

WCRKB Easter & April on-line & 'live' Services 2021

Maundy Thursday **April 1st** Colmworth 7pm Informal Communion
bring your own bread/cracker & wine/juice

Good Friday **April 2nd** 'Words of Hope' *specifically including & aimed at children & their families*
Ravensden 2pm Hour at the Cross

Holy Saturday **April 3rd** Wilden 6pm Easter Eve short informal service
'Lighting the Easter Fire' (outside) – *aimed at families and all ages!*

Easter Sunday **April 4th** 'Words of Hope' as usual
Colmworth 9am Holy Communion Bolnhurst 10am Morning Prayer
Keysoe 10:30am Holy Communion Wilden 6pm Evensong

Wednesday **April 7th** Keysoe 10am Holy Communion

Low Sunday **April 11th** 'Words of Hope' as usual
Colmworth 10am Holy Communion

Sunday **April 18th** – 'Words of Hope' as usual
Ravensden 10am Holy Communion Wilden 6pm Evensong

Wednesday **April 21st** Ravensden 11am Holy Communion

Sunday **April 25th** – 'Words of Hope' as usual
Bolnhurst 10am Morning Prayer or Holy Communion TBA

Wednesday **April 28th** Colmworth 11am Holy Communion

All subject to review as lockdown restrictions are gradually eased

Our Wednesday Night **ZOOM** Gatherings 7:30-8:30pm has a break in Easter week but re-starts on Wednesday 14th April – Message us via the website for the ZOOM link www.wcrchurches.org

And also for details of all our services and events both live and online.

Colmworth G is a hardship fund which has been set up to provide financial help with everyday items for people living in Wyboston Ward villages (Colmworth, Little Staughton, Keysoe, Staploe and Duloe, Begwary, Wyboston, Wilden, Chawston, Roxton and Little Barford) who are struggling as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. Please apply using the form on the website: www.colmworth.org

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

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NEWSLETTER

April 2021

The end is in sight?!...

I've always been intrigued by the 'gloria' we sing and say so much in our services which has the line 'world without end'. Jesus tells us that 'heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away'. And in the last book of the Bible - Revelation - we have a vision of a new heaven and earth. After more than a year since the first Lockdown began, we long for an end.

Easter is a sign of a new beginning! New life, new hope, peace for ever, eternal life is ours by faith in Jesus Christ.

On the cross on Good Friday as Jesus died, He proclaimed 'it is finished'! Not that it was over because He was dead, but that the old order of suffering and death of this life was over. In His death Jesus had destroyed the old enemy of death, as He was to be raised again by God on that first Easter Day.

We long for an end to the pandemic, its restrictions, the suffering, misery, sadness and death it has brought to so many. We long to move forward to something new.

The new heavens and new earth foretold in Revelation are a sign of God's Kingdom, that by faith and trust in Jesus we can experience God's Kingdom as it breaks through into this present life. As Jesus taught us to pray 'Your Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven!'

But this world that God created is still His world. He's not done with it. The words in Revelation could be translated 'I saw a RENEWED Heaven and earth'.

World without end? This old fallen world with all its sin, suffering and injustice is not the last word. Yes, God made the world and it is His, so He alone can renew it. God has done this by sending His Son Jesus into the world to die for us, to take all our sins and failings on Himself as He died in the cross and finished that work. And God raised Jesus to show that death has no power over the Son of the God who made the world. And by faith in Jesus, the old order of sin and death need have no power over us either.

We can know the gift of new renewed eternal life. World without end. But not this tired sad old world in this form. The new renewed world that we can know because of Easter.

No wonder we say so often over Easter time 'Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!!'

Timothy Wilson

Readings & Prayers for April:

Maundy Thursday 1st April

7pm Colmworth Informal Communion with 'bring your own' bread & wine

Readings Exodus 12.1-14 Psalm 116.1,10-17 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 John 13.1-17,31b-35

Collect

God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Good Friday 2nd April

special extra 'Words of Hope' online from first thing in the morning
2pm Ravensden 'Hour at the Cross' Meditation with Readings & Music

Easter Eve 3rd April

6pm outside Wilden Informal Service including lighting the Easter Fire – all welcome

Easter Sunday 4th April

'Words of Hope' online from first thing in the morning

9am Colmworth Holy Communion

10am Bolnhurst Morning Prayer

10:30am Keysoe Holy Communion

6pm Wilden Evensong

Readings Acts 10.34-43 or Isaiah 25.6-9 Psalm 118.1-2,14-24* 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 or Acts 10.34-43 John 20.1-18 or Mark 16.1-8

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Wednesday 7th April

10am Keysoe Holy Communion

Low Sunday 11th April 2nd of Easter

'Words of Hope' online from first thing in the morning

10am Colmworth Holy Communion

Readings Acts 4.32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1.1 - 2.2 John 20.19-31

Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ

our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 18th April 3rd of Easter

'Words of Hope' online from first thing in the morning

10am Ravensden Holy Communion

6pm Wilden Evensong

Readings Acts 3.12-19 Psalm 4; 1 John 3.1-7 Luke 24.36b-48

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

Wednesday 21st April

11am Ravensden Holy Communion

Sunday 25th April 4th of Easter

'Words of Hope' online from first thing in the morning

10am Bolnhurst Morning Prayer or Holy Communion TBA

Readings Acts 4.5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3.16-24 John 10.11-18

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Wednesday 28th April

11am Colmworth Holy Communion

In memoriam

We have had a number of people died in our Parishes recently -

Gordon Charles James, late of Elm & Ashtree Farms Keysoe died 29th December and his funeral service was held at St Marys Keysoe 1st February, aged 79

Mary Catherine Cox late of Keysoe died 24th January in Norwich and was buried at St Marys Keysoe following a funeral at St Joseph's RC Church Bedford 19th February, aged 94

Harold Walter Ball, late of Little Staughton Road Colmworth died 4th February and was buried at St Denys Colmworth 1st March, aged 84

Delia Coles, late of Top Farm Wilden died 2nd March and will be buried at St Nicholas Wilden 29th March, aged 91

We send our love and prayers to the families of all these loved ones.