



ALDHAM



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Dear Friends,

During the past few weeks, life has felt very strange and different! Maybe you've been wondering what's really important in life? Which risks are worth taking, and which are just too... risky! It's hard to know.

These are uncertain times for all of us, and we need to look out for one another, especially those who are finding it hard to cope. In the coming weeks, restrictions that seemed manageable at first may become intolerable. Some are using it as an opportunity for scams and crime, and for racism and intolerance. Please look out for your neighbours, and be kind and considerate. Care-ing, as well as care-ful.

We've also found that lots of people are offering to help, but we are not easily discovering the people who need help (hence the 'Pooh' cartoon). So please don't be too shy to ask, even for small things!

Last month, we invited you to Try Praying for a week. We still have plenty of Try Praying booklets – just get in touch (ian.scott-thompson@virgin.net, 01206 215772), or ask a friend or neighbour who comes to church. We'd love to know how you get on...

With best wishes,

CHURCH CLOSURE - EASTER LILIES

With the church now being closed at all times, it is not practical to have Easter lilies in the church. I will contact all of you who have paid £1.60 for a stem to ask you what you would like me to do with the money.

Jennifer MacCallum



HE HAS RISEN!

What gets you out of bed in the morning? Apart from a wide awake toddler or a dog that needs walking, that is.

For the fortunate among us of us, it's the need to earn a living to pay the bills and provide for

our family or ourselves. If we're blessed enough to do work we enjoy and find fulfilling, all the better.

Even in these uncertain times, for Christians, each day is a gift from God thanks to the hope we have in Jesus. The events of Easter provide those who follow Jesus with forgiveness for the past, God's help and guidance in the present, and the promise of a bright future with Him.

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning:

April Angela d'Angibau,
 Yvonne Tomassi
Churchyard: Dave Keys & Neil Byford

MOTHERING SUNDAY

The rector has recorded a short sermon for Mothering Sunday at

<https://youtu.be/0Z9v77zbTT8>

Thank you Andrew d'Angibau, and Neil Byford for the lovely flowers that brought big smiles from Mums and others in Aldham.

SHOPPING

At the time of writing, some supermarkets have announced priority services for the elderly and vulnerable, but special shopping hours have been ignored by the more able. As this is non-enforceable, it might not be wise to rely on it in the future. On-line shopping web sites for home delivery or for click-and-collect (e.g. Sainsbury's Tollgate) have crashed under extreme loads, but they hope to have reinstated these with priority for the vulnerable on Monday 23 March.

For the vulnerable who have the internet and can drive, "click and collect" at Tollgate is one of the safer way to shop for food.

There have been reports that local "corner" type shops have better supplies, as do High Street shops if you can safely get to them.

WORSHIP ON THE WIRELESS

Sunday Worship is on BBC Radio 4 at 8.10 am on Sunday mornings. If that's too early for you, as it is for us, record it on your TV recorder at Freeview 704 or Virgin 904.

SHOPPER BUS

Christine Willetts who runs the Monday shopper bus doesn't intend to cancel this service unless she absolutely has to. The collections will be at the normal times. Unfortunately they can't run the bus to coincide with Sainsbury's attempted dedicated opening for the elderly,

Claire Gearey

BARRON FARMS

Barron Farms at Chappel (01206 210383) are trialing deliveries to Hines Close. They say: "Please bear with us whilst we figure out a way to do this more efficiently with a better rota system. We've never done anything like this before. We are aiming to supply on a weekly basis."

I have asked them to try to include other roads in Aldham. You can order on-line at www.barronfarms.co.uk

Claire Gearey

CLOSURES

All Leisure World sites (including Aqua Springs)

Charter Hall

Town Hall

Colchester Castle Museum

Hollytrees Museum (including the Visitor Information Centre)

The Natural History Museum

High Woods Country Park Visitor Centre

Colchester Borough Homes Greenstead Housing Office.

BUT Recycling collections will continue.

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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GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE ...

... is changing by the day. Google

nhs/coronavirus

for the latest advice and who is considered vulnerable.

To see the government's latest **guidance for churches**, go to the church website

www.aldham-church.co.uk

and on the home page click on the link

Coronavirus advice to churches

It also includes a useful section on resources.

WASH YOUR HANDS

After shopping or receiving goods from shops, always wash your hands in soapy water!

Also, the virus seems to be spreading via petrol pumps. Advice is to wear gloves when filling or use a paper towel and bin it straight away. I got this information from a friend who's a nurse, so it shouldn't be fake news.

Claire Gearey

CANCELLATIONS

We've been told of the following cancellations or postponements:

Aldham Church to remain closed at all times for worship or prayer

Annual Parochial Meeting (20 April)

Book Exchange in the church

Afternoon Tea in the church

Home Groups

WI meeting 12 April and Coffee Morning 18 April

All Parish Council meetings will be cancelled until further notice, including the Annual Parish Meeting (7 April).

Anyone with concerns can contact either the Chairman, Jackie Daines on 01206 242 538 or the Parish Clerk on 01206 240 772 or **aldhampc@gmail.com**

Iain MacCallum and Claire Gearey

KEEP CALM THEY'RE HERE TO HELP

Aldham Parish Council has produced this list of volunteers

in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic. This group of villagers have offered their services on behalf of the community of Aldham.

If you need help, or support then contact any of the volunteers or our coordinators at the numbers below:

Jackie Daines (Co-ordinator – Ford Street)
01206 242 538

Claire Gearey (Co-ordinator – Village Hall)
01206 210 995

Any of the volunteers listed below would be happy to help you.

Laura Bennett (1 Brick Cottages)
07891 197 149

Jane Buy (3 Hines Close) 07812 513 348

Jodie Cherry (30 Hines Close)
07813 788 645

Louise Dixon (Brook House, Brook Road)
07805 252 494

Clair Easton (The Chimes) 07718 731 190

Susan French (May Cottage) 07763 208 495

Richard Gough (12 Oak Tree Cottages)
01206 215 688

Aaron Innard (32 Hines Close)
07731 933 820

Laura Innard (32 Hines Close)
07702 584 285

Susannah Langton-Jones 07889 954 826

Kathryn Urand (17 Hines Close)
07736 051 873

Linda Wright (28 Hines Close)
01206 210 901

Jasmine Wright (28 Hines Close)
07375 396 698

Deadline for May Newsletter

22 April

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove



**Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance
for churches**

In light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that **public worship is suspended until further notice.**

Furthermore, in accordance with the order of the Bishop of Chelmsford **this church building will remain closed from 6.00 pm on 22 March until further notice**

For funerals and weddings, please contact the Rector on 01206 215772

For the full text of the latest guidance of the Archbishops visit the church website:

www.aldham-church.co.uk

"Don't be alarmed," the young man said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

Mark 16:6

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Psalms 90:12

Please support your local Traders

BOILER SERVICING	J Butcher 24 Gainsborough Rd. Sudbury CO10 2HT	07885 504036
BUTCHER	Willsher, 87 London Road, Marks Tey	01206 210365
CARPETS & FLOORING	Unit 1, Flyover Nurseries, 8 Coggeshall Road, MT	07973 407986
CARPETS & FLOORING	Tey Carpets at Home, 25 Keable Road, Marks Tey	01206 212826
COMPUTER ASSISTANCE	Roger Walker, 16 Hines Close, Aldham	01206 211143
DELOTO DOG GROOMING	Karen, Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey CO6 1LS	07970 990564
ELECTRICAL	Aaron Pearson, 1 Rowan Close, Stanway	07825 224420
FRENCH TUITION	Isabelle Hull, 42 Stanefield, CO6 1LX (up to GCSE)	07957 918546
FUNERALS	A.Birkin & Sons, 6 West St., Coggeshall	01376 561316
FUNERALS	Hunnaball, York House, 41 Mersea Rd.	01206 760049
FUNERALS	E. England Co-op, Stanway Retail Pk, Peartree Rd	01206 804911
FUNERALS	R. Gwinnell & Sons, 112 Ipswich Rd.	01206 868585
GARDEN & HOME MAINTENANCE	SJT, 59 Keable Rd. Marks Tey	07985 386758
GARDENING & ODD JOBS	Gary Todd, 3 London Road, Marks Tey	01206 212274
HOME CARE	Linmar Care, Godmans Lane, Marks Tey	01206 912311
MOBILE HAIRDRESSER	Sarah, 4 Norbury Close, Marks Tey	07884 005978
NAIL TECHNICIAN	Deeva Nails & Beauty, Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey	07516 699101
OPTICIAN	The Eye Centre 15 Market Hill Coggeshall CO6 1TS	01376 561156
OVEN CLEANING	D. Burton, Ashwells, Park Lane, Earls Colne	07850 550799
PHARMACY	86 London Road, Marks Tey	01206 212878
PLASTERER	RJB Plastering, 5 Rowan Close, Stanway, CO3 0QJ	07500 062430
PLUMBER	Mark Nayler, 1c King George Rd. CO2 7PE	07763 468391
REMOVALS & STORAGE	K.Dobbs, Unit 1-2, Bellhouse Farm, Stanway	01206 212444
ROOFING SERVICES	Daniel Wicks, 4 Honeywood Close, Marks Tey	01206 212032