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Any donations to Bob Prentice

This is in support of the Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR).

Any questions to David Heath French at [davidheathfrench@gmail.com](mailto:davidheathfrench@gmail.com)



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Winter Opening Hours Starting Mon 12th Jan

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Monday	12 – 11pm	12 -3pm
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Wednesday	12 – 9pm	12-3pm, 5pm-8pm
Thursday	12 – 11pm	12-3pm, 5pm-9pm
Friday	12 – 11pm	12-3pm, 5pm-9pm
Saturday	12 – 11pm	12-3pm, 5pm-9pm
Sunday	12-8pm	12 - 4pm

## A note of introduction from the new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer - Eleanor Parfitt

I just wanted to take a small amount of space to introduce myself to you as the new Clerk. I originally come from Hertfordshire and after a childhood spend abroad, my university years spent at Leicester and a five-year stint on a Bedfordshire farm, I have been living in Stamford for the last seven years with my husband, son, and dog. I have been running an online retail business for the last 14 years, so this represents something of a career change and I'm so excited to be starting this next chapter. I have already been out and about with Sue putting faces to names and I look forward to meeting and working with many more of you in the future.

As mentioned in the last edition, I will be working on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (as well as attending Parish Council meetings) for 17 hours each week. Contact information remains the same as before – you can email me at [clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk) or ring and leave a message on 01476 861888 and I will endeavour to get back to you at the earliest opportunity.

Finally, I would like to offer my thanks to the Parish Council for giving me this opportunity and to give a special thank you to Sue for staying on to train me up – your advice and expertise has been invaluable.

*Eleanor Parfitt*

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# Poet's Corner

## The Countryside

When you walk down a country lane, when the snow is here again.  
Do not complain, look around and see what beauty does abound.

How can there be another spring, when life has gone from everything?  
Take a look and see below, the fallen leaves and drifted snow.

The bulbs are pushing through the soil, glad to start the winter's toil.  
Growing upwards from their womb, shaking off the winter's goom.

Look on the hedge and you will see, buds all waiting to be free.  
Fresh green leaves and blossom new, bursting out in sun-drenched dew.

When night is near and day is done, don't think that all the beauty's gone.  
When the sun doth close it's eye, there is the starlit evening sky.

JDD Hincks

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### Church Concerts Update

We just want to thank everyone for supporting the various concerts held in the Church of St John the Baptist throughout 2025. The concerts started with Carolina and Gregg in December 2024 and were carried on with another four concerts during the year featuring; Cranwell Military Wives, Julie Kirby and her music students, Millstone Grit and it Ain't What you do and finally the singing duo of Fiona and Mark.

The aim of the concerts was to entertain the villagers, but also to raise funds for repairs to the Church of St John the Baptist. In total, approximately £5000 was raised for this very worthy aim. Thank you to everyone who attended the concerts, provided raffle prizes and, of course, helped out by drinking the wine and eating the refreshments. We know everyone enjoyed the concerts and the good news is, there will be more this year. Details are to be finalised, but we start with a brass band (date to be confirmed), then Cranwell Military Wives are returning in June and the Grantham Singers will be performing a Christmas Carol Concert in December. Can't believe we're talking about Christmas already! Watch out for details nearer those times in the In Touch and on posters around the villages. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Finally, thank you to everyone who took part in last year's Christmas Tree Festival. It was a wonderful display with around twenty trees on show. Thanks also to Tash for providing the beautiful main church tree. We are very lucky having so many people take part in these events and making them such a success. We'll be doing it again next year. Second reference to Christmas!

Kind regards,

Jackie, Carol and Peter.

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Services for February at St John the Baptist Church:

1 <sup>st</sup> February	11:00am Morning Prayer	Peter Wheatley Churchwarden
8 <sup>th</sup> February	11:00am Holy Communion	Rev'd Jill Potts
15 <sup>th</sup> February	11:00am Morning Prayer	Steve Potts Reader
18 <sup>th</sup> February	7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	Rev'd Jill Potts
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	11:00am Morning Prayer	Angela Grimwood ALM

**OTHER EVENTS**

**Church Cleaning: 10<sup>th</sup> February 9:30am with coffee and chat after**

**Coffee Morning: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10:00 -12:00. Hosts: Christine & Peter Baldock,  
41 Colsterway Colsterworth.**

**Church Open: Saturday & Sunday 10:00am – 4:00pm Closed weekdays until 2<sup>nd</sup>  
March, thereafter open daily 10:00am – 4:00pm**

*As we are without a resident vicar, our services are led by visiting clergy or lay  
volunteers, with tea, coffee and biscuits after each service. Wedding, Baptism or  
Funeral Services can be arranged, please contact Peter, Churchwarden.*

For more information on services, or the church, please see social media, our website or  
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**COLSTERWORTH METHODIST CHURCH  
February 2026**

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from the building internet permitting. If you are interested in joining our services by zoom,  
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Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
1 <sup>st</sup>	10:30am	Morning Worship	Rowena Ward-Barrow	Betty Neal
8 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Morning Worship	Jane Wakerley	Lynn Lewis
15 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Morning Worship	Worship Leaders	Helen Scorrer
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Neil Maynard	Cheryl Sutcliffe

**Open Door Lunch –Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February 11:45am – 1:30pm.**

During the Winter months we will be opening over lunchtime and serving soup and a roll  
followed by either a hot pudding or cake plus of course offering lots of chat. We welcome  
people of all and no faith to join us and of all ages. Our book and jigsaw library will be  
available for you to browse and borrow from.

**Games/Craft & Chat Group – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February – 2:00-3:30pm.**

Bring your own craft along and join our group for a cuppa, a chat and maybe an  
opportunity to learn new skills. Or alternatively come and have a chat over a game of  
dominoes. Everyone welcome.

**Christmas Eve Carols By Candelight Service**

Many Thanks to those who attended our service. The collection totalled £225.10 which  
was divided between The Passage, Medical Aid for Palestine and Colsterworth Methodist  
Church.

**Villages Diary February 2026**

Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon-1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Garden Club	Colsterworth Village Hall
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Antiques To Inspire	Colsterworth Village Hall
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon-1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	12noon-12:30pm	Mobile Library	Colster Way
<b>March</b>			
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-12noon	Coffee Morning	41, Colster Way, C'worth
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Women's Institute AGM	Colsterworth Village Hall

**Weekly**

<b>Mondays</b>	10am-noon	<b>FOCUS Kurling</b>	Village Hall
	12:30pm	<b>Merry Widow(er)s</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Monday)	White Lion
	6:30pm-7:30pm	<b>Pilates</b>	North Witham Village Hall
<b>Tuesdays</b>		<b>Dementia Singing Group</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday)	South Witham Village Hall
	1pm	<b>Free Chair Yoga</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)	Methodist Church
	6pm-7pm	<b>Yoga</b>	Methodist Church
<b>Wednesdays</b>	6pm-7pm	<b>Beavers</b> (Term time)	Village Hall
	11:45am -1:30pm	<b>Open Door</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Weeks)	Methodist Church
	12:30pm	<b>Lunch</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)	North Witham Village Hall
	6:30pm -7:30pm	<b>Pilates</b>	Methodist Church
<b>Thursdays</b>	2pm-3:30pm	<b>Craft &amp; Chat</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weeks)	Methodist Church
	10am-noon	<b>Rolling Stones Kurling</b>	Village Hall
	6pm - 7:15pm	<b>Cubs</b> (Term time)	Village Hall
	6:30pm-7:30pm	<b>Pilates</b>	North Witham Village Hall
<b>Fridays</b>	7:30pm-8:45pm	<b>Scouts</b> (Term time)	Village Hall
	7:30pm-9:30pm	<b>Weekly Bingo</b>	Sports & Social Club
<b>Saturdays</b>	10am-12noon	<b>Football Coaching</b>	Sports Field
	10am-11am	<b>Breakfast</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)	North Witham Village Hall

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