. Perhaps you might consider joining us for our Lenten Wednesday evening meetings via Zoom. My prayer is that this Lenten period might be for us all a time not just to "give up something" but rather to "take up something", starting a new habit or routine that will help us to nurture our relationship with Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and to grow in our faith. with love, David

Rev David Miller

**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.
Each Sunday there will be a short 'Message of Hope' on the
website led by Tim, Geraldine & David**

Currently most of our churches are closed for Public Worship and Private Prayer due to the severity of the Pandemic
St Denys Colmworth is holding Morning Services (not Communion) on **2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10am** all are welcome to join us but please contact us via the website or Kate Abrahams kateabrahams1@yahoo.com if you plan to join us so we can plan for numbers and social distancing. As in all indoor space facemasks must be worn.

Services and Readings for March

Sunday 7th March 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20.1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 John 2.13-22

Collect:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 14th March Mothering Sunday

10am Live Service at St Denys Colmworth

Exodus 2.1-10 Psalm 34.11-20 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 Luke 2.33-35

Collect:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your

presence to bind together and to heal; 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 21st March Passion Sunday

Jeremiah 31.31-34 Psalm 119.9-16 Hebrews 5.5-10 John 12.20-33

Collect:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 28th March Palm Sunday

10am Live Service at St Denys Colmworth

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 118:1-2 & 19-24 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 11:1-11

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

Depending on future national announcements, we are hoping to hold some live services and events at different churches both inside and outside during Holy Week and at Easter

Please see our website for updates.