

## SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER SERVICE ROTA

2nd September Trinity 14	9th September Trinity 15	16th September Trinity 16	23rd September Trinity 17	30th September Trinity 18
11.00am Little Ponton Group Holy Communion	10.00am Skillington Holy Communion  11.00am Stoke Rochford Arnhem Service	11.00am Colsterworth Group Holy Communion	10.00am Stoke Rochford Holy Communion  11.00am Colsterworth Morning prayer	11.00am Colsterworth Newton Commemoration

7th October Trinity 19	14th October Trinity 20	21st October Trinity 21	28th October Bible Sunday	4th November All Saints
11.00am Colsterworth Harvest Festival followed by lunch	10.00am Great Ponton Holy Communion  11.00am Colsterworth Morning prayer	11.00am Colsterworth Group Holy Communion	10.00am Little Ponton Holy Communion  11.00am Colsterworth Morning prayer	11.00am Skillington Group Holy Communion  3.00pm Stoke Rochford All Souls

### Evening Harvest Festivals services - all followed by supper

Friday 21st September	Thurs 27th September	Friday 28th September	Sunday 30th September	Sunday 7th October
Stoke Rochford 7.00pm	Little Ponton 7.00pm	Great Ponton 7.00pm	Skillington 5.00pm	Stainby 6.00pm

#### 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** 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 W.I.*

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

**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**

**September and October 2018**

Dear Friends,

Earlier in the summer, one of my oldest friends suddenly died. Michael has known me since I was eighteen. He was an inspiration for me, first in becoming an active Christian, and secondly as I explored a call to ordination. He has been there for me for over twenty-five years.

It goes without saying that I will miss Michael very much.

He taught me two things above all.

The first is about the importance of praying for people, and of allowing oneself to be prayed for.

Michael was hugely disciplined in his prayer. He kept a diary so that he could make sure that he would pray for people regularly. He remembered their birthdays, and included these and other significant events in his praying. Most importantly, he was very down to earth about his prayer life. For him, it was akin to washing his face or brushing his teeth: something that he did regularly and without fuss, because it was important to do. And as he did to others, so he drew prayer from them in return.

I very much doubt that I will ever be as disciplined in my prayer as Michael was: but I try to be.

The other thing that Michael taught me was about generosity. He was generous with his time, he was generous with his hospitality, and he was generous with his money. He didn't have much, but from what he had, he gave very generously indeed. And the Church, the Body of Christ, received from his generosity. Working always in poor parishes, Michael's generosity inspired other people to be generous. His churches always paid their parish share. Not for him or his congregations an argument that 'others aren't contributing, so why should we?', or a suggestion that 'we need to put our own house in order before we think about anyone else'. To Michael, the diocese was a family of parishes, and in a family everyone supported everyone else. His attitude was remarkably liberating, rooted as it was in the knowledge that God had given generously to him, so it was his joy to give generously to God's people. I very much respect this unselfconscious attitude to money, and pray that I may grow in it myself.

So, uncertain though I am about the discipline and quality of my prayer, I am certain that Michael's example of generosity challenges me every time I worship: do I have the simple, gracious, generous dependence on God that he had, and am I as generous with my time, my hospitality and my money as he was with his? If I am not yet satisfied about any of these things, then here are things that I can do something about.

In September, as the harvest that began at Lammas during high summer comes to its end, I will be thinking about the different gifts that I have been given, and about my opportunities to use those gifts in the service of the gospel: gifts of prayer, gifts of time, gifts of friendship and gifts of money. And I will be thinking about Michael, and continuing to thank God for him.

Perhaps you might join me in these thoughts, substituting for Michael whomever it is who has strongly and positively influenced you in your life and in your journey of faith?

With every blessing, Bishop Nicolas

Bishop Nicolas

## STOKE ROCHFORD NEWS

### General

We had two weddings in July.

On 20<sup>th</sup> July Steve Lynn and Mandy Taylor were married and then on the next day Ben Johnston and Roisin Fernando.

We wish both couples every happiness in the future.

We also lost a very dear friend and long time resident of Stoke Rochford when Brenda Weller sadly passed away. Her funeral took place on 27<sup>th</sup> July.

Brenda had not been very well for some years; we will miss her and send our condolences to Dick and the family. May she rest in peace.

### Forthcoming Services

#### **Arnhem Service**

This year's 2<sup>nd</sup> Parachute Club Arnhem Service will be on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am**. Those killed during the last war and in conflicts since will be remembered by name.

The service will be conducted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Parachute Padre The Rev David Cooper who served as the Padre for the Regiment in the Falklands War.

Everyone is very welcome to attend this special service of Remembrance.

#### **Harvest Festival**

Although harvest is already over for many farmers our harvest festival will take place on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.00pm**.

There will be a supper after the service in the church and everyone is most welcome to come and join in.

#### **All Souls Service**

This will be an opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed away, and you can light a candle for them during the service.

The service will be at **3.00pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November** and everyone is welcome.

#### **Macmillan coffee morning Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

This very popular annual event will be taking place in the church from 10.30 to 1.00pm.

Pam and her loyal team of helpers have been busily making some very exciting looking exotic jams and chutneys which will be on sale on the day

[In fact some of them are already on sale in the church so this is a good opportunity to branch out and try some new flavours.]

There will also be cakes on sale and a raffle for some very exciting prizes.

So do come and support this event you will not be disappointed.

#### **The Vacancy**

Still no news!!

## GREAT PONTON NEWS

### **Archers Trust**

Five children received grants from the Archer Trust on leaving Great Ponton School to further their education in Grantham. One student left Priory Ruskin for further education at Grantham College. We wish them all well in their new schools and college.

### **Church Roof**

This has now been completed and hope to see the scaffolding down soon.

It was wonderful to hear the church bells in July and August.

## SKILLINGTON NEWS

Open day at St James on Saturday 2nd July was a great success. The church was beautifully decorated, there were several stalls, also refreshments.

We thank all who came to support us and also many thanks to all our trusty helpers.

On Saturday 22nd September there will be a "Pimms Afternoon" 2pm - 4pm at the Red Barn, Skillington by kind permission of Rosemarie and Francis Disney.

St James Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 30th September at 5.00pm please see posters for further details.

### **BOOK CLUB**

*Meets on the third Monday of every month at 8pm in the White Lion. Contact Kath Miners on 861702*

## COLSTERWORTH NEWS

We continue to wait patiently for news of our new Rector. In the meantime, our parish life continues apace. The open gardens weekend over the 7/8<sup>th</sup> July was a resounding success, attracting visitors from far and wide. With a band of volunteers providing refreshments and of course the open gardens, we raised £785 towards the reordering of St Johns. Similarly, the afternoon tea party on the 19<sup>th</sup> August was a 'sell out' success. Our thanks to all who worked so hard to provide and serve the tea. Thanks also to Colsterworth Co-op for providing ingredients and the White Lion for raffle prizes.

Coming up, on the 8<sup>th</sup> September, we have a 'bike and ride' event organised by Lincolnshire Historic Churches Trust. A warm welcome to all visitors, though please show consideration for Charlotte and Robert who are getting married that day. We wish them a long and happy life together.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, we welcome Bishop Christopher of Lincoln to a service of celebration for the life of Sir Isaac Newton and marking the end of the Gravity Fields Festival. The service will be followed by a BBQ on School Lane.

The following Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, will be our Harvest Festival celebration followed by lunch in church after the service.

Finally, work by surveyors and architects is underway in preparation for our proposed reordering and reinstatement of the Newton Chapel. One interesting 'find' on a windowsill at the back of the church is the outline of a medieval game. Was it played to while away time during sermons? Thank you to our regular modern day preachers, Tom, Jill and Steve for keeping it short, interesting and thought provoking!

If you would like to discover more about the Isaac Newton reordering project, come and join us for a coffee morning at the White Lion courtesy of Dave and Madeleine on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct starting at 10.00am

## STAINBY NEWS

Our Harvest Festival followed by 'supper' will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm and all are welcome.

### **Group contact information**

**To make inquiries for weddings, baptisms or funerals please contact the Group Administrator Melanie Dawtry on:**

**01476 530904**

**[melaniedawtry38@gmail.com](mailto:melaniedawtry38@gmail.com)**

**[www.colsterworth5.org.uk](http://www.colsterworth5.org.uk)**

**If you have any events or clubs that need new members, the Quintet maybe able to help you 'get the word' out.**

## **COLSTERWORTH BOWLS CLUB**

Please call Mr. Barrie Grosse  
01476 860756

### **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 & 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.

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