



# ALDHAM



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## **RESOLUTIONS AND REFLECTIONS by our Curate**

I wonder how your New Year's resolutions are looking? Surveys tell us that common resolutions are around weight and fitness, learning something new or finding a better job/relationship. Yet – and this may be why I'm not really a resolutions person – evidence suggests that most of us will find our resolve abandoned by mid-January, if not in the first week.

So is there any point? My answer is a definite 'yes' – not necessarily to make specific measurable (and therefore breakable) resolutions, but rather to taking a long, hard look at our lives and at what we consider to be valuable and beneficial to our long term health and happiness, as well as to that of our families' and community. It's part of human nature, no matter our culture or creed, to take stock at different times of the year, whether it be financial Year End, the end of course exams, or the beginning of a new job or relationship. Jesus, as with many spiritual leaders, took time out to pray, to reflect, to consider the next steps of life, ministry and calling. 40 days in the wilderness might not be your thing (or mine), but reflection is vital if we are to live with purpose and personal integrity. The calendar, and the change of seasons, help us with finding a rhythm of celebration (as over Christmas and New Year) and an opportunity to reframing our life, work or relationships through retreat, reflection and resolutions.

Letting go of the negative, hurtful or tragic past is also part of moving forward. For many, 2017 has been a

difficult year: personally, nationally and internationally. Bereavement, broken relationships, Birmingham bombing, Brexit negotiations, Grenfell tower and Rohingya Muslims are just some which come to mind. In the face of such situations, we need courage and perseverance; prayer and forgiveness and the recognition that important changes don't happen overnight but in many small, sometimes painful steps. In our new year's resolve, let's remember that it's the consistent, everyday actions which make a difference: small acts of kindness, sustained work, generosity, and practical help.

Archbishop Justin Welby encouraged and challenged me with his New Year's address, concluding with the

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

exhortation: 'If we're welcoming to those in need, if we're generous in giving, if we take hold of our new future with determination and courage, then we will flourish.' May 2018 be a year of flourishing for us all, as individuals and as a community.

*Wendy Pagden*

## DIARY DATES

3 Feb	10.00 am Book Exchange
7 Feb	Home Group 7.30 pm at Caterpillar Cottage
8 Feb	7.30 pm in the church. FOAC AGM
10 Feb	7.30 pm Village Hall. <i>Murder at Merrivale Golf Club.</i>
12 Feb	7.30 pm PCC at 7 Hines Close
13 Feb	11.45 am Communion
18 Feb	3.30 for 4.00 pm Memorial Service
28 Feb	Home Group 7.30 pm at Caterpillar Cottage
3 Mar	10.00 am Book Exchange <i>with cards and crafts</i>

## CHURCH ROTAS

<i>Cleaning:</i>	Linda and David Mills
<i>Flowers:</i>	
Feb 4, 11	Patricia Walker
Feb 14 - March	LENT no flowers

## THANK YOU

Thanks to all who came to and took part in our Christmas services (trees, flowers, candles, Carols, Mulled wine & mince pies, Christmas day etc) –

## BOOK EXCHANGE ...

... is on 3 February as usual, but on 3 March, Pat Welsh will be selling jewellery and craft.

## FRIENDS OF ALDHAM CHURCH

The Kevedon Singers, many of whom were snowbound on the day of the proposed concert, sent the following message:

*We were so very sorry to have to cancel our Christmas Concert in Aldham due to truly adverse weather conditions and thank you so much to all those of you who gifted your ticket money. The Friends of Aldham Church were very grateful.*

The Friends are planning to produce an FOAC newsletter in the next two weeks which will be circulated to all the village as well as more distant "Friends". The objectives of this are to let everyone know what the Friends have achieved over the last two years and forthcoming events, to thank people for their contributions and support and most importantly to see if we can encourage more people to become "Friends".

**Thursday 8th February** at 7.30 pm in the church is the AGM, including the election of officers.

**Saturday 10 February at 7.30 pm:** 'Murder at Merrivale Golf Club' A Murder Mystery evening at Village Hall. Very few tickets at £7 are still available from Paul Proctor, by email:

**paulproctor@hotmail.co.uk**  
or by phone: 0754 7786332

*Andy Brown*

## WHO'S WHO

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## ALDHAM W.I.

The next W.I. meeting will take place on Thursday 15 February at 7.45 in the village hall. Our speaker, Brian Carline, will be giving a talk entitled 'Days of Dolly Blue and Izal.' Friends and guests are always welcome. *Jean Jennings*

## TEARFUND

At the Communion service on 14 January, we were pleased to have Stephan Kaye, a Tearfund representative from Cambridge as our special preacher. He showed a short film that brought to our attention just one example of how a relatively small initiative in the Democratic Republic of Congo, had enabled a young girl to have a useful job that in turn helped her community.

Our local Christmas Card scheme this year was in aid of Tearfund. We write our Christmas greetings to other church goers on a large card at the back of the church. Donations and the savings of stamps raised £180.63 including Gift Aid for Tearfund.

## MID-WEEK MONTHLY COMMUNION

The mid-week monthly communion at Aldham continues on 13 February at 11.45 am (2nd Tuesday).

## RONALD WILSON

Ronald Wilson, who had lived in Aldham for 38 years, passed away peacefully at the age of 93 on 6th January after a short illness. Ronald joined the RAF during World War II and served as a navigator on Lancaster bombers. There followed a fascinating business career on both sides of the Atlantic until his retirement in 1987. He will be well known to many residents in Aldham thanks to his successful 13 year campaign to persuade Essex County Council to introduce a speed limit on the dangerous stretch of the A1124 between Ford Street and Eight Ash Green. Our thoughts go out to Jill and all his family at this sad time.

## DAY OUT ON RETREAT

Lent is from Wednesday 14 February to Easter. Why not try a day's retreat at one of the following retreat houses centre's during Lent? You can choose either a guided retreat or use the time of quiet in a beautiful space to think and reflect on your life and goals alone.

- The House of Retreat, Pleshey:  
<https://www.retreathousepleshey.com/>
- Otley Hall Retreat (Near Ipswich):  
<http://www.otleyhall.co.uk/retreat-days/4568004990>

Take time to find rest for your soul and to meet with God

*"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you"* (from St. Augustine: Confessions)

*Rev. Wendy Pagden*

## TABLE TOP SALE

**Saturday 17 February 2018** in Aldham Village Hall. Free Entry. Refreshments available. If you require your own table, please contact Anne on 01206 211624 as soon as possible as spaces are booked very quickly. Aldham Village Hall will provide your table and seating. Cost of table - £5.00

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

This year, our Memorial Service will be at 4.00 pm on Sunday 18 February (come for a cup of tea and cakes from 3:30 pm). This is a chance for anyone to come and remember friends and family who have died, and light a candle for them if you wish. We shall be reading out their names with music and prayer. If you would like someone remembered by name or with a candle, please phone the Rector, on 215772, or just come.

Deadline for the **March** Newsletter:

**22 FEBRUARY**

To: Iain MacCallum or  
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

## THIS MONTH'S WORSHIP AT ALDHAM



*You are warmly invited to all our services*

4 Feb	9.15 am	ALL-AGE SERVICE
11 Feb	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
13 Feb	11.45 am	HOLY COMMUNION
18 Feb	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
	<b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>MEMORIAL SERVICE</b>
25 Feb	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION ( + Jnr Ch )

**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 Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.**

*Romans 8:26*

## Please support your local Traders

BEAUTY THERAPIST	The Beauty Rooms, 117 London Rd, Marks Tey	01206 211831
BOILER SERVICING	J Butcher 24 Gainsborough Rd. Sudbury CO10 2HT	07885 504036
BUILDER	Ottley Whitehouse, The Pink, Copford Gn.	01206 211212
BUTCHER	Willsher, 87 London Road, Marks Tey	01206 210365
CARPET & FLOORING	The Blue Goose, 8 Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey	07973 407986
CARPETS & FLOORING	Tey Carpets at Home, 25 Keable Road, Marks Tey	01206 212826
CARPENTRY	Mark Jones, 55 Winstree Rd., Stanway	07974 218925
COMPUTER ASSISTANCE	Roger Walker, 16 Hines Close, Aldham	01206 211143
DELOTO DOG GROOMING	Karen, Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey CO6 1LS	07970 990564
FINANCIAL ADVICE	WRS Fornham, 227 London Road, Stanway.	01206 214980
FIREPLACES & STOVES	D.W.Parsons, Showroom Enquiries	07860 350038
FUNERALS	A.Birkin & Sons, 6 West St., Coggeshall	01376 561316
FUNERALS	Hunnaball, York House, 41 Mersea Rd.	01206 760049
FUNERALS	E. England Co-op Funeral Services, 89 Wimpole Rd.	01206 793492
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
GARDENING SERVICES	Stuart Lake, 27 North Lane, Marks Tey	07701 302366
MOBILE DISCO	Jacks Tracks, 25 Norbury Close, Marks Tey	07751 867880
MOBILE HAIRDRESSER	Sarah, 4 Norbury Close, Marks Tey	07884 005978
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 Honeywood 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