

## JANUARY and FEBRUARY SERVICE ROTA

6 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 Epiphany	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 Baptism of Christ	20 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany / Plough Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany
11am JP / TW Group Holy Communion Colsterworth	10am NG Holy Communion Little Ponton 11am SP / NG Morning Prayer Colsterworth	10am Holy JP Communion Great Ponton 11am NG Holy Communion Colsterworth	10am NG Holy Communion Skillington 11am NG Holy Communion Colsterworth
Isaiah 60: 1-6 Matthew 2: 1-12	Acts 8: 14-17 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22	1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 11 John 2: 1-11	1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a Luke 4: 14-21
3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2019 Presentation of Christ	10 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent
11am NG Group Holy Communion Great Ponton	10am TW Holy Communion Little Ponton 11am NG Morning Prayer Colsterworth	10am JP Holy Communion Skillington 11am NG Holy Communion Colsterworth	10am NG Holy Communion Stoke Rochford 11am NG Holy Communion Colsterworth
Hebrews 2: 14- end Luke 2: 22-40	1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11 Luke 5: 1-11	1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 Luke 6: 17-26	Revelation 4 Luke 8: 22-35

Sunday 3rd March 11.00am NG Group Holy Communion Little Ponton

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How to keep up to date with events and services:

<https://www.facebook.com/ColsterworthGroupofChurches>

[www.colsterworth5.org.uk](http://www.colsterworth5.org.uk) (Twitter will be up and running soon)

# QUINTET NEWS

Colsterworth, Skillington, Great Ponton, Stoke Rochford with Easton,  
Little Ponton with Woodnook, Stainby and Gunby  
JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2019

Dear friends

By the time you read this the festive celebrations will be well and truly over and New Year will be fading into a distant memory.

It is at such times as the turn of the year that many of us review our lives and maybe seek a different path, this is often what leads to making New Year's Resolutions. We decide that for the coming year we will; take more exercise, eat or drink less, be nicer, spend less, or any one of many other promises we make to ourselves and those around us.

These are all designed to help us be better at being us, maybe by being a better partner, or being a better parent, or being a better neighbour or any one of a large number of different ways in which we can be better.

But seeking for improvement is not confined to us as individuals but can equally apply to the organisations we work for, the schools our children attend or the clubs we attend or support.

Equally, I believe, it can also apply to the church, an organisation that has been around for some 2000 years and continues to be the presence of God in every community. In each generation the church needs to work out its continued mission, and so the people of these churches must do so too.

There are many paths that this might take and many views on what they might be, and all views must be considered prayerfully and thoughtfully. Everyone who is part of these 7 communities is welcome to share their views, and there are many different ways in which you can contact us. So please do so, whether you consider yourself to be a regular or an occasional churchgoer or are someone interested in what the church does, and whether your idea is something we are already doing or something that has never been tried by the church. Your thoughts will be taken seriously, and who knows your idea might just become the next big thing we do.

We look forward to hearing from you!

With every blessing, **Revd Neil Griffiths**

## STOKE ROCHFORD AND EASTON

### **General**

At the time of writing we are looking forward to all the Christmas Services and activities in the Group and we hope to welcome lots of people to Stoke Rochford Church for our Christingle and Carol Service on Christmas Eve.

So I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who came to our church not only over the Festive period but also supported us during the year. It is always good to see people from the other parishes in the group and indeed from further away at any time. You are all most welcome.

### **Derek Steele**

We were shocked and deeply saddened to lose a really good friend for so many years when Derek passed away on 7th December. He was a regular visitor to our services at Stoke Rochford and had been a Churchwarden at Little Ponton for as long as anyone can remember.

He died peacefully in his sleep and our thoughts and prayers are with his children Mark and Sarah.

He will be sadly missed by so many people; may he rest in peace.

## LITTLE PONTON NEWS

### **Derek Steele**

We have all been deeply saddened by the passing away of our beloved Derek. As Church Warden, Derek dedicated so much of his time to the church and the wider community. The Church will feel very odd without Derek as he was heavily involved in every part of its running. We will all miss him terribly and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

### **Snowdrops**

The Gardens will be open for the Snowdrop and Aconite Weekend on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019. We are supporting the Army Benevolent Fund and Little Ponton Church. We hope that you will be able to join us at some point over the weekend.

## COLSTERWORTH NEWS

Our Christmas celebrations are over as we look forward to 2019 with renewed spirit and for the reordering of St John the Baptist Church. During the month of December, our church was host to Baptisms, Retreats, a Festival of Light, Bazaar, Nativity Play and seven Christian services celebrating the birth of Jesus. This is the church not only being a place of Christian Worship, but living up to the vision of Bishop Christopher "Churches should be a living, being space for the whole community".

As we carry on working on the Newton Project to renovate our Church building, we are pleased to announce that the Co-op has chosen the Newton Project to benefit from its Local Community Fund for the coming year. We are naturally delighted as the improvements planned are for the benefit of the whole community. Anyone with a Co-op membership card can go on line at [www.coop.co.uk/membership](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership) and choose to support our cause. 1% of the money you spend in our local Co-op will go towards the Newton Project. The PCC and Newton Project steering group are grateful for your continuing support and recognition by the Co-op.

## GREAT PONTON NEWS

On 14th December we held the Christmas dinner in the village centre. Thanks to everyone involved in organising this very enjoyable event.

On 21st December we held the candle lit carol service with seasonal refreshments after the service.

It is with sadness that we report the deaths of Ray Alderton, Doreen Gooderham and Derek Steele. All good supporters of events in the village. They will be missed. May they rest in peace.

## SKILLINGTON NEWS

Now that we have come to the end of 2018 we look forward to 2019 and hope it will be a good year.

On Saturday 1st December, St. James Christmas Bazaar was held in the village hall and was very well supported. We thank all who came and also our willing helpers, without them we could not have these fundraising events. We must say thank you to Rev'd Neil for drawing the raffle.

We wish all the parishioners a very happy New Year.

### **Bellringers needed**

Some residents may have noticed that the bells in all our group of parish churches have been silent for many months, other than the occasional wedding or special service.

As the tower captain I would really love to get a new band of ringers to learn the ropes! A couple of people have expressed an interest and hopefully there are others who may want to learn a new hobby. No musical ability is needed whatsoever, so no excuses.

### **COLSTERWORTH W.I.**

Sports & Social Club (next to Village Hall) at 2pm on 3rd Tuesday of the month. Visitor's

### **BOOK CLUB**

*Meets on the third Monday of every month at 8pm in the White Lion. Contact Anne Prothero-860952*

### **COLSTERWORTH & DISTRICT GARDENERS & ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION**

Monthly meetings (2nd Monday) 7:30 - 9:30pm at Village Hall. Varied programme of speakers. Visitors welcome. Contact: Vicky Page Tel: 01476 330281 email: [vyhpage@gmail.com](mailto:vyhpage@gmail.com)



## **Coffee and Cake morning**

**Saturday 12th 2019**

10.00am-12.30pm

Methodist Church, Colsterworth  
Relax and enjoy a coffee/tea and homemade cake. Buy one to take home.

Monies raised for cancer support for Betty and Mick Neal's grandson Tom, Please join us and help make a difference.

**Colsterworth Methodist Church**  
**PRE-SCHOOL** — Monday to Friday (Term-time) from 9am to 3pm  
**OPEN DOOR LUNCH** - 11am — 1pm on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. Call in for coffee, light

**BROWNIES** - Monday (Term-time), Colsterworth Village Hall. 5.30 - 7.00pm

**BEAVERS** - Thursday (Term-time) Colsterworth Village Hall 5.30 - 6.30pm for girls and boys aged 6-8. Please contact Dawn Prentice 01476 860208

**CUBS** - Thursday (Term-time) Colsterworth Village Hall 6.30 - 8.00pm for girls and boys

### **GREAT PONTON'S ACTIVITIES:**

**DIET CLUB** - Monday at 10.00am, O.A.P Centre

**NEW AGE KURLING** - Friday 10.00am – 12.00 noon in Great Ponton Village Centre £1.50 includes raffle Contact Harry Watson on 530528

**GREAT PONTON QUIZ NIGHT** the last Friday of the month in Great Ponton Village Centre.

### **SKILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Pilates** Tuesdays 10-11am and 11-12pm contact Clare Askham 07976 535014