

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED BY THE CHURCH IN



ALDHAM



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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

We have just celebrated Pentecost, when we remember God sending his Holy Spirit to fill the early Christians with power to serve him and tell the world the story of Jesus.

After that was Trinity Sunday, when we praise God for his nature, one God in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This has been a challenge for human logic for thousands of years. There is no doubt that God is the Father, the Almighty who is Sovereign over all beings, in all times and places; the Creator who made everything in the universe, and to whom we owe our existence. There is also no doubt that Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, shares the nature and status of the Father, equal alongside him. Finally, Jesus promised to send his Spirit, the Holy Spirit of God, self-effacing but equal in all aspects to the Son and the Father. This is the Spirit who came at Pentecost, and still fills and empowers Christians today. Jesus is with us, because the Spirit of Jesus comes to our hearts, to dwell with us, to help us to pray to God, to make God's word come alive to us today. We are truly blessed by a wonderful God!

With best wishes,

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

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

ALDHAM W.I.

Our next meeting on 17 June, will be a summer supper at Church House Farm, by kind permission of Catherine and Adam Scott. Bring your own food and drink, 6.30 start. Fingers crossed for the weather!

Jean Jennings

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning:

June Barbara and
Keith Rush

Flowers:

6, 13 June Julie Orpen
20 June Lindsay Gough
27 June,
4 July Mags Newton

Churchyard: Arran Innard
Peter Vestey

DIARY DATES

3 June 7.30 pm (Zoom)
R.T.Kendall on DVD
Last in the series
4 June 3.00pm. Memorial
Service for Graham
Newton
8 June 9.15 am Prayer on
Zoom
19 June Wedding: Shane Britton
and Bronagh McCloskey
10 July Marks Tey Open
Gardens for the Church
Tower appeal
13 July 9.15 am Prayer on
Zoom

LEGACY

At the latest PCC we heard that our treasurer in the 1980s, John Crane (see March 2021 Newsletter), has left Aldham Church a legacy of £1,500. It must be about 20 years since John moved to Haywards Heath in Sussex, but it is nice that he has remembered us. This legacy does not come with strings attached, but the PCC can designate it for some specific purpose.

We welcome enquiries from anyone thinking about leaving a legacy to Aldham Church. If you are thinking along these lines, Please contact the Rector who will talk with you about your wishes and the church's needs.

FINANCE

Legacies are a valuable resource for any church. If you look at the church accounts for 2020 on the web site (click on **Annual Report**) you'll see that our total reserves were £11,481.76 of which £10,469.35 was what remains of a legacy made by Tom Holme. Although it was not restricted, we would like to use it for something that we can remember Tom Holme by.

In other words our finances are in an extremely precarious state. Recognising this, the PCC decided to have another Gift Day in November. We'll tell you more about this in the next newsletter.

WHO'S WHO

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CHURCH HEATING

We think some heating oil may have been stolen from the tank when the church was not in regular use over the past year. Although the filler aperture is secured by a padlock, at the other aperture the screws that secured the meter have rusted away so it could be removed. That has now been made secure with a second padlock. If you see anything suspicious near the tank, please let one of the churchwardens know.

On a more positive note, Ken told us at the PCC that we are being urged to become more carbon neutral. The oil-fired boiler in the boiler shed must be 25 years old, or more, so when it fails, we must think again. Ken has been looking into the future and at the PCC he briefly described how the pews could be individually heated as required, either by electric tubes or heated cushions like some car seats! He told us that the church roof is well-suited to solar panels and that the DAC will be sympathetic to the installation of solar panels.



WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Weddings and funerals can still happen, but on a small scale and with careful hygiene. We are your church – please ask, and we'll do our best for you! Shane Britton and Bronagh McCloskey, who are to be married on 19 June, chose Aldham, where Shane grew up, rather than Bronagh's home church which is in Northern Ireland because of Covid restrictions.

Later in the year we shall hold our annual Memorial Service, when we remember our loved ones who have died. Sadly, Covid has taken more than a few before their time, and we shall remember them particularly.

NORMAL SERVICE ...

... will be resumed as soon as possible. We're thinking about Book Exchange and Afternoon Tea, maybe in different form, as restrictions allow.

Overheard at a recent job interview:

"There's a gap in your resume for 2020. Can you tell me what you were doing?"

"Washing my hands."

Deadline for July/August Newsletter

22 June

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to our services.

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



30 May	10.00 am	ZOOM MORNING WORSHIP <i>with St Andrew's Marks Tey</i>
6 June	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
13 June	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
20 June	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
27 June	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
4 July	9.15 am	NATIONAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Refreshments cannot be served during current restrictions

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>	10.00 am	Morning Worship

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7

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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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