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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

As I write this, we are hoping that we can relax some of the Covid restrictions in July and August, while the proportion of people vaccinated increases daily. Have you been out, to pubs and other venues, or to meet friends, or even for a holiday? We're looking forward to a break soon, but we're not sure how it will work out. It's not easy, assessing the risk of every activity, and pre-booking everything before you go anywhere! We've had a few days recently when the pub said Yes, we can take you for lunch; and then we arrived and found it was 'sandwiches only'; or the website said it was open, and we found it was closed. And, of course, nobody likes wearing facemasks, and sanitising everything – sales of hand-cream have increased, because everyone is getting dry skin from sanitising!

We've also noticed, with Covid, many more people now using the sign-off phrase 'Stay safe!' It sounds caring, but of course it's really a bit meaningless. We're all trying to stay safe – after all, what's the alternative? It's a bit like 'Have a nice day!' or 'Enjoy your meal!'

There are also bigger questions, of what kind of world we want, after all of this upheaval? People are keen to get back to normality; but we have a great opportunity to change things for the better.

What would you like us to put our energies into? It's clear that people will be travelling less, and using online shops and meetings more. How can we make things better for those in real need, and a bit less profit for those who have more than they need already? How can we build community, and reduce isolation? What would you like to see?

With best wishes,

W.I.

The next W.I. meeting is on Thursday 15 July at 7.30 pm. Roy Waters will be giving a talk on The Dutch Quarter.

On 19 August, Helen Beard will be giving a talk on Pets as Therapy. 7.30 pm.

Jean Jennings

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

BACK IN CHURCH

There will be a 9.15 am service every Sunday with a communion (individual glasses) on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Please also make use of televised church services, websites, social media, etc., which offer worship in different forms. If you have more time, why not take the opportunity to read your Bible at home, spend a few minutes praying, and phone round friends and relatives, to encourage one another?

We hope to put video recordings online too, for those who need them.

Ian Scott-Thompson

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning:

<i>July</i>	Judith and Peter Vestey
<i>August</i>	Wendy Doncaster John Pitts

Flowers:

Jul 4	Mags Newton
Jul 11,18	Pippa Holme
Jul 25,Aug 1	Yvonne Tomassi
Aug 8, 15	Janet French
Aug 22,29	Wendy Doncaster

Churchyard:

<i>July</i>	Richard Gough Mark Wingate
<i>August</i>	John Pitts Roger Walker

DIARY DATES

4 July	9.15 am <i>National Thank You Day</i> service
10 July	Marks Tey Open Gardens for their Church Tower appeal. See page 3.
12 July	7.30 pm PCC in the church.
13 July	9.15 am Prayer in the Church

ST HELENA VIRTUAL MARATHON

On Sunday 3 October 2021, you could join the 50,000 people that will make history and be a part of the largest fundraising event on the planet. Take on the virtual Virgin Money London Marathon this year for **#TeamStHelena** to help local people face incurable illness and bereavement. Read allabout it at

<https://www.sthelena.org.uk/join-in/events/virtual-virgin-money-london-marathon>

WEDDING

Recently, the papers seem to be full of items about excited couples aiming to have their wedding as soon as the restrictions of lockdown are relaxed. For them, a guest list restricted to 30 is not a wedding at all!

Shane Britton and Bronagh McCloskey took a different view. Because Bronagh's home church is in Derry, Northern Ireland and because of Covid restrictions, they were not able to be married there. Shane was brought up in Aldham and Kevin, his father has been a popular

WHO'S WHO

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resident of Aldham all his life. So they asked the Rector if they could be married in Aldham Church under the Covid restrictions. They pulled out all the stops, and two months later, on 19 June, they were married in Aldham Church, the first wedding in our church for almost 2 years. They limited their guest list to the statutory 30, and from our viewpoint as the "sound engineer" and vergers it was a truly lovely wedding!

The Bible readings were from the Song of Solomon - "Set me as a seal upon your heart" read by Helen Eustace, and John chapter 2 - the wedding in Cana of Galilee - read by the Rector, Revd Ian Scott-Thompson, who then gave a short address. Bronagh's mother read a moving Irish Blessing. There was, of course, no congregational singing, but the Rector sang the hymn, "Lord of all hopefulness" to the well-known Irish traditional melody. The organist was Tony Mortimer and the bells were rung by Peter Vestey and Ken Thompson. Wendy Byford and Lindsay Gough arranged the flowers. Bronagh wore a simple dress in ivory satin with a lace bodice prettily buttoned at the back. It had a small integral train. Most effective.

They say, "the bigger the wedding, the shorter the marriage." We hope and pray for Bronagh and Shane that their small wedding will be the start of a really long and happy marriage.

Iain & Jennifer MacCallum

MARKS TEY OPEN GARDENS

10 July 11.00 am to 4.00 pm

In aid of Marks Tey Church Tower appeal

There are 15 gardens to look around dotted around the village.

Some in North Lane, some in Wilson's Lane, the Rectory and many in between. Some unusual ones like a cacti garden, fairy

garden, an alternative way of gardening and even one with pygmy goats.

Parking available on the road in North Lane, the estate for Wilson's Lane and the other gardens there, at the Church and at the Parish Hall.

Programmes are £5 per adult, children are free and will be available on 3 July at the Community Library, Parish Hall Marks Tey 10.00 am -12.30pm and during that week from 29 Coggeshall Road Marks Tey. On the day, at each garden so it doesn't matter where you start from.

Raffle with many prizes, £1 per ticket available from church hall, several gardens and Community Library on 3 July.

Coffee/tea, soft drinks and homemade cakes available in Church Hall.

Book sale in Hall.

Live music throughout the day in Church and Churchyard.

Children's miniature garden competition in Church ages 12 and under.

Plants for sale in the Church and at several gardens.

CHILDREN – DON'T FORGET YOUR MINATURE GARDENS.

These must be taken to the church at 10:30am so that they can be judged at 11.00 am. Then everyone who goes into the church will be able to see them all and who has won. Don't forget that Poplar Nursery are giving first prize and there will be prizes for other winners and everyone who enters gets a little something.

FACE MASKS WILL PROBABLY STILL BE REQUIRED WHILST IN THE CHURCH AND HALL UNTIL SEATED.

Deadline for September Newsletter

22 August

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to our services in the church.

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

4 July	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP <i>National Thank You Day</i>
11 July	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
18 July	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
25 July	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
1 Aug	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
8 Aug	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
15 Aug	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
22 Aug	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
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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	10.00 am	Morning Worship

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2



Refreshments cannot be served during current restrictions

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
FLOORING	LT Flooring, Unit 2, 91 London Road, CO6 1LG	01206 575222
FUNERALS	A.Birkin & Sons, 6 West St., Coggeshall	01376 561316
FUNERALS	Hunnaball, York House, 41 Mersea Rd.	01206 760049
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
OPTICIAN	The Eye Centre 15 Market Hill Coggeshall CO6 1TS	01376 561156
PLASTERER	M.J.Reeve, 5 Ashbury Drive, MT, CO6 1XW	01206 920462
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REMOVALS & STORAGE	K.Dobbs, Unit 1-2, Bellhouse Farm, Stanway	01206 212444
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