

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED BY THE CHURCH IN



ALDHAM



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FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Friends,

The weeks leading up to Easter have a strange sweet-and-sour feeling for Christians. In our world, we are seeing the tragedy unfolding in the invasion of Ukraine, while spring is bursting into colour all around us. In the middle of sombre Lent comes Mothering Sunday; and the darkness of Holy Week and Good Friday leads to the joy of Easter Sunday. Is that all a puzzling contradiction, lacking honesty and integrity? Or is it just the glorious mix of life on earth?

In School, a boy asked, "Why do we call it Good Friday, if it's when Jesus died?" Good question! Normally, a death is a sad occasion, especially someone loved and admired. Although our Queen has lived a long and fulfilled life, her death will be a very sad day indeed. And that was true of Jesus as much as anyone: his disciples grieved and mourned and hid themselves away. Two things changed all that forever: first, when they began to realise that his death was not senseless, but it had achieved something that thousands of years of Temple sacrifices had not. As Jesus died, his sacrifice had paid for sin, for anyone, for ever! Our rebellion against God can be struck from the account, and we can be given a free 'Jesus' pass into God's presence! From that moment on, we called it 'Good' Friday, because of

Jesus' amazing work on the Cross.

The second thing that changed it all? Perhaps you've guessed already: on the first Easter Day, Jesus rose from the dead, and appeared to his followers! Not just a spirit, but flesh and blood; and not coming back to this life again, but the first of a new creation which will never die, and which one day we will share. Isn't that Good News?

With best wishes,

BAPTISMS, WEDDING FUNERALS

Baptisms, weddings and funerals can happen again now, with sensible precautions. You don't need to be a regular Sunday worshipper. We are your church – please ask, and we'll do our best for you!

JUBILEE TEA

At the recent PCC meeting it was agreed to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Coronation with a service in church on Thursday 2 June followed by tea in the churchyard. For more details, see the May newsletter.

BOOK EXCHANGE

Our next book exchange is on 2 April. Book exchange will continue on the first Saturday of each month, 10.00 am till 12.00. We are now able to offer some refreshments.

Ken Thompson

We exist to honour God and to enable people in our community discover Jesus

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning:

April: Angela d'Angibau,
Yvonne Tomassi

Flowers:

April 2-16: LENT
April 17-24: EASTER Wendy Byford
and team
Churchyard: Dave Keys, Andy Brown

DIARY DATES

Apr. 1 until 21 Apr. Ely Cathedral.
Exhibition: *Towards the
Light*
Apr. 2 Book Exchange
Apr. 3 Kelvedon Singers at Copford
Apr. 4 7.30 pm on Zoom. LLF
session 5
Apr.12 9.15 am in church. Prayer
Apr.25 APCM 7.30 pm in church.

ALDHAM W.I.

The next W.I. meeting will be on Thursday 21 April, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker will be Mike Farley on The life and times of Henry VIII. Hope to see you there.

Jean Jennings

WORSHIP IN CHURCH

Although all Covid legislation has been repealed and there are no legal requirements for public worship, there has been a huge rise in infections in West Colchester. So the best advice hasn't changed. We will keep the church well-ventilated and wear facemasks if we feel we ought to, to protect the vulnerable and help reduce the spread of the virus.

Ian Scott-Thompson

EASTER LILIES

As is the tradition in Aldham Church we will be remembering loved ones at our Easter Day Service on 17 April by dedicating a lily in their name. Lilies this year are £2.50 each and can be reserved by giving your name, and the name of the person to be commemorated, to me by Sunday 3 April. Wendy Byford has the job of ensuring that the lilies are at their best for Easter Day, hence the two week 'window' between the 'order by' date and Easter. Thank you. *Jennifer MacCallum*

ALL HANDS TO THE CHURCHYARD

Thanks to all who came to the aid of the working party in the churchyard on Saturday, 19 March. We had to use a skip rather than a bonfire. *Ken Thompson*

OPEN CHURCH

It is resuming weekly, for the present, every Tuesday from 10.00 to 11.30 am, when Coffee and Cake will be available. As it always has been, Open Church is for all the village. The church is also open on Thursdays for private prayer.

KELVEDON SINGERS AT COPFORD

After the dreary months we have endured for 2 years, we are thrilled to be singing music to lift the spirits as we move forward into Spring. Our next concert is on Sunday 3 April in Copford Church. Please send cheques £14 per person made payable to Kelvedon Singers to Sarah Phillips, 13 Queen Street, Coggeshall CO6 1UF. Or to secure your place, email sp@base.nitrex.net or telephone 01376 561719.

Sarah Phillips

WHO'S WHO

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH OUTREACH (CYO)

We were privileged to welcome Bishop Guli, the Bishop of Chelmsford, to the CYO office on Tuesday 22 February to meet the team and to learn more about chaplaincy in schools and colleges across Colchester.

Bishop Guli asked perceptive questions, shared her passion for the work we're doing (having once been a school chaplain!) and asked us to keep in touch.

Tim Abbott

BEACON HOUSE

Dear Aldham Church. On behalf of the staff and guests at Beacon House, I would like to thank you for your very generous gift of food, clothing and toiletries. With over 250 current service users at any one time, we are very grateful to all the people who donate to us, which helps us to support the most vulnerable people in our society.

Now that we are coming through the latest wave of the pandemic and the restrictions are beginning to lift, we have had the good news that football sessions with Futures in Mind will be recommencing next month. To make these sessions sustainable the cost has increased, but thankfully we are still able to pay for our guests to attend and engage in something positive. We have also begun to offer a new service providing access to therapy sessions as part of our OT programme.

Vicky Darke

MARGARET GILBERT

The funeral of Margaret Gilbert (aged 107) took place on 2 March in Aldham Church with about 40 mourners present. Margaret was the oldest Colchester resident at the time of her death. Refreshments were provided in the committee room of the Village Hall.

A WEEK IN CYO

Do you realise what goes on week in, week out, at CYO? Here is a typical week's schedule:

Mondays – Chaplaincy at: Colchester Academy (Stuart), Stanway School (Emma), St. Helena School (Lynsey), Girls High (Hazel). Mentoring at Stanway School (Anna)

Tuesdays – Chaplaincy at: Colchester Royal Grammar (Bill)

Wednesdays – Chaplaincy at: Philip Morant School (Emma), Paxman Academy (Joe - Plume Avenue Church). Mentoring at The Gilbert School (Stuart & Tim) and Philip Morant (Gareth)

Thursdays – Mentoring at St. Helena School (Suzanne)

Fridays – Chaplaincy at: The Gilbert School (Sarah)

Beks Korneij works flexibly across Colchester Sixth Form College and Colchester Institute during the week but is usually in the Institute on Mondays and Tuesdays and the Sixth Form College on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Tim Abbott

TOWARD THE LIGHT

An exhibition of contemporary silkscreen prints on handmade leaf paper

I am delighted to announce my forthcoming solo show in the magnificent Lady Chapel at Ely Cathedral which will run from 1st to 21st April 2022. I will be there on Tuesday 5th, Saturday 9th and Wednesday 20th April from 10.00am – 12.00 noon and would love to see you if you plan to visit.

Janet French

Deadline for May Newsletter

22 April

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to our services.



27 Mar	9.15 am	MOTHERING SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION
3 Apr	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
10 Apr.	9.15 am	PALM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
14 Apr.	7.30 pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY at <i>Marks Tey</i> and on Zoom
15 Apr.	10.00 am	GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION
17 Apr.	9.15 am	EASTER DAY FAMILY COMMUNION
24 Apr.	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION



Refreshments are currently not being served after 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

Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Romans 4 : 25

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