

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.

Keysoe Church open every Wednesday afternoon 2-4pm

'Community Cuppa in Ravensden - 5th October 2021 2 pm in Ravensden Village Hall. Tea, cake and book swap. Entry £2. All welcome.

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.

Wilden 800 - In 2022 Wilden Church celebrates 800 years since the appointment of the first Rector. We are hoping to have a number of events to celebrate during the year from Spring – Christmas. If you'd like to hear more and be part of this, please join us for an open planning meeting **Thursday 14th October 7:30pm in St Nicholas Church Wilden.**

Bible Group Week 5 October 6th. Week 6 October 13th (last in series) 7.30 pm at Ravensden Church. All welcome.

Junior Choir

Wednesday evenings 5.30-6:15pm
at St Nicholas Church, Wilden during term time.

We are working on a Christmas extravaganza!

Contact: **Dionne Collins**, 34 High Street, Wilden
07770583146 or just come along. *Tea and coffee for parents*

Service for Children & families – Harvest Theme

Sunday 10th October 4pm St Nicholas Wilden
'COVID Safe' activities & food & drink in household bubbles
– *all welcome!*

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NEWSLETTER

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The (Spiritual) Gift of Administration

When I was first appointed to these Parishes in January 2019, there seemed to be 2 agreed 'easy wins' to get sorted in the first few months if not weeks! Well, time has moved on and the Pandemic has disrupted so much over the last 18 months, but the first of these 'easy wins' – setting up administrative support - we are finally getting sorted. You will see from the advert in this Newsletter we are seeking to recruit someone to this new role.

As we come to Harvest in September and October each year – and indeed to Christmas, Easter, Remembrance, as well as organising Baptisms Weddings and Funerals, and planning meetings and keeping the dairy up to date, I am reminded again and again how much time is needed for effective communication and administration, how important it is, and yet how many of us are overwhelmed by it and others are just 'natural' and sort things quickly and efficiently and seemingly easily and effortlessly!

Clergy are primarily expected to teach and preach to all who will hear, the truths of the bible and the good news of Jesus, pastor and care for people in prayer, ministry and service and encourage and lead in worship, meetings and gatherings. Indeed, the academic work ministers do in training and preparation is in 'Theological and Pastoral Studies'. But all these tasks take planning and organisation.

When St Paul writes to the early Christians at Corinth, he discusses a number of Spiritual Gifts: 'And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, *those with gifts of administration*, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues.' 1 Corinthians 12:28 New International Version 1984 (my emphasise)

The original words can be translated variously 'assists, governing, directings, administrating'. It is noteworthy that this gift is up with all the important gifts Paul mentions in the church, so we believe God equips some people especially in this gift of administration, as He does all other gifts for His church.

At Harvest time we give thank for all God's good gifts to us – perhaps this year we include our thanks to God for the gift of administration, which is also a gift our farmers and all who produce our food need as well.

Timothy Wilson

PS if you want to know what the other initial 'easy win' I discerned when I came, you need to ask me!

Services for October and First week November:

Sunday October 3rd – Trinity 18

KEYSOE 10am Harvest Festival & lunch
WILDEN 6pm Harvest Festival Evensong
Genesis 2.18–24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1.1–4; 2.5–12; Mark 10.2–1

Monday October 4th

WILDEN 9:15am School Harvest Festival
(followed by Harvest Produce Bags available after school for minimum donation £10 each)

Wednesday October 6th

RAVENS DEN 11am Holy Communion

Saturday October 9th

RAVENS DEN 2pm Memorial Service

Sunday October 10th – Trinity 19

BOLNHURST 10am Holy Communion
COLMWORTH 11am Harvest Festival & lunch
WILDEN 4pm Harvest Service for Children & families
Amos 5.6–7, 10–15; Psalm 90.12–17; Hebrews 4.12–16; Mark 10.17–31

Wednesday October 13th

WILDEN 11am Holy Communion

Friday October 15th

RAVENS DEN School Harvest Festival

Sunday October 17th – Trinity 20

KEYSOE 10am Holy Communion
RAVENS DEN 11:30am Harvest Festival & lunch
WILDEN 6pm Evensong
Isaiah 53.4-12 Psalm 91.9-16 Hebrews 5.1-10 Mark 10.35-45

Wednesday October 20th

KEYSOE 10am Holy Communion

Sunday October 24th – Bible Sunday

BOLNHURST 10am Holy Communion
Isaiah 55.1-11 Psalm 19.7-14 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5 John 5.36b-47

Wednesday October 27th – All Saints Day Eve

COLMWORTH 11am Holy Communion

Sunday October 31st

WILDEN 10am Choral Sung Communion
COLMWORTH 6pm Songs of Praise 'Jesus is the Light of the World'
Wisdom 3.1-9 or Isaiah 25.6-9 Psalm 24.1-6 Revelation 21.1-6a John 11.32-44

Monday November 1st

RAVENS DEN 7pm In Loving Memory Service

Wednesday November 3rd

RAVENS DEN 11am Holy Communion

Sunday November 7th – 3rd before Advent

KEYSOE 10am Holy Communion
WILDEN 6pm Evensong
Jonah 3.1-5, 10 Psalm 62.5-12 Hebrews 9.24-28 Mark 1.14-20

From the Registers

Baptism

Ravensden – Allesia Graziano 5th September

Wedding

Ravensden – Craig Stansfield & Louise Breslin 28th August

Funeral & Burial

Colmworth – John Ifield – 16th September

Burial of Ashes

Ravensden – Sandra Hebblethwaite – 18th September

Allesia, we welcome you to the Church Family. Craig and Louise, we wish you every happiness in your new life together. To the families and friends of those you have lost, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Job opportunity

Rector's PA

The Parishes of St Denys Colmworth, St Nicholas Wilden, All Saints Ravensden, St Mary Keysoe & St Dunstan Bolnhurst wish to appoint someone for up to 6 hours per week over a minimum of 2 non-consecutive days (by arrangement and agreement) at a rate appropriate for administrative duties to include 4 weeks paid holiday pro rata.

The Benefice Office is based at All Saints Church, Ravensden but the post holder will mostly work remotely.

We are looking for a person with good IT skills and a willingness to promote the Christian Gospel.

further details from The Rev Timothy Wilson

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Closing date for applications: 31st October 2021

Start date: 1st December 2021

Interviews to take place during November by arrangement.