

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED BY THE CHURCH IN



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Dear Friends,

The holiday at the end of May used to be called the Whitsun Bank Holiday.

The name “Whitsun” was short for White Sunday, because queues of candidates for Confirmation (and Baptism or Christening) dressed in white robes, the colour of purity.

This month our churches - Marks Tey and Aldham - are joining with many of the 15,700 CofE churches (and 37 million churches worldwide) in a ‘Global wave of Prayer’ called *'Thy Kingdom Come'*, spearheaded by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. In this area, *'Thy Kingdom Come'* will be led by Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester. He plans to walk across North Essex from 27 May to 1st June and will be coming through Aldham on Bank Holiday Monday 29 May, for lunch and conversation. Join us for a community Street Party on that day. Bring a plate of food to share and some tough questions for the Bishop – he loves to talk with villagers! See the panel and the insert for more details!

You might also be aware that there's a General Election coming up! It may be tempting not to bother with voting, but we've found recently that elections can produce surprising results, so it's worth playing our part. Rather than some of the cheap shots and personal slanging matches featured on the media



Aldham is joining other churches worldwide in praying the Lord's presence and blessing for our communities, families, schools and businesses. You are invited to join us for the following events:

**Bank Holiday Monday
29 May, 12.30-2.30:**

A Street Party outside Aldham Church: Bishop Roger will be walking through Aldham and will join us for lunch and Q&A. We'll provide: a BBQ, juice, tea and coffee & plates. Please bring a plate of snacks, savouries or salad to share.

Wednesday 31 May:
24 hour prayer vigil

If you would like further information or to get involved feel free to ring Andrew Waters 07774 709989 or Ian Scott-Thompson 01206 215772

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

recently, we hope that we can show a little more thought, and examine some of the policies proposed: other countries envy our democracy.

With best wishes



DIARY DATES

- 28 May 9.15 am Junior Church
29 May 12.00 - 2.30 pm Street Party in the churchyard with the Bishop of Colchester
31 May 24 hour prayer vigil. See Panel on page 1.
3 June 10.00 am Book Exchange
17 June 10.00 am Friends Walk
2 July Wendy Pagden's Ordination
16 July Friends Summer Event at Tile House

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning: Barbara & Keith Rush

Flowers:

- May 28, Jun 4 Sarah Drain
June 11, 18 Janet French
June 25, Jul 2 Janet Gediking
Churchyard: Roger Coppen & Steve Jennings

ALDHAM W.I.

The next W.I. meeting will be on Thursday 15 June, at 7.45 pm in the village hall. Mrs Sue Albins will be giving a sugarcraft demonstration and we will be celebrating the centenary of the Essex Federation of W.I. Friends and visitors are welcome as always.

Jean Jennings

BOOK EXCHANGE ...

... will be at 10.00 am on 3 June, as usual. Please note that Friends of Aldham Church Cards are still available at the back of the church.

PORTRAITS OF BRITISH TREES

Janet French (of Aldham) and Emma Buckmaster make etchings of British Trees and print them onto paper made from that tree's own leaves. They are holding an exhibition at the Boat House Gallery, Flatford Mill, from 6 May to 24 June. There will be a printmaking demonstration on Bank Holiday Monday, 29 May.

FRIENDS OF ALDHAM CHURCH

Our next Friends walk will be on Saturday 17 June starting from the Langham Community Centre at 10.00am, and walking about 5½ miles. We will be visiting St Mary's church opposite Langham Hall and also taking in some of the Essex Way. Lunch will be at The Shepherd, Langham. Everyone welcome; for more details and a map please contact John Ashton (240319).

After last year's successful garden party Neil and Wendy Byford have kindly offered to host our Friends Summer Event at Tile House on Sunday 16 July. There will be further details next month but there will be garden games, a BBQ, cake stall and a raffle. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

John Ashton

WHO'S WHO

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THY KINGDOM COME

The **Archbishops of Canterbury and York** have called on all Christians to spend the ten days between Ascension Day & Pentecost praying to grow in confidence as witnesses to Christ (25 May to 4 June). Hundreds of thousands of people across the Church of England have already committed to be involved. If you haven't yet signed up to pray over those ten days, can I encourage you to do so at:

www.thykingdomcome.global (you'll also then receive a short video from Archbishop Justin and others each day of the ten days). In this parish our plans for 'Thy Kingdom come' are a 24 hour prayer vigil on Wednesday 31 May. There's also more information and a wide range of resources available for all ages on the website.

Archbishop Justin has said, 'I cannot remember anything in my life that I've been involved in where I have sensed so clearly the work of the Spirit'.

In the past every move of God to grow His Church has begun in prayer. Let us pray our part.

ALDHAM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

COACH OUTING TO RHS WISLEY FLOWER SHOW - 6 SEPTEMBER

Tickets are selling fast. Please contact Jackie Daines on 01206 242538. Cost £35.00 including entry to Flower Show. RHS members only £20.00 for coach seat (valid membership pass must be shown on entry to show). *Anne Fulcher*

PLANT SALE AND AFTERNOON TEA

on Sunday, 14 May raised £673 for Aldham Village Hall. A big thank you to all who helped and supported this very successful and enjoyable afternoon.

Brenda Brown and Sue Pratt

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

As you are probably aware, the parish council has had to remove a major piece of **playground equipment** from the playing fields. This was due to our playground inspection 2017 which raised safety concerns involving the equipment.

The parish council is looking at alternative equipment that they would like to place on the playing fields and are looking for your comments and suggestions in deciding what new equipment we will purchase.

To this end, a link will be placed on the village website:

**[http://www.essexinfo.net/
alldhamparishcouncil](http://www.essexinfo.net/alldhamparishcouncil)**

showing playground equipment, to give you ideas on what we, as a parish can buy. Once we have ideas and suggestions, we will be putting together a questionnaire to help decide which equipment would suit the needs of our residents. We look forward to hearing from you all.

Date for your diary:

Saturday 3 June 10.00 a.m. - maintenance working party at the Millennium Playing Fields. We are looking for residents to actively volunteer their services and help us as a parish council to maintain the playing fields and equipment. The work is not too demanding and the more people involved the easier it will be.

Graham Walkingshaw,

Deadline for July/August Newsletter:

22 JUNE

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to all our services



4 June	9.15 am	ALL-AGE SERVICE
11 June	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
18 June	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
25 June	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION <i>with Junior Church</i>

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

<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

**Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is
in heaven.**

Matthew 6: v. 10

Please support your local Traders

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FLORIST	Florum, 14 Church Street, Coggeshall	01376 561229
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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
VW & AUDI GARAGE	John Austin, London Road, Marks Tey	01206 211483