

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED BY THE CHURCH IN



ALDHAM



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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

On Sunday 2nd February, two members of our congregation will be confirmed at Stanway by the Bishop of Colchester, Roger Morris. This is a public statement of Christian faith, 'underlining' the promises made at Baptism. Another member has asked to go with them, and re-affirm their own Confirmation promises. So, instead of our normal 9.15am service in Aldham, we've decided we will all support them and go along to St Albright's Church at Stanway for the 10.30am Confirmation Service. Other candidates from Stanway and Marks Tey will also be taking part – it's going to be a wonderful occasion! Please come and celebrate this Confirmation with us.

The following Sunday afternoon is our Memorial Service, on Sunday 9th February. As well as our regular 9.15am Communion, at 3.30pm we shall serve tea and cakes, followed at 4.00pm by our annual service to remember those we have loved and lost. I shall read out the names of those who have died, and each family may come forward and light a candle to remember their loved ones. Do please let me know if there is a particular name of someone that you would like to remember; and even if we can help, by giving you a lift to the service, or in any other way.

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Aldham people are welcome to hold their wedding or a family funeral in Church – even if you haven't been to church before! We are your church – please come and ask, and we'll do our best for you!

With best wishes

ALDHAM W.I.

The next W.I. meeting will be on Thursday 20 February at 7.45 pm in the village hall. Andrew Tann will be giving a talk entitled *Three Generations at Crapes*. This meeting is open to all, so why not come along?

Jean Jennings

THE BRIDGE

You don't need reminding that the bridge over the railway at Marks Tey Station is now closed to vehicular traffic. It is not expected to be reopened until July (2020).

BOOK EXCHANGE

Will be on 1 February, as usual.

Storage of books in the church is very limited. We cannot cope with hardbacks or oversize books. Paperbacks up to about 8.5 by 5.5 inches in good condition are welcomed.

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning:

February Lynda Davis, Hazel Jarvis

Flowers:

Feb 2 Pippa Holme

Feb 9, 16, 23 Jan Rogan

Mar 1 LENT No flowers

Churchyard: Ken Thompson

DIARY DATES

Jan 29 7.30 pm at 'The Harvest' - Home Group

Feb 1 10.00 am Book Exchange

Feb 3 7.30 pm at 20 Hines Close - PCC

Feb 5, 19 10.30 am Fellowship at 12 Church Grove

Feb 6 **2.30 - 4.00 pm** Afternoon Tea in Church

Feb 9 3.30 for 4.00 pm Memorial Service

Feb 12,26 7.30 pm at 'The Harvest' - Home Group

HOME GROUPS

We have two home groups both of them meeting every 2 weeks, on alternate Wednesdays. See diary dates.

The group that meets at 'The Harvest', (the last bungalow on the left down Green Lane from the church) is doing an 8-part course in Paul's letter to the Philippians. As you read this we have done two of the studies, but it is never too late to join.

The other group meets at 12 Church Grove. It is following a gentle 16-part broad-brush approach to the Bible.

If you would like to join either of these groups, please contact Iain MacCallum or Revd Ian Scott-Thompson. Phones. below.

FRIENDS OF ALDHAM CHURCH ...

... held their AGM in the church on 13 January. Andy Brown gave a full account of what has been a busy and successful year. Neil Byford went over the accounts and told the meeting how they had raised over £13,000 towards last year's fabric repairs to the tower and the west wall of the church. This was by far the largest of seven grants that the church had received for this work. Andy read from two letters of thanks that the church had sent to the Friends. One of these included the following:

It has just come to our notice that the Friends of Aldham Church have made another donation to the Quinquennial Repair Fund that covers the unexpected items that could not be foreseen until the architect got a close-up view from the scaffolding!

We think the Friends of Aldham Church have been absolutely splendid in raising just over £13,000 towards the repairs. It represents a huge commitment on behalf of the committee (and the committed) and also massive support from the residents of Aldham who have given most generously to your fund-raising activities.

If we add to the FOAC contribution, the £8,240 raised directly by the appeal, mainly to the village and past residents, and £2,200 from the flower festival, this means that about £23,440 of the repair bill, **more than half**, has been funded by Aldham, and the balance of £22,000 by grants.

Thank you, again

Aldham Parish Church

WHO'S WHO

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| Priest-in-Charge | Revd Ian Scott-Thompson, The Rectory, Church Lane, Marks Tey, Col. CO6 1LW | 01206 215772 |
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REAL EASTER EGGS

The Easter Egg with the Easter Message is back again in its 10th year.

It's the same price as it was 4 years ago, which is as far as my records go back!

All eggs are FairTrade; the Original is £4; the Dark is £5.50; and there is a Special Edition at £10.00. The packaging is now plastic-free and the chocolate is Palm Oil free.

Orders written on the sign-up sheet, to be at the back of the church, by 10 March are post free and will be delivered to you in church. (Don't pay me till you get your egg.) If you miss the deadline, you *may* be able to buy them at Tesco, Waitrose and ASDA. But why risk it?

Back in 2008, David Marshall, the visionary who started it all, said: To be a 'Real Easter Egg' it has to reflect the Easter themes of hope and new life. So the box contains an Easter Story booklet, the chocolate is FairTrade, and the proceeds support charitable causes - £275,000 has been sent so far.

Iain MacCallum

A THOUGHT FROM WESTMINSTER

Tim Farron, MP for Westmorland and Lonsdale, is a prominent Christian in the House of Commons. He wrote the 'Credo' item in the Times of 11 January. I thought this encouraging excerpt was worth repeating:

Christianity began with its leader executed in shame alongside common criminals in an obscure corner of the Roman Empire, leaving a handful of demoralised followers who were then persecuted mercilessly. It's hard to see any reason for the church having lasted more than a weekend, never mind two millennia. If you are betting on the disappearance of Christianity, you will be disappointed.

CHELMSFORD TO YORK

In case you haven't heard, the Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford has been appointed to succeed John Sentamu as Archbishop of York, when he retires, in June 2020.

SHARE YOUR HOSPICE STORIES

St Helena Hospice is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year and will be re-telling its journey through the stories of people involved at the very beginning.

Thanks to a generous grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, the memories of people involved in its early years will be recorded and preserved. The collection, along with historic photos and film clips, will be published online, and along the way a podcast series will be broadcast.

There are plans to host a heritage exhibition towards the end of the year featuring some of the stories and images.

Do you have a story to tell about the early days of St Helena Hospice? Perhaps you were a volunteer or staff member when the Hospice opened in 1985 or even before then in 1979 when plans were being made? Did we support a loved one or friend in the early years of the hospice movement locally? Do you remember when Royalty came to visit the patients?

Please email stories@sthelena.org.uk in the first instance to share your memories.

FLOWER ARRANGERS WANTED

We could do with a few more people willing to do the flowers in the church for just one two-week stint. If you can help, please contact Pippa Holme (07532 242166) or Jennifer MacCallum (01206 571070)

HENRY HOLME

Pippa writes: I would like to explain what my son Henry will be doing in April. He will be running!

THE WORLD RUN

The World Run is a mental health campaign organised by four old school friends; Henry, Andrew, Conor & Chris, who want to change the stigma that surrounds men's mental health, specifically suicide & depression. Suicide has long been the 'silent killer' of too many: in the UK 84 men take their own life every week, with men accounting for 75% of all suicide.

In April 2020 the boys will attempt to run 6 marathons, in 6 days, on 6 continents, to raise money for the charity partner James' Place. In 2018 James' Place opened their first a non-clinical centre for men experiencing extreme depression and crisis in Liverpool, and have ambitions to open their second centre in or around London in the coming years.

The purpose of The World Run is to raise £157,200 (which equates to £1,000 for every mile we run) to help James' Place open a second centre, whilst concurrently inviting young people, especially men, to share their personal mental health experiences.

You can donate to Henry's campaign at

www.theworldrun2020.com

or send a cheque payable to Henry Holme, to Pippa Holme, The Old Rectory, Rectory Road, Aldham, CO6 3RR

JAMES' PLACE

James' Place is the UK's first non-clinical centre for men experiencing a suicidal crisis. Opened in Liverpool in June 2018 by Prince William, James' Place offers men who are experiencing a suicidal crisis a brief, intensive, therapeutic intervention in a safe environment.

To date, James' Place Liverpool has

supported more than 150 men experiencing suicidal crisis, delivering over 1,000 therapy sessions using an innovative and safe therapeutic intervention.

You can find out more about James' Place at

www.jamesplace.org.uk

All travel expenses have been covered by sponsors, so all contributions go straight to the charity.

Pippa Holme

pholme@inbox.com

NEW LIFE CHURCH, KATHMANDU

Aldham Church (together with St Andrews Marks Tey) have been associated with this church in Kathmandu, Nepal, ever since, in 2001, pastor Chita Karki, then studying at Glasgow Bible College, visited our churches. We have helped with some building projects and with the running costs of a church orphanage. Friends in the UK paid for Chitra and his associate pastor, Anoorodh, to make this visit to the churches that have supported them.

On Sunday, 19 January, they told us how the church in Kathmandu had outgrown its building twice, had planted two 'branch' churches in villages, and how the orphanage was enabling up to 20 young children to progress to worthwhile jobs. None of this was helped by a severe earthquake in 2015, regular monsoon rains, and a hostile political climate.

The present church building project is very expensive compared to twenty years ago. It is only about half finished, but the foundations which have to be able to withstand earthquakes are firmly in place!

PIONEERING IN STANWAY

In the September Newsletter, Wendy Pagden, then ending her training as a curate in Aldham and Marks Tey, wrote:

For me, this August/September is also a time of transition because it marks the end of my time as your curate in Aldham and Marks Tey; a time to say goodbye and to make sure I finish well; a time to prepare myself for my new role as Pioneer Minister with St Albright's Church in Stanway, with a particular focus on building community and discovering new ways of worshiping God especially within the new housing developments. I'm excited about it,

After only a few months, Wendy has got herself well started on the huge task that she has been called to, and for this, she is being supported by a 'core team' from St Albright's.

Wendy soon discovered that Starbucks in Stanway also has a mission! It has been asked to be a community resource, as well as a provider of coffee! Wendy discovered that her role as a community worker, fitted neatly into Starbucks aims, and so an evening after-hours slot has been provided as a meeting place for open discussions - with coffee!

Wendy taught at the sixth-form college before she became a curate. A two-term temporary vacancy as a school chaplain came up, and who better than Wendy was there to fill the job? Another way to get to know people.

As a pioneer minister, Wendy needs contacts across this vast, and still growing parish. These initiatives will be an excellent start. If you are someone who prays, do pray that Wendy will seize every opportunity that presents itself.

AFTERNOON TEA ...

.. is a monthly event on the first Thursday of the month, 2.30 to 4.00 pm. All welcome. Tickets are NOT required!



FRIENDS OF ALDHAM CHURCH

The Friends are putting on a Flower Arranging Demonstration in the Village Hall on Friday 24 April, at 7.30 pm. Expert Sandra Price, who masterminded our last Flower Festival, will be showing us the tricks of the trade. Also, Ken Crowther, the BBC Essex Gardening Hour host will be in attendance to answer your horticultural questions. An interesting and educational event, all for only £5, including refreshments. Tickets from Wendy Byford, 01206 240425.

Another date for your diary is 19 July, when the Friends are holding their Summer Garden Party at Tile House. Please keep it free!

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



2 Feb 10.30 am CONFIRMATION SERVICE
at St Albrights, Stanway
No Service at Aldham

9 Feb 9.15 am HOLY COMMUNION
4.00 pm MEMORIAL SERVICE

16 Feb 9.15 am MORNING SERVICE

23 Feb 9.15 am HOLY COMMUNION

1 Mar 9.15 am ALL-AGE SERVICE

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

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

Please support your local Traders

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| BOILER SERVICING | J Butcher 24 Gainsborough Rd. Sudbury CO10 2HT | 07885 504036 |
| BUTCHER | Willsher, 87 London Road, Marks Tey | 01206 210365 |
| CANINE CRECHE | Mark Ward, 4 Moss Road, Stanway, CO3 0LE | 01206 768222 |
| 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 |
| DANCE TUITION | Laurie Felton, in Aldham Village Hall | 07711324789. |
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| FRENCH TUITION | Isabelle Hull, 42 Stanefield, CO6 1LX (up to GCSE) | 07957 918546 |
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| 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 |
| 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 |
| TOENAIL CLIPPING | Georgina Long, 2 Heath Farm Cottage, CO2 0LY | 07810 543081 |
| REMOVALS & STORAGE | K.Dobbs, Unit 1-2, Bellhouse Farm, Stanway | 01206 212444 |
| ROOFING SERVICES | Daniel Wicks, 4 Honywood Close, Marks Tey | 01206 212032 |