



ALDHAM



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Dear Friends,

Have you given up something for Lent? Jan Rogan has some unusual suggestions below!

And, if you want to delve a little deeper, there are some Bible verses for you to look up.

Why not give up Complaining, and focus on Gratitude instead? (Philippians 2.14-15, 1 Thessalonians 5.18)

Give up Bitterness, and turn to Forgiveness? (Ephesians 4.31-32)

Give up Worry, and Trust in God. (Matthew 6.25 and 33)

Give up Discouragement, and be full of Hope instead! (Deuteronomy 31.8, Isaiah 40.31)

Give up Hatred, and Return Good for Evil—Jesus told his followers to Love their Enemies. (Luke 6.27, 1 John 2.9)

Give up Anger, and be more Patient. (Matthew 5.22, Proverbs 15.18)

Give up Gossiping, and Control your Tongue. (Psalm 34.13, Proverbs 21.23)

Is there one of these that leaps out at you?

Maybe one of them is your big bugbear, the thing that gets you into trouble, and disappoints you repeatedly? Or maybe there are several! Why not choose just one of these, and promise yourself each morning to make this change in your life, for Lent at least.

Now, that's a bit different from giving up chocolate, isn't it?

With best wishes for a good Lent!

EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8.00 pm 13 April

Passover Seder Meal
and Communion

GOOD FRIDAY

11.00 am 14 April

Good Friday
Meditation
at Marks Tey

EASTER DAY

9.15 am 16 April

FAMILY
COMMUNION

JUNIOR CHURCH

The next Junior Church (in the Tower Room) will be when there is Communion on the fourth Sunday of April, 23 April.

DIARY DATES

1 Apr	10.00 to 12.00 Book Exchange
5 Apr	7.30 pm Home Group at Caterpillar Cottage
13 Apr	8.00 pm Seder Meal and Communion in Aldham Church
16 Apr	EASTER DAY - 9.15 am Family Communion
23 Apr	9.15 am Junior Church
24 Apr	7.30 pm in Church - Annual Parochial Church Meeting
26 Apr	7.30 pm Home Group at Caterpillar Cottage

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning: Angela d'Angibau,
Carole Ashton

Flowers:

1 Mar - 15 Apr	LENT
April 16, 23	EASTER Wendy Byford and team
April 30, May 7	Jan Rogan

Churchyard: John Ashton & Dave Keys

ALDHAM W.I.

The next W.I. meeting will be on Thursday 20 April, at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall.

Mr Peter Jones will be telling us 'How to do everything and be happy!' This is our 48th birthday meeting and there will be a draw for the Denman bursary. Visitors and guests are welcome. *Jean Jennings*

BOOK EXCHANGE ...

... will be on 1 April, as usual. Please note that Friends of Aldham Church Cards are available at the back of the church.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

will be on Monday, 24 April in the Church at 7.30 pm. This is an opportunity to hear reports on the activities of the church in 2016, and to ask questions. There will be elections for the Churchwardens, representatives to the Deanery Synod, and the PCC. Everybody welcome.

EASTER LILIES

... at £1.50 a stem, may be had in memory of a loved one who will be remembered in the prayers on Easter Sunday. Orders to Jennifer MacCallum by Thursday, 6 April please. (01206 571070)

PLAYING FIELD

Following our Annual Inspection (by the Health and Safety Officer) of play equipment on our Village Playing Field, it has been found that the wooden play structure is unsafe for use, due to several of the wooden poles now being rotten.

Signs have been placed on the equipment with warnings that the structure is now not fit for purpose and advising everyone not to use it.

The Parish Council has plans in hand for the whole structure to be removed, which will take place during the next few weeks.

Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Jackie Daines, Chairman, Aldham Parish Council.

WHO'S WHO

Priest-in-Charge	Revd Ian Scott-Thompson, The Rectory, Church Lane, Marks Tey, Col. CO6 1LW	01206 215772
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CYO

For many years Aldham Church has supported several charities by allocating 10% of the previous year's regular giving to missions and charities. Details can be found in the annual report which is on the church website. From time to time this is supplemented by special appeals and collections, such as the Earl Haig collection on Remembrance Sunday..

Colchester based **Christian Youth Outreach (CYO)** is one of the principal missions we support. It was established in the early 1990s when a group of Colchester Churches, led by Tim Abbott, took over a 3-year Scripture Union initiative in Colchester Schools. Tim still leads the organisation. Its founding aim was to offer to the Colchester secondary schools a Christian spiritual input and to provide emotional support to the students, whether they had faith or no faith.

Currently CYO funds chaplains at several secondary schools and the Sixth Form College, and supports other chaplains funded by local churches. In addition there is a small group of volunteer mentors.

For year 9 girls struggling with self image, poor self esteem and image a six week course called Beloved is offered. This academic year saw the start of a similar course for boys.

In many of the schools, prayer spaces – known as Sanctum – are often set up for a week. This has proved very popular, encouraging youngsters to express grief and loss and allowing emotional healing. In recent years CYO has branched out in providing support to a primary school network.

Aldham has had a long connection with CYO. Former Rector Richard Morgan was a trustee for several years, Jane Scott-Thompson works part time as Treasurer and Marks Tey resident Bek Korniej is one of the CYO school chaplains.

VILLAGE HALL

Pamper Evening in Aldham Village Hall on Friday 7 April 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Tickets £3.50 include glass of wine and nibbles. Contact Sue (01206 240682) or Brenda (07768 055806).

Please make a note of the return of the popular Afternoon Tea and Plant Sale on Sunday, 14 May 3.00 to 5.00 pm. Cream Teas £4.00.

Anne Fulcher 01206 211624

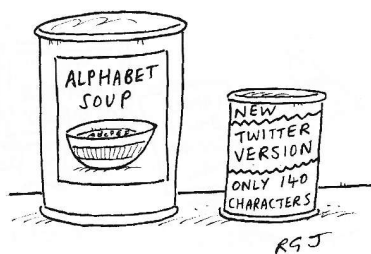
MAUNDY THURSDAY - SEDER PASSOVER MEAL

In the church on Maundy Thursday, 13 April at 8.00 pm.

The Seder meal is a traditional Jewish celebration of the Passover, the event recorded in Exodus which Jews regard as the birth event of their nation. The meal focusses on six symbolic foods that remind the Jews of the bitterness and pain they endured in slavery in Egypt.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you can help with the Easter Flowers, please come to the church at 9.30 am on Friday, 14 April.



Deadline for May
Newsletter:

22 APRIL

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to all our services

2 Apr	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
9 Apr	9.15 am	Palm Sunday HOLY COMMUNION
13 Apr	8.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Passover Seder Meal, Communion
14 Apr	11.00 am	Good Friday meditation <i>at Marks Tey</i>
16 Apr	9.15 am	Easter Day FAMILY COMMUNION
23 Apr	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
30 Apr	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP

*CRECHE The Tower Room is available every Sunday
with sound relay of the service.*

*FAIRTRADE COFFEE and TEA are served
after all 9.15 am services.*



Worship at Marks Tey

<i>1st Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Morning Worship
<i>2nd Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Morning Worship
<i>3rd Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Holy Communion
<i>4th Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Morning Worship
<i>5th Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Morning Worship

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.

Matt. 28:5,6



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REMOVALS & STORAGE	K.Dobbs, Unit 1-2, Bellhouse Farm, Stanway	01206 212444
ROOFING SERVICES	Daniel Wicks, 4 Honeywood Close, Marks Tey	01206 212032
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