

Notices

Colmworth Church Coffee Stop 10:30am to 12noon on **1st and 3rd Wednesdays**. Come along and meet friends and neighbours. All welcome. The Church is open most days for private prayer.

Wednesday afternoons Keysoe open 2-4pm throughout the summer – cup of tea always available!

Wilden Church is open every Sunday morning 10.30 – 11.30 and Wednesday afternoons 2-3 p.m. for private prayer.

Jigsaw evening - It's on Saturday **October 2nd** at 6.30 in **St Denys church**. Teams of 4 or come along and make up a table. £10 with supper provided. Great fun and all welcome. Please contact Wendy on 01234 376277 or wendy.jephcote@gmail.com

The Friends of St. Denys' are a small group of local villagers & friends who organise events for the community to raise much needed funds to help with the upkeep of Colmworth Church. We are planning to hold Cars and Bikes again on the **first Sunday in September** from 9-12. at Colmworth Village Hall.

We now have an opening for two new members of the team, due to friends moving away. This is an opportunity to become involved with our local community, in a relaxed and rewarding way. Typically we each spend 1 to 2 hours per month planning & organising events, this can be adjusted to suit the right person. This opportunity would suit two individuals or a couple. No previous experience is required, just enthusiasm.... Please contact Paul Woolmer on 07787 413804 or sebring@btinternet.com to discuss, or for more information.

The **Bike and Hike** is taking place on **11th September** – don't forget to sponsor your riders. Contact **Eunice (771583)** for the names of Riders and how you can donate. This event is organised for the upkeep of our historic churches so all help is very much appreciated.

The **Teddy Bear Parachute afternoon** is taking place on **12th September** at Wilden Churchyard 2 – 4 pm. Bring Teddy along for the ride of his life either by parachute or zip wire. Refreshments available and the Salvation Army will provide the music.

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NEWSLETTER

September 2021

Well, what a summer of sport it has been. The highs and lows of watching England qualify for the Euro final, only to be knocked out on penalties in the final moments. The hope of a future Wimbledon Champion in Emma Raducanu, the disappointment of seeing Andy Murray leaving without a trophy once again. The successes of Team GB winning 65 medals at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo and the shock of seeing cyclist Laura Kenny finishing 6th after a crash in her final event. As I write we have yet to witness the courage and commitment of our Paralympians. Even the most un-sporty among us (myself included) have been enthused and inspired by the skill and dedication of our sports men and women.

The Olympic Games were founded in ancient Greece and held from 776 BC to 393 AD when they ceased, being reinstated in 1896 as the Olympics we know today. The ancient Olympic Games would have been very familiar to the writers of the books of the New Testament contained in our modern Bibles. Indeed the Bible uses many sporting metaphors; running, boxing, wrestling as well as the concept of winning the prize, crown or goal, to describe the Christian experience.

This may make the Christian life sound like hard work. As our athletes have shown us, it does take discipline and dedication to run with a purpose, to run to qualify and to run to win to the Olympic crown (or medal). Competitors spend long hours in training and make sacrifices for their sport because their eyes are fixed on winning the prize and their whole lives are geared towards that goal, because they believe the prize is worth it.

For the Christian the ultimate prize is not an event, a trophy or even Olympic gold, but a person, Jesus Christ himself, and all that His life, death and resurrection mean for us. The apostle Paul writes "this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God *in Christ Jesus*". (Philippians 3:13&14). Paul's ambition is to know Jesus Christ better.

Whether we've been running the Christian race for a long time and feel we're in the right lane or if we feel our faith has yet to get out of the starting blocks, taking a fresh look at the life, words and works of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Bible helps us focus on what really matters in life. Mark's Gospel is a good place to start.

We may discover that we need to leave behind some things that are hindering us in order to be able to run freely without baggage, there will certainly be challenges as we aim for the goal. Finally, at the end of the race, the ultimate prize awaits us, an eternal celebration with the one who really is worth it - the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sarah Miller

Services for September:

Wednesday 1st September

RAVENS DEN 11am Holy Communion

Friday 3rd September

KEYSOE 3pm Roman Catholic Mass

Sunday 5th September Trinity 14

KEYSOE 10am Holy Communion

RAVENS DEN 1:30pm Baptism

WILDEN 6pm Evensong

Readings: Isaiah 35.4-7; Psalm 146; James 2.1-17; Mark 7.24-37

Wednesday 8th September

WILDEN 11am Holy Communion

RAVENS DEN 7:30pm Bible Group

Sunday 12th September Trinity 15

COLMWORTH 10am Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9; Psalm 116.1-8; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-38

Wednesday 15th September

KEYSOE 10am Holy Communion

RAVENS DEN 7:30pm Bible Group

Saturday 18th September

RAVENS DEN 1:30pm Burial of Ashes

Sunday 19th September Trinity 16

RAVENS DEN 10am Holy Communion

WILDEN 6pm Evensong

Readings: Jeremiah 11.18-20; Psalm 54; James 3.13 - 4.3,7-8; Mark 9.30-37

Wednesday 22nd September

COLMWORTH 11am Holy Communion

RAVENS DEN 7:30pm Bible Group

Sunday 26th September

BOLNHURST 10am Harvest followed by Open Day

Readings: Genesis 2.18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16

Wednesday 29th September

KEYSOE 10am Holy Communion

RAVENS DEN 7:30pm Bible Group

Sunday 3rd October

KEYSOE 10am Harvest Festival and lunch

WILDEN 6pm Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival Services

Sunday 26th September Trinity 17

BOLNHURST 10am HARVEST FESTIVAL – Open Day

Friday 1st October

BOLNHURST Harvest Supper at Old School

Sunday 3rd October Trinity 18

KEYSOE 10am HARVEST FESTIVAL followed by lunch
in the Village Hall

WILDEN 6pm HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 10th October Trinity 19

COLMWORTH 11am HARVEST FESTIVAL & lunch

Sunday 17th October Trinity 20

RAVENS DEN 11.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL & lunch

Events in September

Saturday September 4th Keysoe Village Show

Saturday September 11th Sponsored Bike & Hike around our
churches

Sunday September 12th Teddy Bear Parachute Drop at Wilden

Sunday September 19th Cream Teas at Keysoe 3-5pm