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Apologies from the Editorial Staff – the wrong email address was advertised in the April Newsletter for the above item. It should read www.colmworthg.org

Annual meetings are all this month (in The Parish Churches unless otherwise stated):

Ravensden Sunday 9th May 11:15am after the morning service

Keysoe Sunday 16th May 11:15am after the morning service

Colmworth Monday 24th May 7:30pm

Bolnhurst Tuesday 25th May 7pm at The Old School

Wilden Thursday 27th May 7:30pm

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NEWSLETTER

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Digital Enablement?

Many new words and phrases have become part of our language during this Pandemic. ‘Social distancing’; ‘COVID Safe’; ‘new normal’. ‘Digital enablement’ we’ve got used to as we contact friends and family and our clubs, societies and groups by ZOOM, email, text, and even spend time together in ‘virtual’ parties and socials. Schools, Colleges and businesses have moved ‘on line’ as have churches. Some love this and others aren’t so sure, but wherever we are on this spectrum we have to accept that digital as well as in person contact is with us to stay.

Our churches have had many ZOOM meetings and services, but especially we have appreciated our pre-recorded ‘Words of Hope’ Acts of Worship. As a Deanery group of 30 churches across this part of North Bedfordshire, we are looking at how we can work better together in this as people are joining us from way beyond our local communities - from across the country and even abroad!

But as with everything we do as a voluntary body, we need others to be part of this growing project that is so popular. The Rev David Miller has put our ‘Words of Hope’ together every weekend for over a year now with over 60 you can view from uTube links on our website. But one person doing this alone is unsustainable going forward. Is this something you have some skills and interest in doing? Or someone in your family or friends? Not all those who are part of running events and other tasks are church members, and we are especially looking at building a group of people who can share this work. David is very happy to help and guide and share his expertise and now considerable experience in compiling these ‘Words of Hope’. If you or someone you know could respond to this please let David or me know.

On 13th May we celebrate ‘Ascension Day’ 40 days after Easter when the Risen Jesus ascended back to Heaven to reign as King, and then sent His Holy Spirit (whose coming we celebrate 10 days later at Pentecost) to be with us for ever. So God in His completeness expresses perfection in relationship at all levels. God is in Heaven and we can communicate by prayer. And God is with us by His Spirit to strengthen, guide, equip, gift, encourage and challenge us. At times we can experience something of His presence with us. Many have described this as did Jesus’ disciples on the road to Emmaus on that first Easter Sunday as ‘our hearts burned within us’; and the great C18th Preacher John Wesley spoke of his ‘heart being strangely warmed’. We don’t need digital enablement to communicate with God, even if we need it in order to communicate with one another. But God by His Holy Spirit is the great enabler who is with us for ever.

Timothy Wilson

Readings & Prayers for May:

‘Words of Hope’ continues online on our Website from early every Sunday morning

Sunday 2nd May Easter 5

10am Wilden Morning Prayer with small choir

Acts 8.26-40 Psalm 22.25-31 1 John 4.7-21 John 15.1-8

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Wednesday 5th May

10am Keysoe Holy Communion

Sunday 9th May Easter 6

10am Ravensden Holy Communion followed by APCM

6pm ZOOM Evensong – contact Website for ZOOM link

Acts 10.44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5.1-6 John 15.9-17

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 12th May

11am Colmworth Holy Communion

Thursday 13th May Ascension Day

7pm ZOOM service – contact website for ZOOM link

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 16th May Sunday after Ascension Day

10am Keysoe Holy Communion followed by APCM

6pm Wilden Evensong with small choir

Acts 1.15-17,21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5.9-13 John 17.6-19

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Wednesday 19th May

11am Ravensden Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd May Pentecost

10am Colmworth Holy Communion

6pm ZOOM Evensong – contact Website for ZOOM link

Acts 2.1-21 or Ezekiel 37.1-14 Psalm 104: 26-37 Romans 8.22-27 or John 15: 26-27, 16: 4-15.

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Wednesday 26th May

11am Wilden Holy Communion

Saturday 29th May

2pm Keysoe Parish Walk

Sunday 30th May - Trinity Sunday

10am Bolnhurst Holy Communion

Isaiah 6.1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8.12-17 John 3.1-17

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.