

STOKE ROCHFORD AND EASTON NEWS

General

We were very pleased to welcome a number of friends from the other parishes in the Group to our Songs of Praise Service on Sunday 19th July. We had an excellent selection of everyone's favourite hymns and a big thank you to Jim for researching the music for the hymns that were chosen. Also thank you to Eric for conducting the service with his usual panache and good humour.

Lightning conductor and Quinquennial Inspection

We have a lightning conductor at last! It has taken a few years to get there but at we are now protected from lightning strike and hopefully a little safer.

The Quinquennial Inspection has been carried out and a few repairs will need to be carried out before winter. Quotations for this work have been asked for and the work will soon be underway.

MacMillan Coffee Morning Friday 25th September.

The PCC is delighted to support this event which is being organised by the residents of Stoke Rochford and is being held in the Church from 10.30am to 1.00pm.

I think we have all been touched either directly or through a loved one who has suffered from this dreadful disease. The MacMillan nurses do such a wonderful job to give comfort to those who need it and it is a Charity which very much deserves our support.

So please do come along to this event, bring a cake if you can, admission is free, and we are relying on your generosity to make money for this very worthwhile cause.

Harvest Festival Friday 2nd October

Our Harvest Festival Service will take place in the Church at 7.00pm on Friday 2nd October. There will be refreshments in the Church after the service so we do hope you will be able to come along to this important service and support the Church.

LITTLE PONTON WITH WOODNOOK NEWS

The Garden Fete held in July was a very successful event, thank you to everyone who supported this event.

The Harvest Service will be on Thursday 8th October at 7.00pm followed by a Harvest Supper at Eileen's house.



GREAT PONTON NEWS

Great Ponton Weekly activities:

- Monday – Diet Club – 10.00am
- Friday – New Age Kurling – Village Centre 10.00 am – 12.00 pm £1.50 per person
- Friday evenings – Lounge bar opens at 8.00. Darts, pool and other activities.

We are sorry to have to report the passing of John Fredrick William Wright in June, he was laid to rest alongside his wife in our churchyard. Our thoughts and condolences are with his family at this sad time. On a brighter note we were pleased to welcome into Holy Cross, Daisy Mae Baxter who was born on the 7th March and was christened here in July, we wish her a long and Christian life.

Our **Harvest Festival will be on Friday 25th September** followed by supper in the Village Centre, everyone welcome.

SKILLINGTON NEWS

- On July 26th the annual remembrance service took place for the Rev. Hudson, who was killed whilst climbing the Mattahorn in 1865, the Rev Eric Lomax gave an excellent service which was well attended.
- Bill Meads will be holding is annual Afternoon Tea at Hillside Cottage, The Square, Skillington on Saturday the 12th September from 2 -4pm. Tea and refreshments will be served along with a Raffle, Tombola and other stalls. Please come along and join us.
- This years **Harvest Festival at St James Church will be held on Sunday 4th October** with the Service at 6.00pm followed be Supper at the Village Hall at 6pm. Adults £7 children under 13yrs free, this will be followed by a Raffle and the sale of the produce. All are very welcome.

COLSTERWORTH NEWS

The Harvest Supper will be at the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd October. Entry by ticket, price yet to be decided, but it will be between £8 and £10 per ticket. **The Harvest Service will be on Sunday 4th at 11am**, when we will also be celebrating our link with Isaac Newton.

Coffee Morning:

Tuesday 6th October – Hosted by John & Andrea Walden, at 10 Ingle Court, Woolsthorpe. All welcome from 10am.

Colsterworth, Skillington, Stoke Rochford with Easton, Great Ponton, Little Ponton with Woodnook

www.colsterworth5.org

Dear friends

I read, the other day, that there are a number of protocols in English culture, that many foreigners, particularly Americans, never quite get when they visit our country. It mentioned the fact that most normal English people do not appreciate or understand cockney rhyming slang. It talked about our tendency to say please and thank you, our habit of queuing for things, and our piercing talent for sarcasm. It then went onto say how, it is considered out of order in our country to initiate conversations on politics and religion. God, is certainly never mentioned in conversation, particularly in the church.

I find this sad, as people with an obvious vocation like myself, placed God first in their lives when they responded to that vocation. How painful then, when we walk into our parishes for the first time and discover that God is always the elephant in the room. Sure, we talk about everything else; We talk about coffee mornings. We talk about cleaning rotas and cutting the grass. We talk about fund raising and more fund raising, and even more fund raising, but never the absolute living centre of our faith. How envious I was, sitting in a service station up the A1 the other day, to see a family of Muslims on the grass together, performing their Friday prayers. They had even gone on holiday and not left Allah behind. Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world, and in our traditional villages, Christianity is the fastest shrinking, and it is so obvious why.

There is a wonderful Celtic prayer known as St Patrick's Breastplate. One of the verses describes the all-encompassing nature of God in the faith of our early pilgrims: 'Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.' The prayer was written in the 5th century, and was also known as 'The Deer's Cry'.

To these people there was no place in their lives, where God did not belong, and to think otherwise was shameful. We belong to God, and the whole creation is his.

The reason I was in the service station was that I had just spent half a day walking in the Peak district national park, praying and thinking. I felt quite down as I made my way there, but the beautiful landscape there did what it always does. It reminded me of the beauty of creation and of our extraordinary English countryside. The weather was changing through the day, and on the high peaks of Kinder Scout, I felt moments of rain and strong winds, as well as bright sunshine breaking through dark clouds. I felt peace there, as I always do, and the gentle reminder that our God is in all things and around all things, and we have an overriding responsibility to serve God and creation.

God bless
Eric



Letter from Bishop Christopher
At this time of year, as the days draw out and the sunshine begins to turn the barley a golden yellow, many of us are fortunate enough to be looking forward to the prospect of a summer holiday and a break from our normal routine.
This year, however, it is inevitable that some of us will do so with a twinge of anxiety. One inevitable result of the recent appalling acts of terrorism in Tunisia, Kuwait and France is a heightened sense of our own vulnerability and mortality. For the friends and family of Carly Lovett and Claire Windass, who were so tragically killed in Tunisia, there is immense sadness as they struggle to come to terms with their loss.

These atrocities were perpetrated by a tiny minority who have a very warped and horrifically misguided view of what it means to

be a Muslim, particularly during the month of Ramadan. The teaching of the Christian faith is that love is stronger than evil, and while proper justice is appropriate, revenge and scapegoating are not. It is incumbent upon all of us who follow Christ to continue to welcome the stranger among us, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Please hold in your thoughts and prayers all those who have been affected by these tragedies, that through the grace and love of God they may find strength and comfort in the very difficult days ahead. Pray too for the peace of our world, and for men and women of goodwill wherever they may be, that together we may be united in our work for peace and justice in the lives of all God's children.

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What's going on in our villages

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COLSTERWORTH W.I.

Sports & Social Club (next to Village Hall)
Meetings start at 2pm on 3rd Tuesday of the
month. Visitor's fee £3.00 new members very
welcome. Contact Mary

COLSTERWORTH BOWLS CLUB

Please call Mr. Robert Sowerby (07919420981)
for further details.

STOKE ROCHFORD CHURCH

WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT



FRIDAY 25TH
SEPTEMBER FROM
10.30AM-1.00PM
THE MACMILLAN

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING WILL BE
HELD AT STOKE ROCHFORD CHURCH

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE,
WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RAISE AWARENESS AND
FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE OUTSTANDING CARE
THAT MACMILLAN PROVIDES FOR THOSE
SUFFERING FROM CANCER AND THE SUPPORT
FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

AS WELL AS COFFEE THERE WILL BE
HOMEMADE CAKES AND COOKIES TO BUY TO
TAKE HOME AND ENJOY.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

PLEASE NOTE:

DUE TO FAMILY COMMITMENTS THE NEXT TWO ISSUE
OF THE QUINTET NEWS WILL BE FOR THREE MONTHS
- NOVEMBER, DECEMBER AND JANUARY AND
FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL WILL ALSO BE THREE
MONTHLY.

METHODIST PRE-SCHOOL:

Monday - Friday (Term-time) from 9am - 3pm

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sundays at 10.30am
at Colsterworth Chapel - open to all children

'OPEN DOOR' LUNCH at Colsterworth Chapel from
10am - 1.30pm on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Coffees
and lunches. Everyone welcome

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BROWNIES - Mondays (Term-time),
Colsterworth Village Hall, 5.30 - 7.00pm

BEAVERS - Wednesdays (Term time)
Colsterworth Village Hall. 5.30 - 6.30pm. For
boys and girls aged 6 - 8. Please contact
Helen Rigby on 07934 537183


Skillington Village Hall

Monday night - New dog training classes 7pm contact
Hilda 07582 715779

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

Friday Cardio Pilates 10-11 am contact Clare Askham

September and October Service Rota

	Colsterworth	Skillington	Stoke	Great Ponton	Little Ponton
6 th September	11am Group HC				
13 th September	11am HC	9am HC	10am HC	11am HC	
20 th September 3pm Church Wardens service (Corby Glen Church)	11am HC		9am HC		10am HC
Friday 25 th September				7pm Harvest Service	
27 th September	11am Family Service at School			11am HC	
Friday 2 nd October			7pm Harvest Service		
4 th October	11am Harvest and Newton Service.	6pm Harvest Service and supper			
Thursday 8 th October					7pm Harvest service
11 th October	11am HC	9am HC	10am HC	11am HC	
18 th October	11am HC		9am HC		10am HC
25 th October			11am 2nd Para Arnhem service.		

Great Ponton Weekly Activities

DIET CLUB - Monday at 10.00am

GREAT PONTON FOOTBALL CLUB

Contact Sally Bradley for details 07738827560

GREAT PONTON NEW AGE KURLING

Great Ponton Village Centre, Fridays from
10.00am - 12.00 noon £1.50 Contact Harry
Watson, 01476 530528

GREAT PONTON QUIZ NIGHT at the OAP
Centre on Tuesdays starting 8pm

BOOK CLUB

Meets on the third Monday of every month at 8pm in
the White Lion. Contact Kath Miners on 01476 861702

COLSTERWORTH & DISTRICT GARDENERS

& ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION
CLUB Village Hall, Members £2.00, Visitors £3 -
inc. raffle and refreshments. Contact Rona Allison
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