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CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED ...

... is an informal and relaxed 7-week course for anyone who wants to think about the meaning of life. It's run by ordinary Christian people from the Church and is completely free. You don't need to know anything about the Bible, and you can ask any question you like - or just sit and listen. If you are thinking about confirmation, CE covers most of the classes.

We are planning to hold it at 11.00 am to 12.30 pm on Wednesdays, starting on 20 February, at The Harvest, Green Lane, the home of John Pitts. We start with coffee.

Whoever you are, whatever you're thinking, CE is an opportunity for you to explore what life and the Christian faith is all about. It might just be the best news you've ever heard! Call Ian Scott-Thompson (215772) or Wendy Pagden (844677) for details.

Dear Friends,

Valentine's Day is coming soon!

God is love, the origin and source of all love: that's why we celebrate love on a Saint's day. The most important relationship we make is with Jesus: getting that straight should be our first priority.

But we're not always very good at relationships, are we? How can we get better at connecting honestly with one another, and staying close?

The most important thing is communication: and I don't just mean facts and opinions. Be aware of your feelings: when angry or upset, think twice before speaking (or pressing 'Send'). It's a good thing to say how you are feeling, but not to lash out. And if you're considering whether to compliment or encourage someone, don't hesitate!

Wondering whether to get in touch or contact someone? Follow your instinct and message, text, phone, or even visit them. It could be just what they need at that moment! One check that will save many relationships is the famous 'triple filter', or 'three gates': Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary? If what you are about to say fails

TEA PARTY CHANGE OF DATE

Afternoon Tea in the church has moved to the **FIRST THURSDAY** of the month, and in the winter months it will start earlier. So the next Tea Party is on **Thursday 7 February at 2.30 to 4.00pm.**

It will continue at this time during the winter months.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

This year, our Memorial Service will be at 4.00 pm on Sunday 17 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.

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

one of these tests, it may be better not to say it. This is easy to say, hard to put into practice.

I think that being kind may be the most important test. Many relationships fail because couples have drifted into being unkind to each other. And in front of mates, too: it's so tempting to put someone down. Try this: Don't say anything about a third person, that you couldn't say with them beside you. Again, hard to put into practice – we may end up keeping quiet!

Seriously, be encouraging, and be kind, instead! You don't have to lie, or be dishonest: you just have to choose what you say and how you behave. Why not ask God to help you? What do you know? You may end up with some seriously good and lasting relationships.

With best wishes,



CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning: ANY VOLUNTEERS?

Flowers:

Jan 27, Feb 3 Sian Curtis
Feb 10, 17 Pippa Holme
Feb 24, Mar 3 Yvonne Tomassi

DIARY DATES

Jan 28 12.00 Thanksgiving Service for Mary Everson.
Feb 2 10.00 am Book Exchange.
Feb 7 2.30 pm Tea Party
Feb 10 12.30 pm Kenyan Lunch at Marks Tey Church Hall.
Feb 12 11.45 am Communion.
Feb 13, 27 7.30 pm Home Group
Feb 17 4.00 pm Memorial Service.
Feb 21 11.00 am Funeral of Eileen Knowles.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BLUE BOXES

This year we collected £280.00 in our blue boxes. Many thanks to everyone who contributed. If you would like to have a blue box to collect your loose change and help vulnerable children, please contact me on 01206 211408. Thank you.

Jean Jennings

ALDHAM W.I.

The next W.I. meeting will be on Thursday 21 February at 7.45 pm in the village hall. Capt, Karl Lumber will be telling us the Trinity Lighthouse Story.

Do come and join us, you will be most welcome.

Jean Jennings

VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 9 February is the date of the next Table Top Sale in Aldham Village Hall. Entry free. Sale starts at 10.30am. Refreshments available. Homemade Cheese & Fruit Scones. Tea, Coffee etc.

Come along for a browse and maybe you will find a bargain.

Alternatively, if you have started an early Spring Clean, you may like to have your own stall for the event. Stalls cost £5.00 and we provide your table and seating. I can accommodate a few more items of good bric a brac on the Village Hall stall - books, small china, costume jewellery. Please give me a ring on 01206 211624 for further details.

Anne Fulcher - Aldham Village Hall Management Committee.

MID-WEEK MONTHLY COMMUNION ..

..continues on 12 February at 11.45 am (every 2nd Tuesday).

WHO'S WHO

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KENYAN LUNCH

Come and hear about my trip to Kenya! It was part of my curate's training, and I met some wonderful people. Sunday 10 February, 12.30-2.30pm, in Marks Tey Church Hall, including Kenyan style feasting, reflecting and story-telling with pictures! Free (but donations welcome for Kenya) – let me know if you can come.

Rev. Wendy Pagden (01206 844677)

ALDHAM OPEN GARDENS 2019

Well, we are up and running! A preliminary meeting has now taken place regarding organisation and the date is confirmed as Sunday 9 June 2019. The profits are to be shared by the Village Hall (25%), three charities (15%) and the Friends of Aldham Church (60%) as there will be ongoing huge expenditure required for the repair of the remaining flint cladding on the tower. Some individuals have kindly taken on a variety of responsibilities. Now we need to get as much sponsorship as possible and attend to the detail. We have already been contacted by 2 new gardeners who are willing to open their garden and we now need to check on previous 'openers' so that we can ascertain exactly how many we have. Not all previous gardens can open for various reasons. We hope to once again have an Art Exhibition in the church and want if possible to have other activities/entertainment in the village so as to appeal to as wide an audience as possible. If you know of anyone who might 'perform' for little or no reward or if you haven't yet contacted me but are willing to open your garden or can help in any way, my contact details are as follows:

aldhamopengardens@gmail.com

cmbrown47@gmail.com

Carolyn Brown (210963)

FABRIC REPAIR APPEAL - UPDATE

The treasurer's latest spreadsheet on the Fabric Appeal, is showing a shortfall of just £1,205.17 on a target of £41,500. Brilliant! An answer to prayer and generosity shown by the village, friends and grant-awarding trusts. If by any chance you've mislaid the appeal leaflet and still wish to contribute to the repairs, just call me on 01206 571070, or email me at (maccallum.ir@gmail.com) and I'll get a leaflet to you. Every little helps to conserve our meagre reserves.

Iain MacCallum

MARY EVERSON

Mary Everson passed away peacefully on 10 January. She died at home, 3 Church Grove, with the family around her. Until she suffered a serious stroke about 4 years ago, Mary had been a regular worshipper at Aldham Church.

We offer our condolences and prayers for Freddie and the family. A Service of Thanksgiving for Mary is to be in Aldham Church at 12.00 am on Monday, 28 January, following a service in the Crematorium for the family. Refreshments will be served in the Village Hall following the Church Service.

EILEEN KNOWLES

We were sad to learn of the death of Eileen Knowles, on Monday 14 January, a month before her 91st birthday. Eileen was a lively member of Aldham Church before her move to Stanway but she always remained an active supporter of the Church and Village Hall. Our prayers and sympathy go to Vicky, Stephen, Tallie and the family she loved. A Thanksgiving Service for Eileen's life will be held in Aldham Church at 11am on Thursday 21 February.

Deadline for March Newsletter

22 FEBRUARY

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to all our services

3 Feb 9.15 am ALL-AGE SERVICE

10 Feb 9.15 am HOLY COMMUNION

12 Feb 11.45 am HOLY COMMUNION

17 Feb 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP
4.00 pm MEMORIAL SERVICE

24 Feb 9.15 am HOLY COMMUNION

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

1st Sunday

11.00 am Morning Worship

2nd Sunday

11.00 am Morning Worship

3rd Sunday

11.00 am Holy Communion

4th Sunday

11.00 am Morning Worship

5th Sunday

11.00 am Morning Worship

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

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
CARPETS & FLOORING	The Blue Goose, 8 Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey	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
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, 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
MOBILE DISCO	Jacks Tracks, 25 Norbury Close, Marks Tey	07751 867880
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
PHARMACY	86 London Road, Marks Tey	01206 212878
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 Honywood Close, Marks Tey	01206 212032