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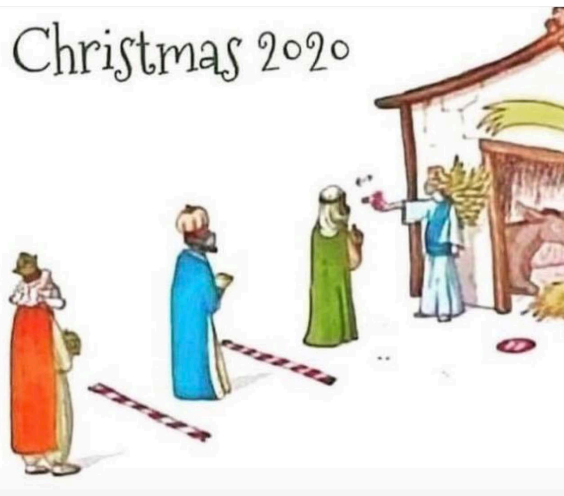


ALDHAM



DECEMBER 2020/JANUARY 2021 (by email)

Christmas 2020



FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

It's been a tough time, in a strange year, hasn't it? Now, after the Second Lockdown, Essex is in Tier 2 from 2nd December. What does that mean for our church? You can find the details here.

Meanwhile, the church has been praying to appoint a new Bishop of Chelmsford, in place of Stephen Cottrell. We'll let you know, as soon as a name is announced.

It's Advent, a time of expectation and preparation for the coming of Jesus. His first Coming at Christmas is a familiar story, and we can count down the days to 25th December. But nobody knows the date of his second Coming – like the end of Covid precautions, or when a fire alarm goes off, it could be any date and time. We just have

to be ready!

How can I be ready? Read the Bible stories about Jesus, and decide to live the way he commends. Ask yourself, "What Would Jesus Do?" Download the 'Comfort and Joy' App (or smart speaker skill), or register for emails from www.churchofengland.org, and you can hear a helpful reflection each week of Advent and each day after Christmas into the New Year.

With best wishes,

BLUE BOXES

Many thanks to everyone for delivering their Children's Society boxes so promptly. We've raised a splendid £346.86. Thank you for your continued support.

Jean Jennings

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

We wish all our readers a Joyful Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning:

December Anne Matthews,
Jennifer MacCallum

2021 January Sally Green,
Felicity Chapman

Flowers:

Dec 6, 13 ADVENT - no flowers
Dec 20, 27, Jan 3 CHRISTMAS Wendy
Byford and team

2021 January

Jan 10, 17 Pippa Holme
Jan 24, 31 Jan Rogan

DIARY DATES

Dec 20 4.00 pm. Carols in the
churchyard

SHOE BOXES

Thank you for the shoeboxes: Many thanks to those who contributed money or items to help make up shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child this Christmas. I made 42 boxes including the money and items donated, plus 6 complete boxes were made up by others making a total of 48! Plus some have filled boxes online via their website this year.

Thank you to you all for helping brighten a child's Christmas in such a difficult year for everyone. The shoe boxes will be taken to Kingsland Church to be collected and taken to the regional processing centre.

Lindsay Gough

GIFT DAY - 15 November

As we go to press, the Gift Day total is £3,795 plus about £850 of Gift Aid to be reclaimed. The total, including Gift Aid, is about £4,645 against the shortfall in the appeal letter of £4,500.

At its meeting on 7 December, the PCC decided to pay the 2020 Parish Share in full. The PCC would like to thank, again, those who have donated and so enabled us to do this.

ALDHAM W.I.

We are currently holding our monthly meetings on zoom. For more information, please contact me on 01206 211408.

Thursday 17th December 2020, 7.30pm:
Stephen Wells - *The Story of Butlin's Holiday Camps*. Stephen began as a Butlin's Redcoat and went on to being the Entertainment Executive responsible for booking some of the biggest names in show business. 'A funny talk with lots of great stories about stars including Cliff Richard, Bob Monkhouse, Jimmy Tarbuck, Des O'Connor ... and many more'.

Thursday 21st January 2021, 7.30 pm:
Nick Newland from ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) - an opportunity to find out more about ACWW's work and also to hear how our pennies contribute in some small way.

Jean Jennings

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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CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP)

Christmas Hampers Appeal 2020

Christians Against Poverty is a Christian charitable company with a national organisation specialising in debt counselling for people in financial difficulty. It also provides Job Clubs for those seeking employment, Life Skills groups helping people with practical skills to survive on a low income and Fresh Start Courses for people looking to overcome addictions and dependencies.

[Wikipedia]

Several people in Aldham and Marks Tey have been helped by CAP.

Aldham Church has been asked to help with a Christmas appeal for hampers for clients of CAP who need a little extra..

In order to make this project Covid compliant they are asking for either **completed hampers or money donations.**

A completed hamper will have all, or almost all of the following items, and they should fit into two plastic shopping bags.

Biscuits	Family bag of crisps
Box of chocolates	Selection boxes
Stuffing mix	Gravy granules
Savoury biscuits/crackers	
NON-alcoholic drink, e.g. Schloer	
Tea bags	Coffee
Jam/Marmalade	
Non-alcoholic Christmas Pudding	
Bread sticks	Non-alcoholic mince pies
Christmas crackers	Yule log
Hot chocolate	Twiglets/cheeselets
Jaffa cakes	Giant tubes of sweets

If you would prefer to make a **monetary donation**, these can be paid into the CCDC bank account, please include the reference '**hampers**'

Colchester CAP Debt Centre
Co-operative Bank
Sort Code: 08 92 99
Account Number 65655607

Or, if you tell Iain how much you wish you give by 11 December, you can pay him later.

For us, it's the most wonderful time of the year. But not for some of their clients. Christmas can be a dreaded celebration. Many cannot afford a Christmas dinner or presents for their family especially those who are working hard to become debt free, these hampers and gifts offer a family hope at Christmas.

The deadline for donations and hampers is 11 December. Please contact Iain MacCallum (01206 571 070) before that date if you have a completed hamper for CAP. He will collect and arrange delivery.

Iain MacCallum

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD

Instead of sending cards to church people you would see in person, you can bring a small card with your name on it and pin it to the notice board. If you choose to do this, please put a donation in the box. We'll send it to CAP.

CAROLS IN THE CHURCHYARD

4.00 pm on 20 December

There will be carols in the churchyard, where the Christmas tree will be this year. The tree has kindly been donated to the village by Neil and Wendy Byford. Please be masked, stand 2m apart from other households, do not face anyone, and bring a torch. Music and words will be provided. There will be an offering for badly needed church funds!



Deadline for February Newsletter

22 January

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to our services.

We sit socially distanced, but there is still room for a few more!



6 Dec	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
13 Dec	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
20 Dec	4.00 pm	CAROLS IN THE CHURCHYARD
25 Dec	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP <i>with Communion</i>
27 Dec	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
3 Jan	9.15 am	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
10 Jan	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
17 Jan	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
24 Jan	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
31 Jan	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP



Refreshments cannot be served during current restrictions

Worship at Marks Tey

1st Sunday	11.00 am	Morning Worship
2nd Sunday	11.00 am	Morning Worship
3rd Sunday	11.00 am	Morning Worship
4th Sunday	11.00 am	Morning Worship
5th Sunday	11.00 am	Morning Worship

**The true light
that gives light to
everyone was
coming into the
world.**

John 1:9

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
PLASTERER	M.J.Reeve, 5 Ashbury Drive, MT, CO6 1XW	01206 920462
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