



# ALDHAM



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## **EASTER REFLECTIONS, by our Curate**

Revenge is sweet, so they say. But is it?

As I write, investigations continue into the nerve agent attack on Sergei and Yulia Skripal in Salisbury. They are in a critical but stable condition. What substance was used? Who is to blame? What are the consequences for the individuals and for the nations concerned? Perhaps by the time you read this, we will know some of the answers. Is this attack revenge... or should revenge follow this attack?

It is important to know the truth, hence the investigation. What strikes me, however, is that in every situation such as this one there is a complex web of relationships and actions. We see just the visible 'tip of the iceberg'.

The same was true on that Friday over 2000 years ago, which we now call 'Good'. 'What was good about it?' we may well ask. An innocent man who claimed to be the Son of the Living God, was crucified between two criminals by the occupying Roman forces. Who was to blame? Was it Pontius Pilot? Or the centurions? Or Judas? Why did he die? What are the consequences – for us as individuals and for the nations concerned?

This Good Friday, in a reflective service at Aldham Church at 9.15am, we will be asking such questions, the story told in a powerful drama called *'The Nail'* written by Bishop Stephen Cottrell. Do come.

As for the consequences, they are far, far greater than anyone there at the time could ever have imagined. This same Jesus, crucified on the Friday we call Good, rose from the dead three days later. Evidence? Over 500 eye-witnesses of the risen Christ (1 Corinthians 15:6), and 2000 years later, over 2 billion followers of Christ worldwide, celebrating Easter. We'll be celebrating in both

Aldham and Marks Tey on Easter Sunday. Do come!

You see, the thing about Jesus, unlike any other religious leader, is that he didn't stay dead. And in his resurrection, he brings hope of forgiveness and abundant life in this world and the next.

Revenging a wrongdoing is a self-perpetuating circle. Forgiveness, on the other hand, brings release, reconciliation and renewal of relationships. Jesus, on the cross, cried 'Father, forgive them...'

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

will be on Monday, 16 April in the Church at 7.30 pm. This is an opportunity to hear reports on the activities of the church in 2017, and to ask questions. There will be elections for the Churchwardens and the PCC. Everybody welcome.

As we celebrate Easter this year, may we find it in our hearts to forgive and to be forgiven. Springtime, renewal, new growth and beauty may well be here, after a long, cold winter.

*Wendy Pagden*

## DIARY DATES

28 Mar 7.30 pm Home Group  
7 Apr 10.00 am Book Exchange  
10 Apr 11.45 am Communion  
16 Apr 7.30 pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting

## CHURCH ROTAS

*Cleaning:* Angela d'Angibau  
*Flowers:*  
Apr 1, 8, 15 EASTER  
Apr 22, 29 Jan Rogan  
*Churchyard:* Dave Keys  
Ken Thompson

## BOOK EXCHANGE ...

... is on 7 April as usual.

We felt it was only right, in view of treacherous conditions under foot and tyre, to cancel the Book Exchange on 3 March. This is the first time in 10 years, that a Book Exchange has been cancelled. That is some record! All is not lost, for Judith Vestey and Mike Chapman are still going to make scones for the April Exchange, and Pat Welsh's craft and jewellery stall will be there!  
*Ken and Deanna Thompson*

## MID-WEEK MONTHLY COMMUNION

The mid-week monthly Communion at Aldham continues on 10 April at **11.45 am** (2nd Tuesday).

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If you make a claim, please note that the church is insured as 'ALDHAM, St MARGARET.'

## W.I.

Aldham W.I. will be celebrating its 50th birthday on Thursday 19 April at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Members and invited guests will be enjoying a hot meal, followed by our speaker, David Webb, who will be telling us about his life as a Hi de Hi Yellowcoat.  
*Jean Jennings*

## MOBILE LIBRARY VAN

Please note that from Thursday 5 April the Library Van will be visiting Aldham every three weeks instead of fortnightly. The van will be at Harding Close at 16.55.

Or use the Church Book Exchange, first Saturday, 10.00 am with tea or coffee and often more.

## WHO'S WHO

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## FRIENDS OF ALDHAM CHURCH

The Annual Report was presented at the AGM on 8 February. Here is a shortened version.

As we start a new year we thought it would be good to let everyone know our plans for the future and what has been achieved in the two years since "Friends of Aldham Church (FOAC)" was set up. Aldham church, I think we would all agree, is a central and integral element of the village whether we are churchgoers or not. It is open to all without reservation for weddings, funerals, baptisms and services.

The objective of FOAC is simply to contribute to the maintenance of the fabric of the church and churchyard by raising funds through annual subscriptions or donations from people in the village as well as putting on events to which all are welcome.

Since the FOAC was established at the start of 2016 a total of £5,211 has been raised which has enabled a contribution of £2,136 to be made towards the repointing of the churchyard wall. To date 55 people have become "Friends" and the funds raised so far through subscriptions and donations have been enhanced by a number of successful events such as:

- The formation of an Aldham History Group which meets 2 to 3 times a year.
- Sponsored local walks
- Summer garden parties
- A curry lunch
- The sale of greeting cards depicting the church

Sadly the Christmas concert by the Kelvedon Singers organised for December 2017 had to be cancelled at the last moment due to inclement weather. **Notwithstanding, the Singers were able to make a £500 donation to the Friends.**

The new year 2018 sees one of the

greatest challenges ahead as major repairs are required to the tower and parts of the church building. Approximately £40,000 needs to be raised and FOAC are very keen to support the raising of funds for these repairs and a number of events for the forthcoming year are planned to include:

- A murder mystery evening
- A History Group meeting in April
- The Aldham Open Gardens event on 10 June (the Village Hall and a charity will share in the funds raised)
- A summer fete
- A flower festival in the church in October

Finally the FOAC committee should like to thank everyone who is or has been a "Friend" for their contributions in the past as well as everyone who has supported the organised events or given donations.

*Andy Brown*

## PIER TO PIER SPONSORED WALK-ST HELENA HOSPICE

**Sunday, 22 April 2018**

**Come** together with your friends, family and work colleagues and enjoy the sea air at our Pier to Pier 2018 sponsored walk between Clacton and Walton Piers.

We'll be starting the walk from either Clacton or Walton on the same day so please select which start point you would like!

**Time:** Walk sets off at 10am (registration opens at 9am) **Miles:** 7 or 14 mile. Free for all ages. More information:

<http://www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/event/pier-to-pier-2018/>

Deadline for the May Newsletter:

**22 APRIL**

To: Iain MacCallum or  
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

## THIS MONTH'S WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

*You are warmly invited to all our services*

29 Mar	7.30 pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY <i>at Marks Tey</i> COMMUNION and Shared Meal
30 Mar	9.15 am	GOOD FRIDAY Meditation
1 Apr	9.15 am	EASTER DAY FAMILY COMMUNION (+Jnr Ch)
8 Apr	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
15 Apr	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
22 Apr	11.45 am	HOLY COMMUNION
29 Apr	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
6 May	9.15 am	ALL-AGE SERVICE



## 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

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

*Romans 15 v. 13*

**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.*



## Please support your local Traders

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MOBILE DISCO	Jacks Tracks, 25 Norbury Close, Marks Tey	07751 867880
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OPTICIAN	The Eye Centre 15 Market Hill Coggeshall CO6 1TS	01376 561156
PHARMACY	86 London Road, Marks Tey	01206 212878
REMOVALS & STORAGE	K.Dobbs, Unit 1-2, Bellhouse Farm, Stanway	01206 212444
ROOFING SERVICES	Daniel Wicks, 4 Honywood Close, Marks Tey	01206 212032
VW & AUDI GARAGE	John Austin, London Road, Marks Tey	01206 211483
WINE TASTING EVENTS	Alison Curwood, wineathome.co.uk N'th Ln, M Tey	07450 584348