

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER SERVICE ROTA

4 th November All Saints	11 th November Remembrance Sunday	18 th November 2 nd Before Advent	25 th November Christ the King	2 nd December Advent Sunday
11.00 Skillington Group Holy Communion 3.00pm Stoke Rochford All Souls	10.45 Colsterworth Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial followed by joint service at the Methodist Church	10.00 Skillington Holy Communion 11.00am Colsterworth Holy Communion	11.00 Great Ponton Group Holy Communion	10.00 Stoke Rochford Holy Communion 11.00 Colsterworth Morning Prayer
9 th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent	16 th December 3 rd Sunday of Advent	23 rd December 4 th Sunday of Advent	30 th December 1 st Sunday of Christmas	6 th January 2019 Epiphany
11.00 NG / Archdeacon Justine, Colsterworth Group Holy Communion	11.00 Colsterworth Group Holy Communion	11.00 Colsterworth Group Holy Communion	11.00 Colsterworth Group H/C (Joint service with our Methodist friends, at St. John the Baptist)	11.00 Colsterworth Group Holy Communion

Other Christmas services and events (please note: correct at time of going to press)

14 th December 7.30pm	16 th December 4pm	16 th December 5pm	16 th December 6pm
Gunby: Carols	Little Ponton: Christmas Tree Sunday	Skillington: Carols	Stoke Rochford: Christingle
21 st December 7pm	22 nd December 4.30pm	23 rd December 7.30pm	24 th December 7.30pm
Great Ponton: Carols	Stainby: Christingle & Carols by Candlelight	Colsterworth: 5 Lessons and Carols	Stoke Rochford: Carols by Candlelight
Monday 24 th December 11.30pm		Tuesday 25 th December 10am	
Colsterworth: Midnight Communion		Skillington: Christmas Day Holy Communion	

School Christmas Services

17 th December 6pm	19 th December 9.30am	19 th December 2pm
Colsterworth Primary School: KS2 Carol Service	Great Ponton Primary School: Christmas Service	Colsterworth Primary School: EY / KS1 Nativity

QUINTET NEWS

**Colsterworth, Skillington, Great Ponton, Stoke Rochford with Easton,
Little Ponton with Woodnook, Stainby and Gunby
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2018**

Dear friends

By the time you read this I will have lived in Lincolnshire for nearly 6 weeks and met many of the people of the 7 parishes. However, for those of you that I haven't met yet, I am the new vicar for the Colsterworth Group and my name is Neil Griffiths. My wife Lesley and I have moved into the Rectory in Colsterworth, so if you see me about the place please come and say hello, more often than not I will be the one with the dog-collar on, but even if I haven't please say hello.

As well as introducing myself I thought it might be useful if I also said a little bit about myself. As I have said I am married to Lesley and between us we have three children; Christopher, Robyn and Alexander, all of whom are grown up and have left home, and we have been married for 15 years.

For the last 4 years we have lived in Coalville in North West Leicestershire, where I was serving as Curate at St. David's Church Broom Leys. This followed 2 years that I spent at The Queen's Foundation in Birmingham, studying theology. Up to moving to Coalville in 2014 we had lived for 14 years in Oadby, a town a few miles south of Leicester.

Before training for my life as a vicar I spent more than 20 years working to build and renovate social housing. I worked with housing associations and local councils to spend government grants on building new housing. I also volunteered at Leicester YMCA, serving for 9 years on the board of trustees.

As well as being vicar for the 7 parishes of the Colsterworth Group, I will also serve as a governor of our 2 primary schools, organisations that I very much look forward to working with.

As I have already said, if you see me about please come up and say hello, I am very much looking forward to meeting you and working with you.

With every blessing

Revd. Neil Griffiths

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How to keep up to date with events and services:

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

www.colsterworth5.org.uk (Twitter will be up and running by soon)

Due to the Christmas Rota all the clubs information will be contact details only (sorry for any inconvenience).

GREAT PONTON NEWS

The Harvest Festival followed by a harvest supper was well attended and gave everyone a chance to meet the new vicar.

The heavy rain on Sunday 14th October was a good test for the new roof, it passed the test, but unfortunately we found another leak in a different part of the church...not too serious but another job to be done.

Today (18th October) is a beautiful autumn morning and the church bells are ringing... wonderful, what a lovely start to the day.

Bonfire night will be on Friday 2nd November, the bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm followed by fireworks at around 7.00pm. All welcome.

COLSTERWORTH NEWS

Firstly, a very warm welcome to Rev'd Neil Griffiths and his wife Lesley. May they both have a long and happy association with the Colsterworth Group, Following Neil's licencing service on 24th Sept, it has been a busy time with Harvest celebrations and a service of celebration of Sir Isaac Newton's life the following week to mark the end of the Gravity Fields Festival. Our special thanks go to Dick Fairhead of Woolsthorpe Manor who gave an enlightening talk on "What Isaac Newton did for me" The Newton service was followed by a BBQ attended by hikers on the Newton trail as well as the congregation.

Neil's introduction to the parish has also coincided with the production of three architect drawings showing ideas for the reordering of St Johns. These were on display at our coffee morning held at the White Lion on the 2nd October and are now on display in the church awaiting inspection and for your comments. Thanks to all who took the time to fill in and return the survey form sent out with the last issue of Quintet. The return numbers were good and were largely positive. Even if you were one of those who did reply to this survey, please take the time to visit church to pass comment on the architects drawings on show. It will not of course be your last chance to give feedback as

there is a public meeting being planned to gather further community wide opinion.

Open meeting on Tuesday 6th November at 6pm for a presentation from PPIY Architect on the options available and a Q and A. Everyone is welcome.

LITTLE PONTON NEWS

Harvest Festival

We enjoyed a very well attended service and were lucky to be led by the reverend Neil Griffiths, making his debut in the group of parishes. Neil delivered a wonderful sermon and the church was beautifully decorated. Huge thank you to Mr David Skelton for hosting the Harvest Supper at Grange Farm. A good evening was had by all!

Christmas Tree Service

The Little Ponton Christmas Tree Service will be held on Sunday 23rd December at 5pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the Church. The Service will be child friendly and we hope that the local children are able to attend.

SKILLINGTON NEWS

We are pleased to welcome out new vicar the Rev'd Neil Griffiths and his family and we hope they will be here for a long time.

On Saturday 22nd September we had a 'Pimms Afternoon' at Red Roofs, Skillington, despite the weather it was successful.

St James Harvest Festival was held on Sunday 14th October, the church was beautifully decorated with flowers and produce. After the service the harvest supper was enjoyed by all. We give a big thank you to our willing helpers and also to Steve Clark for being our Auctioneer for the evening.

Our **Christmas Bazaar** will take place on Saturday 1st December at the Village Hall 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Please come and support us.

St James **Carol Service** will be on Saturday 16th December at 5.00pm, this will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Please come and join us.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ON CHRISTMAS DAY AT 10.30AM

STOKE ROCHFORD AND EASTON NEWS

A warm welcome to Rev Neil Griffiths

We are delighted to welcome Neil to our Parish and into the Colsterworth Group. We hope that he and Lesley will be very happy here and we look forward to working with Neil to help him in his ministry in the community.

Arnhem Service Sunday 9th September

The 2nd Parachute Club held their annual reunion to remember fallen comrades during the last war and during conflicts since. The names of those killed were read out and Last Post was played. This was followed by Flowers of the Forest on the pipes.

A number of Veterans and serving soldiers from the 2nd Battalion attended and the service was taken by The Rev David Cooper who was Padre to the Regiment.

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

This event was again held in Stoke Rochford Church. It was again beautifully run by Pam Willmot and her team of helpers. Pam has asked that all those who helped by producing cakes, jams and prizes etc be thanked; also to all those people who helped on the day and made it such a successful fund raising event for the charity.

The final total raised was £865.43 which is an excellent result.

Tim Townsend

The funeral for Tim Townsend was held in the church on 5th October. It was attended by a large number of family and friends who knew

LotterySK

South Kesteven District Council has launched a lottery to raise money for local good causes. Colsterworth Church has joined the scheme to help fund the Newton Project, which involves improving and increasing the facilities of the church for use by the local community, restoring the Newton Family Chapel and establishing a heritage learning centre. While we have received start-up grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Lincoln Diocese to help plan the Project, we need to raise significantly larger funds to develop and deliver the Project itself.

Lottery tickets can be purchased on-line, so if you are able to support the Project, please visit: www.LotterySK.co.uk and search for Colsterworth Church.

Thank you for your support.

Colsterworth Church Isaac Newton Project Team

Tim and came to pay their respects to a very popular and well loved member of the community. The service was taken by Rev Neil Griffiths.

Our prayers and sympathy go to his widow Janet Townsend and the family.

Forthcoming Services

All Souls Service 3.00pm on Sunday 4th November

Everyone from all parishes in the Group are very welcome to attend to remember loved ones who have passed away.

Christingle Service 6.00pm on Sunday 16th December

This service is open to everyone and we hope there will be a number of local children performing musical items. There will be mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

Carols by Candlelight 5.00pm on Monday 24th December

The very popular carol service will again be held on Christmas Eve. We hope to have a full church again this year and there will be a glass of something after the service.

Contact Details for our Clubs

Brownies, Beavers and Cubs - Dawn Prentice 860208

Colsterworth W.I. - Dot Williams 860741

Colsterworth & District Gardeners & Allotment Holders Association - Vicky Page 330281

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