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# ALDHAM



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## Dear Friends,

This summer has been marked already by several major tragedies. After the van striking pedestrians on Westminster Bridge, there was the bomb at the concert in the Manchester Arena, the van attack on London Bridge, and the latest vehicle attack at Finsbury Park Mosque. Perhaps the most shocking tragedy has been the Grenfell Tower blaze.

Some of the public debate has been about how we should respond to these tragedies. The first demand is often for information: who is involved, and are my family safe? Sometimes, in the confusion, it can be difficult to sort out the facts from the allegations and rumours, especially with so much instantly on social media. But the video from bystanders phones and CCTV is already becoming crucial in discovering what actually happened.

The next instinct of many of us is to be angry, demand change, find out what went wrong and who was to blame, and make sure it never happens again. Improving things is a good aim (expert investigation of disasters is why airline travel is so safe today); but it needs time. There is something more urgent.

As well as supporting the emergency services, and offering practical aid to victims and survivors, the most urgent need today is to show support for people suffering. This is not just a PR stunt or a social media fashion, but victims genuinely need our compassion. After the Grenfell Tower fire, local clergy and bishops simply went down there and listened to people's stories on the streets. Many begged Theresa May to do so too, after the Queen and Prince

William made their own visit. We need to know that those in power and authority are listening, or we quickly lose respect.

For Christians, it's a reminder that this is what Jesus did, too. To a world in agony, losing faith in God because of suffering, Jesus came to the streets and villages and shared our experiences. Then, finally, he suffered also.

For reasons we cannot fully understand, human suffering continues. But God is not remote and aloof: when we suffer, he suffers too—he is right there with us. When tragedy occurs, we need to be right there with those who are suffering; and remind them that God is there.

With best wishes,

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

## DIARY DATES

1 July	Book Exchange
2 July	3.00 pm Wendy Pagden's Ordination at St Mary the Virgin, Great Dunmow
13 July	7.30 pm Open Gardens Meeting
16 July	Friends Summer Event at Tile House
5 Aug	Book Exchange with Phoenix Cards and scones.

## CHURCH ROTAS

### *Cleaning:*

*July:* Judith and Peter Vestey

*August:* Wendy Doncaster,  
Iain MacCallum  
(brasses)

### *Flowers:*

Jul 2	Janet Gediking
Jul 9, 16	Julie Orpen
Jul 23	Angela d'Angibau
Jul 27	WEDDING
Jul 30	Angela d'Angibau
Aug 6, 13	Deanna Thompson
Aug 20, 27	Ruth Raven

### *Churchyard:*

*July:* Richard Gough

Peter Vestey

*August:* Paul Hollingsworth

Roger Walker

## BOOK EXCHANGE ...

The next Book Exchange will be at 10.00 am on 1 July, and at the one after on 5 August we will have Phoenix cards, and scones!

## ALDHAM W.I.

Our meeting on the 20 July will be a Summer Supper at Tile House. The supper will start at 6.30 pm and members will need to bring a salad or pudding, plate, pudding bowl, glass and cutlery.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 17 August, at 7.45 pm in the village hall, when Deborah Bent will speak about on '*Life Beyond Limb Loss.*'

*Jean Jennings*

## WENDY'S ORDINATION

Our curate, **Revd Wendy Pagden** is to be ordained a priest on 2 July at St Mary the Virgin, Great Dunmow (CM6 2AF). The service is at 3.00 pm and Wendy would like as many as can come from Aldham. After this ordination, Wendy will be able to preside at Holy Communion, conduct marriages, baptise and, when the time comes, take charge of a parish.

## NEW CHURCHWARDEN

My name is **Coral Wingate**, and although originally from Tottenham, I have lived in Marks Tey for 15 years with my husband Mark, my children Emily (24), Thomas (20) & Elizabeth (15) & our Yorkies- Rooney & Ziggy. We run a flooring business, Figaro Floor Designs, based at the Blue Goose in Marks Tey.

I was involved with Teddy Bear Club toddler group for many years & now I'm involved in adult groups; a book club, a church home group, and can be found in church most Sunday mornings and most Tuesday mornings for open church.

## WHO'S WHO

Priest-in-Charge	Revd Ian Scott-Thompson, The Rectory, Church Lane, Marks Tey, Col. CO6 1LW	01206 215772
Curate	Revd Wendy Pagden, 5 Rockingham Close, St John's, Colchester, CO4 0NJ	01206 844677
Reader	Mr Iain MacCallum, 9 Handford Place, Queens Road, Colchester, CO3 3NY	01206 571070
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## ALDHAM OPEN GARDENS 2018

Most people speak fondly of Aldham Open Gardens but for the last couple of years no-one has been prepared to run it.

I have decided that I should like to try to resurrect this event with anyone else who would be interested in assisting me.

I am thinking about an event on a smaller scale than the one that ran for 32 years, and, with the help of others, I am willing to try. Open Gardens needs the support of the whole village so it seems only right that the whole village should benefit from any proceeds. Therefore I would propose that any proceeds should be split 3 ways, these being:- The Village Hall; Friends of Aldham Church; A Charity – (in the first instance to be Cancer Research UK).

Anyone who would be interested in being a part of organizing or participating in ALDHAM OPEN GARDENS 2018 is welcome to come along to a meeting on Thursday 13 July at 7.30 pm in Aldham Village Hall.

We will of course need to have a number of gardens open and it really doesn't matter what size or what type of garden they are – gardeners love to browse, enjoy, chat and exchange ideas, so please give a thought to opening your own.

If you cannot come along to the meeting, but are interested and/or willing to do something, please ring me on 01206 210963.

*Carolyn Brown*

## FRIENDS OF ALDHAM CHURCH

Don't forget this year's **Summer Garden Party** on Sunday, 16 July at Tile House, New Road - courtesy of Neil and Wendy Byford. See the insert with this month's newsletter for fuller details and where to buy tickets.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

*John Ashton*

## THY KINGDOM COME

The 'Street Party' to welcome the Bishop of Colchester (and his dog) on their walk across the diocese attracted about 60 for a barbecue lunch after which the Bishop took questions in the church.

The 24 prayer cycle on 31 May was almost continuous with 22 members of the church taking one hour slots to pray.

## HAVE YOU FOUND A LOCKET?

On Sunday 4 June, I went for a walk around Aldham with a friend who lost a very sentimental silver oval locket. If anyone has found it please contact me on 01206 211515. Thank You.

*Tracey Winter*

## RICHARD GILBERT

Richard Gilbert of 9 Green Lane passed away peacefully at St Helena Hospice on 18 May. The funeral at the Crematorium on Friday 16 June, was taken by our curate, Revd Wendy Pagden. Family mourners included Richard's mother Margaret (aged 103) and his aunt Joan Baker (aged 98) whose poetry, seen in recent Grapevines, was read as part of the Tribute. We offer our sympathy and our prayers for the family as they come to terms with their loss.

The BBC, which is making a programme about centenarians, filmed Margaret as she arrived at the Crematorium.

Deadline for September Newsletter:

**22 AUGUST**

To: Iain MacCallum or  
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

## WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

*You are warmly invited to all our services*

2 Jul	9.15 am	ALL-AGE SERVICE
9 Jul	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
16 Jul	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
23 Jul	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION (+ Jnr Ch)
30 Jul	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
6 Aug	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
13 Aug	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
20 Aug	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
27 Aug	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION (+ Jnr Ch)



## 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

**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.*

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make your paths straight.**

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

## Please support your local Traders

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BEAUTY THERAPIST	The Beauty Rooms, 117 London Rd, Marks Tey	01206 211831
BED & BREAKFAST	Caterpillar Cottage, Ford Street, Aldham	01206 240456
BOILER SERVICING	J Butcher 24 Gainsborough Rd. Sudbury CO10 2HT	07885 504036
BUILDER	Ottley Whitehouse, The Pink, Copford Gn.	01206 211212
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CARPET & FLOORING	The Blue Goose, 8 Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey	07973 407986
CARPETS & FLOORING	Tey Carpets, 91 London Road, Copford	01206 212826
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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
FLORIST	Florum, 14 Church Street, Coggeshall	01376 561229
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 Honywood Close, Marks Tey	01206 212032
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