

SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER SERVICE ROTA

1 st September 11 th after Trinity	8 th September 12 th after Trinity	15 th September 13 th after Trinity	22 nd September 14 th after Trinity	29 th September 15 th after Trinity
Season of Thanksgiving				
10am: Holy Communion – Great Ponton 11am: Morning Prayer with baptism – Colsterworth 6pm: Evensong – Colsterworth	11am: Arnhem Commemoration Service – Stoke Rochford 6pm: Group Holy Communion – Colsterworth	10am: Holy Communion – Little Ponton 11am: Morning prayer with baptism – Colsterworth	10am: Holy Communion – Stoke Rochford 11am: Holy Communion – Colsterworth 2pm: Baptism – Stoke Rochford	11am: Newton Memorial Service – Colsterworth 6pm: Group Holy Communion – Skillington
6 th October 16 th after Trinity	13 th October 17 th after Trinity	20 th October Service of Celebration	27 th October Bible Sunday	3 rd November All Saints Sunday
Season of Thanksgiving				
10am: Holy Communion – Great Ponton 11am: Harvest Festival (with baptism) – Colsterworth	10am: Holy Communion – Little Ponton 11am: Morning Prayer – Colsterworth	11am: Group Thanksgiving / Celebration – Colsterworth (with Bishop Rob) 6pm: Group Holy Communion – Colsterworth	10am: Holy Communion – Skillington 11am: Holy Communion – Colsterworth 2pm: Holy Baptism – Colsterworth 6pm: Songs of Praise – Stoke Rochford	11am: Group Holy Communion – Great Ponton 3pm: Group All Souls Service – Stoke Rochford

SPECIAL SERVICES

8 th September	15 th September	26 th September	27 th September
11am: Arnhem service – Stoke Rochford	4pm: Harvest Service – Gunby	7pm: Harvest Service – Little Ponton	7pm: Harvest Service – Great Ponton
6 th October	11 th October	13 th October	
6pm: Harvest Service – Stainby	7pm: Harvest Service: Stoke Rochford	5pm: Harvest Service - Skillington	

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How to keep up to date with events and services:

<https://www.facebook.com/ColsterworthGroupofChurches>, www.colsterworth5.org.uk

QUINTET NEWS

Colsterworth, Skillington, Great Ponton, Stoke Rochford with Easton,
Little Ponton with Woodnook, Stainby and Gunby
SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER 2019

Questions, questions, questions!

In my wider family we have celebrated the births of a couple of new babies recently and this reminded me that almost from the time we are born we are asking questions. There are many ways to ask questions, using words like; where, how, when, who, and indeed toddlers are infamous for always asking “WHY?”

This desire for knowledge and answers is celebrated in the many quiz shows we can see on TV, from the nearly impossible University Challenge to the almost pointless Pointless. These are often amongst the most popular TV shows, and there is even a TV channel that specialises in showing re-runs of old editions, presumably for those who can't watch enough otherwise.

But there are questions many of us ask that never turn up on quiz shows, indeed some of the most difficult, the biggest questions, are too tricky even for University Challenge.

These might include; who am I, why am I here, does life have any purpose and what might it be, does life have any meaning? It seems to me that these questions might change as we get older, to questions like, what happens when we die?

If these are questions that you have, or have wrestled with in the past, and you are looking for answers, I think that God might want to offer you some pointers, and maybe even some answers. Christians might not have all the answers, but we are happy to share our views with you and help you to find the answers that are right for you.

So why not get in touch and we will sort out an opportunity to look for the answers you are seeking. You can ask your question through our website or our Facebook page, or email or phone, whichever is most convenient for you.

Just get in touch if you have a question.

With every blessing
Revd. Neil Griffiths



STOKE ROCHFORD AND EASTON

An apology

Last month we advertised the Church roof fundraising concert in the Church was to be held on 30th September. This should have been 30th August. One or two eagle eyed people spotted it so thank you for letting us know of our mistake. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

75th Anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem Sunday 8th September at 11.00am We will be remembering and honouring those members of the Parachute Regiment who gave their lives at Arnhem in September 1945 and in conflicts since then to the present day. As this is the 75th Anniversary of Arnhem it will be a very important service. The Padre to the Regiment The Rev David Cooper will be preaching, and past and present members of the regiment will be on parade. Everyone is very welcome to attend and remember this important event.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 27th September at 10.00am -1.30pm We are delighted to be hosting the MacMillan Coffee Morning again this year. It is to be held on Friday 27th September from 10.00am to 1.30pm. This event has grown and grown in popularity and is something not to be missed so do come along and support Pam Willmore and her team of helpers. Any cakes, jam, produce or donations are gratefully received for this wonderful charity.

All Souls Service Sunday 3rd November 3.00pm

The All Souls Service is a chance to remember loved ones who have died. Names will be read out and candles will be lit in their memory. Everyone from all parishes are very welcome to come to this very special service which we are very pleased to hold at Stoke Rochford.

LITTLE PONTON NEWS

A team of volunteers from the PCC have been busy ensuring that the church is neat and tidy. A thorough clean has been done along with a very effective 'de-cluttering' of the cupboards. A huge thank you to everyone who helped.

SKILLINGTON NEWS

Despite the bad weather the Church Open Day proved enjoyable and successful. Visitors enjoyed trying their hands at bellringing and lacemaking. The treasure hunt was enjoyed by the few who ventured outside, and cakes and plants sold well. A total of £369 was raised for building repairs. Thanks to everyone who helped and to all who came.

The church will be open on Saturday 14th September to provide refreshments for those taking part in the Ride and Stride event, organised by Lincolnshire Churches Trust. If you would like to undertake a sponsored walk or ride for this event in aid of St James's please contact Graham Page.

The Quinquennial Inspection of the church has been carried out and the report is awaited. This will enable us to develop a costed programme of the work needed, including the re-roofing following the theft of lead.

Work on a new fund-raising organisation has continued. This will probably be called The Friends of St James's Church and, we hope, will attract support from all in the village, whether they are churchgoers or not. The church, as a building, is very important to the village and many people, even if they do not attend regularly, will value it as a place where they can be married or have their children christened.

Details of new fund-raising activities will be published shortly and will include a 100 Club with regular draws for substantial cash prizes. Volunteers are still needed for church cleaning and a flower rota, as well as for fund raising and practical help. Please contact Graham Page if you are interested.

BOOK CLUB

Meets on the third Monday of every month at 8pm in the White Lion. Contact Anne Prothero 01476 860952

Colsterworth Methodist Church

CRAFT & CHAT - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 3.30pm. Everyone welcome.

OPEN DOOR LUNCH - 11am — 1pm on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. Call in for coffee, light lunch and friendship. Everyone welcome.

COLSTERWORTH NEWS

'Tie a yellow ribbon round the old oak tree' was a classic recording by Tony Orlando and Dawn celebrating the return of a loved one after '3 long years'. All sorts of coloured ribbons decorate the railings outside St John the Baptist Church, each one representing a prayer, and a continuing symbol that prayer has never gone away, let alone for 3 years. On the subject of the railings, a big thank you to members of the garden club who adorn them with beautiful baskets of flowers throughout the summer.

As we now move on into the season of harvest and mellow fruitfulness, we should reflect back on the Summer village fete held on July 13th and organised in conjunction with our Methodist colleagues and friends. We were rewarded on the day with good weather and a wonderful community spirit thoroughly enjoyed by all.

GREAT PONTON NEWS

Saturday 5th August saw the wedding day of David and Justine. The sun shone, the bells were rung, and a very happy day was had by all. We wish then a long and happy life together.

The stone wall surrounding the Church is being repaired and the 'stonewallers' are now working on the west side of the Church. We are hoping that it will be finished before winter sets in weather permitting!!

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 860741

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:

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STAINBY

On Friday 20th September at 7:30pm there will be a special evening with Martin Renshaw, 'The Historical Significance of Lincolnshire Churches and their Organs' at St. Peter's with a £5 per person contribution on the door. All are welcome, and refreshments will be available afterwards.

HARVEST FESTIVALS

Over the next two months our Harvest festivals and suppers will be taking place across the region with all donations of dry packed and tinned food being gifted to the Grantham food Bank. We look forward to seeing you all.

Gunby – Sunday 15th September at 4pm

Little Ponton – Thursday 26th September at 7pm with Supper afterwards

Great Ponton – Friday 27th September at 7pm followed by Supper in the Village Centre (tickets are £5 per person)

Colsterworth – Saturday 5th October Fish & chips Supper and Quiz at 7pm at the Village Hall, (tickets £10 per person).

Harvest festival on Sunday 6th October at 11am

Stainby – Sunday 6th October at 6pm

Stoke Rochford – Friday 11th October at 7pm with informal party afterwards including food and drink.

Skillington – Sunday 13th October at 5pm with Supper in the Village Hall from 6pm.

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

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.