

## 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' - 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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.

**Colmworth Community Lunches** are starting up again and the next one will be in church on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30**. We are hoping to hold them on the third Friday of each month. There won't be one in December because it's close to Christmas but we will start again in January so come along and join us and have a good lunch for £5. Please let Kate (378132) or Wendy (376277) know if you would like to come and any dietary requirements.

**800 years at St Nicholas Church, Wilden** – Plans are underway for these celebrations. What does St Nicholas Church mean to you? Were you baptised, married or is someone dear to you buried there? Have you a favourite hymn associated with these events? The Benefice Choir are organising a "Hymns with Memories" and we would love to hear from you. Drop an email to [ewwilden@wcrchurches.org](mailto:ewwilden@wcrchurches.org) with a short precis of your memory and, of course, the hymn associated with that memory. We will be arranging a date later on to perform your choices and tea and cake will follow.

**Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>** Coffee morning at Bolnhurst Old School 10.30 a.m. All welcome.

**Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup>** WI Christmas Fair in Keysoe Village Hall 2 pm. St Mary's Church are one of the stall holders to raise much needed funds towards urgent steeple repairs.

**Sunday November 28<sup>th</sup> Ravensden Church** - Advent Cross Light Switch on 4 pm

**Wednesday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Ravensden School** - Cross Light Switch on 3.30 pm

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

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## NEWSLETTER

November 2021

### November, a time for remembrance.

November, a time for reflection and memories. The warmth and green of summer changes to the golds and reds of autumn, which change to the browns and barrenness of winter. The days shorten, the clocks go back.

Our thoughts can also be drawn back to times of joy and sadness. The pandemic has had an impact on us all, affecting everyone in different ways. Life was changed. Even births and deaths were different with both celebrations and sombre gatherings under restriction.

Throughout the month of November we have times of remembrance. 1st November is All Saints Day, a day when the church remembers all those who have died over the last year or so, their names are spoken and candles are lit in remembrance of their life. It is also a time for those who wish their loved ones names to be remembered at our In Loving Memory Service, a time to give hope and comfort to all those who mourn, for Jesus said "blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted".

On 11th November at 11am the whole nation stands as one in silence, respect and sorrow for all who gave their lives, not just in the 1st World War, but in all conflicts since so that we can have a peaceful future and respond "we will remember them". On 14th November, Remembrance Sunday, our churches gather to call the names of those lost from each parish and to remember the service and sacrifice they made to defend our freedoms and protect our way of life.

We don't need a special day or even a special event to remember our loved ones. I recall visiting a very elderly lady who told me that remembering past people and events helped her to stay young and to focus on the future, because she wanted to make more memories to recall.

There are those whose memories can no longer be recalled, which is frightening for them and devastating for close family and friends. It is then that it becomes important that their memories, stories and events are recalled by others. Memories can make us smile, laugh and weep. Sharing a memory or reflection with those around you lifts the heart, revives the spirit and reminds us that we are not alone with those memories.

Jesus asked his disciples, which includes all of us, to remember Him every time we break bread, every time we sit down to eat and to take up our lives and live in memory of Him. The wonderful thing is that He did not remain dead, therefore Jesus is with us every single moment of our lives, planting hope, love and mercy. Jesus promised that He would be with us always, in our past, present and future. He is part of our memories and our hope, whether we know it or not.

God's blessings, Geraldine.

## Services for November and First week of December

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

RAVENS DEN 7pm 'In loving Memory' service to remember those who have died in the last year and others who were close to us.

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

RAVENS DEN 11am Holy Communion

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November Third before Advent

KEYSOE 10am Holy Communion

WILDEN 6pm Evensong

**Readings:** Jonah 3.1-5,10 Psalm 62.5-12 Hebrews 9.24-28  
Mark 1.14-20

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

WILDEN 11am Holy Communion

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November

WILDEN School 10:45am Remembrance Day Service in Church

RAVENS DEN School 10:45am Remembrance Day Service in Church

### Sun 14<sup>th</sup> November Second before Advent & Remembrance

#### Sunday

COLMWORTH 9 am Short said Communion Service

COLMWORTH 9.30am Outside Act of Remembrance at the Lone  
Soldier in the Country Park

KEYSOE 10am Remembrance Service and Procession to the War  
Memorial for 11am

BOLNHURST 10.30am Remembrance Service

RAVENS DEN 10.30am Remembrance Service in the Church  
including the Silence at the War Memorial in the Churchyard

WILDEN 6.00 pm Remembrance Service

**Readings:** Daniel 12.1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10.11-14 [15-18]19-25  
Mark 13.1-8

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

KEYSOE 10am Holy Communion

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 'Christ the King'

RAVENS DEN 10am Holy Communion

WILDEN 6pm Evensong

**Readings:** Daniel 7.9-10,13,14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1.4b-8 John  
18.33-37

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November

COLMWORTH 11am Holy Communion

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November Advent Sunday

BOLNHURST 10am Holy Communion

RAVENS DEN 4pm Advent Cross Lighting service for the  
whole community

**Readings:** Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end;  
Luke 21:25-36

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

RAVENS DEN 10am Holy Communion

3:30pm School Advent Cross Lighting Service

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December

KEYSOE 10am Holy Communion

WILDEN 6pm Evensong for Eve of St Nicholas Day

## From the Registers:

Baptism Service 4th October at Keysoe – Aria & Jenson Tattle

Memorial Service 9th October at Ravensden – Derek Beazley

Funeral Service 25th October at Colmworth – Elizabeth Stapleton  
(née Matthews).

We welcome Aria and Jenson to the Church Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Derek and Elizabeth.

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**Help!** Can you spare an hour once a fortnight and join the team of cleaners at St Nicholas Church, Wilden. Many hands make light work they say. Contact Jane Snaith on 01234 771326 for details.

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**Christmas Cards of Wilden Church.** A5 landscape cards in C6 envelopes with water colour painting of St Nicholas Church by Jane Snaith. £1 each or 6 for £5 available via Tim or from Jane Snaith.