

## NOTICES

**Ravensden Community Cuppa** is on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** at **Ravensden Village Hall** at **2 p.m.** £2 entrance to include tea and cake. Everyone is welcome.

**Coffee Stop in Colmworth Church** on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February.** Come and join us for a coffee and a chat - 10.30 a.m to noon. All welcome.

**Colmworth** guided walks will continue at 10 a.m. on **Wednesday mornings**, meeting at the triangle near the church. All welcome.

**Colmworth Community Lunch** takes place on **27<sup>th</sup> February** in church at 12 noon. Contact Heather on 376513 to book.

**Colmworth & Neighbours History Society – meet on February 15<sup>th</sup>** at Colmworth Village Hall when **Les Evans** will tell us about **Concorde: A Magnificent Aircraft.** **7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.** All welcome.

**Blunham Giant Book Sale – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 10 – 3p.m.** Come to our Browse and Buy Second Hand Giant Book Sale at Blunham Parish Church (St. Edmunds or St. James, Park Lane, Blunham. Beds MK44 3NQ). Selection of second hand/nearly new books. Homemade cakes, teas and coffees, homemade soup and a raffle. All proceeds to Blunham Church Fabric Fund.

At the **Wilden Christingle Service** the **Children's Society** boxes raised £334.14. Many thanks to all who have boxes. If anyone is interested in having an annual box please contact wildennews@hotmail.com

**Colmworth Crib Service.** A big thank you to all those who took part and made it such a special occasion, especially the children.

**Friends of Wilden** held a very successful social evening in January and have decided to hold another on **22<sup>nd</sup> February 7 pm to 9 pm** at **Wilden Village Hall.** Come along, meet new neighbours and enjoy pleasant company for a couple of hours.

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# Wilden, Ravensden & Colmworth Newsletter

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## New Starts

February isn't usually associated with new starts but for me as I begin as Priest in Charge here it is a very new start. (By the way Rector/Vicar/Priest in charge all mean the same thing in practice – there are just a few technical, legal and historical differences – but most people call me Tim which is the best name for me!)

Most times do mark a new start. February contains 'Candlemas' remembering Jesus being presented in the Temple and the aged Simeon calling Him 'the light to reveal Him to the nations and the glory of God's people, Israel'. Candlemas is 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 40 days after Christmas day. This marks the end of the 'Christmas Season' – Advent, Christmas and Epiphany – and the turn from celebrating Jesus birth to looking towards and preparing for remembering Jesus' death and celebrating His glorious resurrection. So the Sundays are no longer 'Sundays after Epiphany' but 'Sundays before Lent'. I love the opportunity to have another joyful celebration and candles out again on the Sunday nearest 2<sup>nd</sup> February. It's a long January since 12<sup>th</sup> Night when we took our Christmas tree and decorations down – and many do this even sooner – so I hope we'll celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World together this month.

But it is also a time to change from looking back to looking forward. Simeon is thought to be aged as he says 'now I can depart in peace according to Your Word'. He is ready to die, and Lent (an old English word meaning 'Spring') is a time to look forward when we try to make time to focus more on God and what He might mean to us personally. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 6<sup>th</sup> March – 40 days before Easter which is late this year (21<sup>st</sup> April) and traditionally a time for God's people to gather together in groups to encourage each other in their personal and corporate journey with Him. Details to be decided but we shall be having some groups across our 3 churches during Lent to read the bible, pray and encourage one another. I hope you will enjoy me as we make this new start together.

And for now I hope soon to be based locally in Ravensden Church room as I continue to live in Bromham. I plan to have a pot of fresh filter coffee on the go most of the time so do call in when you're passing. And I hope also to pray in each of the 3 churches one day a week in the mornings so I hope you will join me there too.

Timothy Wilson