

JULY AND AUGUST SERVICE ROTA

1st July Trinity 5	8th July Trinity 6	15th July Trinity 7	23rd July Mary Madeline	29th July Trinity 9
11.00am Skillington Group Holy Communion 5.00pm Stainby Patronal Service	10.00am Stoke Rochford Holy Communion 11.am Colsterworth Morning Prayer	11.00am Colsterworth Group Holy Communion	10.00am Great Ponton Holy Communion 11.am Colsterworth Morning prayer	10.30am Colsterworth Methodist

5th August Trinity 10	12th August Trinity 11	19th August Trinity 12	26th August Trinity 13	2nd September Trinity 14
11.00am Stoke Rochford Group Holy Communion	10.00 Little Ponton Holy Communion 11.am Colsterworth Morning prayer	11.00am Colsterworth Group Holy Communion	10.00am Great Ponton Holy Communion 11.am Colsterworth Morning prayer	11.00am Little Ponton Group Holy Communion

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

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 lunch and friendship. Everyone welcome

COLSTERWORTH W.I.

Sports & Social Club (next to Village Hall at 2pm on 3rd Tuesday of the month. Visitor's fee £3.50, new members very welcome. Contact Dot Williams 860741

BOOK CLUB

Meets on the third Monday of every month at 8pm in the White Lion. Contact Kath Miners on 01476

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 aged 8-10. Please contact Dawn Prentice 860208

QUINTET NEWS

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

July and August 2018

Colsterworth Church Isaac Newton Project

"We must have churches that are living, being buildings - for the community"
Bishop of Lincoln

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded a grant of £5,000 from the Lincoln Diocese's Transformation Fund for the Newton Project. This will be added to the grant already received from the Heritage Lottery Fund and will enable experts to advise us on the best ways of restoring the Newton Chapel, on updating and improving the facilities of the church, and on creating a heritage learning centre focused on faith and science in Newton's life and work. We are now in the process of appointing an architect and a heritage consultant to explore our options and develop detailed plans for the next stage of the project.

While we want to make the church more welcoming and accessible for communal worship and private meditation, we also want to make it more comfortable, more flexible and better equipped, so that it can serve as an important and useful venue for all members of the local community. To this end we shall shortly be starting a consultation process to ask for ideas about what activities and events could take place in our reordered church.

Peter de Voil
Project Leader



Useful Contact Information:

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At the time of writing, we are still awaiting news of an appointment of our new Rector. Interviews took place in the middle of May and we now wait with baited breath for formalities to be completed. In the meantime, life in our community goes on. Our annual Garden Fete took place on 23rd June. Our thanks to both Acorn Education Group for letting us use the gardens of Millfield, and to the Methodist Church for jointly hosting the afternoon. This year, the charity donation was to the Grantham Food Bank.

Coming up in July, we have a special service in Church for year 6 of our local school as they prepare to leave for Secondary Schools. The service is scheduled for 2:00pm on Wednesday 18th July. All are welcome, particularly Parents and Grandparents.

Following our success in raising grants from the Heritage Lottery and from the Diocesan Transformation Fund, we have advertised for the help of an architect and a Heritage Consultant to draw up proposals for the reordering on our village church. Part of their brief is to consult with all our residents to help ensure that consensus forms a key part of plans. To have your views taken into account, please complete the questionnaire included with this newsletter and return. Collection boxes for replies can be found in the Co-op, White Lion, and Church. The collection boxes will remain open until 31st August.

On August 19th, we have a special treat to look forward to of a Victorian Tea Party at the Isaac Newton Village Hall starting at 3:00pm. A limited number of tickets priced at just £7:00 per head, are still available on a first come, first served basis, from June on 578367, Chris on 860293 and Rosemary on 860781. Finally, one other event to look out for will be a welcoming get together for our new Rector and family. Watch out for details!

The Rev Neil Griffiths

On 14th May The Rev Neil Griffiths came to look round the Group. He had applied for the job of Rector of the Group. He and his wife spent most of the day going round the parishes and he had the opportunity of meeting a number of people from all parishes. Our thanks go to those who organised the lunch at Great Ponton Village Centre.

The next day he was formally interviewed in Lincoln by a representative from each parish along with The Bishop of Grantham, The Archdeacon and The Rural Dean.

Most comments from the two days were favourable and we await to see if he is appointed. As yet we have heard nothing further from Lincoln.

Theft of lead

Sometime over the weekend of 16th/17th June the lead was stolen off the roof of the South aisle of the Church. This was reported to the Police but we have heard no more from them. The insurance company have also been informed and a claim will be made. The area affected has been sheeted down so it is weatherproof.

Sadly, we now feel the time has come to lock the Church during the day. We do this with a heavy heart because we have always felt that the Church should be accessible to everyone at all times.

Details of the keyholder is in the porch and it can be opened by prior arrangement. We are very sorry to have to do this but we feel we cannot risk leaving it unlocked.

COLSTERWORTH BOWLS CLUB

Please call Mr. Barrie Grosse 01476 860756

GREAT PONTON NEWS

We have four applications for a grant from 'Archers Trust. Three applicants are going to the 'Priory' and one will be continuing their education at Grantham college. We hope that they will all enjoy the next stage of their education and wish them well.

It is with sadness that we report the death of Eileen Pearson. She was loyal to the church and only stopped coming to services in her latter years when she had problems walking. May she rest in peace. *HOPEFULLY WORK WILL START ON THE CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS ON 25TH JUNE... NO MORE LEAD SO HOPING NO MORE TROUBLE!*

LITTLE PONTON NEWS

We have a summer of outdoor events at Little Ponton Hall with Open Air Cinema on August 17th with The Greatest Showman.

On August 14th Oscar Wilde's "A woman of no importance" will be performed by an open air theatre company. See the Little Ponton Hall Facebook page to book.

STAINBY NEWS

Patronal Service on Sunday 1st July at 5pm. It's also our Pet Service and Flower Festival. Pimms and bring & share picnic afterwards.

All welcome, especially people's pets! We had a sheep, a horse, ferrets, rabbits and dogs last year! It was utterly fantastic!

Of course we sang 'All things bright and beautiful' amongst other things!

SKILLINGTON NEWS

Please note that the Patronal Day at St. James on July 21st has been cancelled.

We are having a CHURCH OPEN DAY on Saturday 21st July 2pm - 4pm. Visit this lovely church dating from Saxon times on its Patronal Day and see the memorial to Charles Hudson. The display of tapestryshowing the history of the village and to learn about the proposed improvement plans. Entry free, see posters for more details.

We are pleased to say that the work has been completed to the spouts and guttering. Also the wall which was damaged during the removal of the Lime Tree has now been rebuilt in the churchyard.

The bell tower has been inspected and repairs are needed to the louvres window, we are now waiting for the estimate.

We are also waiting for the estimate to repair the pillar inside the church which was badly damaged during and attempted robbery.

On Sunday 10th June, Christopher and Rebecca Meads daughter was christened Harriet Hannah. We welcome her into the church.

On Saturday 22nd September there will be a "Pimms Afternoon" 2pm - 4pm by kind permission of Rosemarie and Frances Disney at Red Barn Skillington. Weather permitting the Red Arrows will flying over on route to Duxford.

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COLSTERWORTH & DISTRICT GARDENERS & ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

Monthly meetings (2nd Monday) 7:30 - 9:30pm at Village Hall. Varied programme of speakers. Visitors welcome. Annual Produce & Handicraft Show on Saturday 25th August 2018. Contact: Vicky Page Tel: 01476 330281 email: vyhpage@gmail.com
