

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED BY THE CHURCH IN



# ALDHAM



JULY/AUGUST 2022



## OPEN GARDENS

*Saturday and Sunday  
23rd July and 24th July*

*11.00am to 5.00pm*

Approx 15 Gardens open

Art Exhibition in the church.


Free minibuses will ferry people around the village  
(stops are shown in the programme).

Refreshments at the Village Hall and in some gardens.

All proceeds raised will go to The Friends of Aldham Church  
(for the maintenance of the church fabric) and to the Aldham Village Hall.

£5.00 adults, accompanied under 16s free.

Programmes from Aldham Village Hall,  
the church and any participating garden.



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

## FROM THE RECTORY

*Dear Friends,*

WHEW! WHAT A SCORCHER!

I can't predict what the weather's going to be like as you're reading this; but, as I'm writing, it's the hottest day of the year so far. We're slapping on the sun cream and being a bit careful. School has even postponed Sports Day, it's so hot! Maybe you're looking forward to summer holidays, and hoping for good journeys without cancellations and disruption?

For some people, it's just too hot for comfort, and they have to swim or take a shower to keep cool. Our planet is a bit like that – too much sunshine seems to bleach, dry out and kill off many kinds of life. We are trying to reduce the use of fossil fuels that pumps carbon into the atmosphere, but it doesn't look like we're changing fast enough. Our weather is getting more violent, and the natural world around us is having trouble adapting to the changes.

Most of us know the things we should be doing to help, but sometimes it's easier to just carry on the way we were. Cars and Flying are just so convenient! Reduce Reuse Recycle is very ethical, but difficult to practise everyday. But God has given us this lovely earth, and we are responsible for how we look after it. So, this summer, as we all enjoy the good weather, can you and I help the planet by treading more lightly on the earth? Is there some simple change you can make?

With best wishes,

## CHURCH ROTAS

*Cleaning:*

July Judith and Peter Vestey  
August Wendy Doncaster,  
John Pitts

*Flowers:*

July 3,10,17 Anne Matthews  
July 24, 31, Aug 7 Janet French  
Aug 14,21,28 Angela d'Angibau

*Churchyard:*

July Richard Gough  
Mark Wingate  
August John Pitts  
Roger Walker

## DIARY DATES

June 29 7.30 pm Licensing of Revd Ian Scott-Thompson at Great Tey  
July 2 10.00 am Book Exchange  
July 7 3.00 - 4.30 pm Afternoon Tea  
July 23 11.00 am to 5.00 pm Open Gardens  
July 24 11.00 am to 5.00 pm Open Gardens  
Aug. 2 10.00 am Book Exchange  
Aug. 4 3.00 - 4.30 pm Afternoon Tea

## W.I.

On 21 July we will be holding a Summer supper, by kind permission of Wendy and Neil Byford. 6.30 pm start, members will be sent further details by email.

At our meeting on 18 August at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Ken Lodge will be giving a talk entitled Body Language.

Friends and visitors always welcome.

*Jean Jennings*

## WHO'S WHO

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## BOOK EXCHANGE

Our next book exchange is on 2 July, the first Saturday of July, 10.00 am till 12.00. Many new jigsaws! We are now able to offer some refreshments.

*Ken Thompson*

## MARGARET (MAGS) CONSTABLE

Mags Constable of 26 Hines Close died on Easter Sunday, 17 April after a long period of illness. Her funeral was on 17 June in Newport, South Wales.

Because she had been a regular worshipper at Aldham, and a friend of many, we are planning to have a Thanksgiving as part of our normal Communion Service at 9.15 am on 26 June.

## THE TEYS

On 29 June, I will be licensed to the churches and people in Great Tey and Little Tey, Wakes Colne and Chappel. But please don't imagine I'll be too busy – let me know how I can help you! Your village church is still here for you.

*Revd Ian.Scott-Thompson*

## JOHN PITTS

John is a most welcome addition to the small group of those who lead our services and preach. John has a Brethren background, hence his deep and extensive knowledge of the scriptures, but a couple of years ago he felt he should find out a bit more about the Church of England and he signed up for the Course in Christian Studies. John is a busy man, not yet retired, caring for his mother, chairing the Eastern Landlords' Association and taking on a substantial load up front in church services. On 6 July, John receives his well-earned certificate at Chelmsford Cathedral. Preaching, as John has been doing, is an essential part of the training, but once he has the certificate he will be a fully licensed lay preacher!

## OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND 23/24 JULY



The Church is very grateful to Andy Brown and the Friends of Aldham Church, and indeed to the committee for organising the return of Open Gardens - this year for the first time taking place on 2 days. More information will be issued by Andy and the committee in the coming weeks, but from past experience CAKES are always needed. To date, refreshments are to be served at the Village Hall (Anne Fulcher), Tile House (Wendy Byford) and 20 Hines Close (Ken Thompson). Please take your offerings on either or both days.

### IN THE CHURCH,

all day - Art Exhibition and Big Book Sale.  
Sunday 5.30 - 6.15 pm: Garden Praise.

Aldham comes into its own on these occasions and welcomes visitors from far and wide. Pray for a safe and happy weekend blessed with sunshine.

For further information, call 01206 210963 or email: [aldhamopengardens@gmail.com](mailto:aldhamopengardens@gmail.com)

*Jennifer MacCallum*

## OPEN CHURCH

Continues every Tuesday from 10.00 to 11.30 am, when Coffee and Cake are usually available. As it always has been, Open Church is for all the village. The church is also open on Thursdays for private prayer and all other days from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

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.*



**3 July 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP**  
**10 July 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP**  
 17 July 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP  
 24 July 5.30 pm GARDEN PRAISE  
**31 July 10.00am MORNING WORSHIP  
 in Aldham Church  
 with Marks Tey**

7 Aug 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP  
 14 Aug 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP  
 21 Aug 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP



28 Aug 9.15 am HOLY COMMUNION

*Refreshments are now being served after 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

**Build houses and  
 settle down; plant  
 gardens and eat  
 what they produce.**

*Jeremiah 29 v. 5*

## Please support your local Traders

BOILER SERVICING	J Butcher, 3 Game Close, Great Cornard, CO10 0ZJ.	07885 504036
BUTCHER	Willsher, 87 London Road, Marks Tey	01206 210365
CARPETS & FLOORING	Unit 1, Flyover Nurseries, 8 Coggeshall Road, MT	07973 407986
COMPUTER ASSISTANCE	Roger Walker, 16 Hines Close, Aldham	01206 211143
DELOTO DOG GROOMING	Karen, Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey CO6 1LS	07970 990564
DOG BOARDING	Small friendly dogs only. Contact Mark	07790 087460
DOG TRAINER	Susie@bestpawforwarddogs.co.uk. Marks Tey	07305 383631
ELECTRICAL	Aaron Pearson, 1 Rowan Close, Stanway	07825 224420
FLOORING	LT Flooring, Unit 2, 91 London Road, CO6 1LG	01206 575222
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GARDEN & HOME MAINTENANCE	SJT, 59 Keable Rd. Marks Tey	07985 386758
GARDENING & ODD JOBS	Gary Todd, 3 London Road, Marks Tey	01206 212274
HAIR CARE AT HOME	Charlotte takes Ladies, Gents and Children	07791 426634
HOME MAINTENANCE	(RP) 44 Keable Road, Marks Tey, CO6 1XB	07593 848879
OPTICIAN	The Eye Centre 15 Market Hill Coggeshall CO6 1TS	01376 561156
PLASTERER	M.J.Reeve, 5 Ashbury Drive, MT, CO6 1XW	01206 920462
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