



ALDHAM



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Dear Friends,

A counsellor (who helps bereaved families) read out this poem in church:

Risk

To laugh is to risk appearing a fool,
To weep is to risk appearing sentimental or weak,
To reach out for another is to risk involvement,
To express one's feelings is to risk exposing one's true self,
To share ideas and dreams before a crowd
is to risk their loss,
To love is to risk being not loved in return,
To live is to risk dying,
To hope is to risk despair,
To try is to risk failure.

The greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.

They who risk nothing, have nothing, are nothing.

They may avoid suffering and sorrow,
But fail to grow, to be as much of themselves as they can
be, and to have as much of time and life as there is.

Only a person who risks is free.

The line I love is "The greatest hazard..." because it wakes me up to the real danger, which I hadn't seen at first. It's like a fire alarm or an air raid warning! It's been said that the things we shall regret most are not the risks we took, but the dreams that we never attempted. Perhaps this is why so many people are allergic to Health and Safety, and why adrenaline sports are so popular (our family loves skiing!)

"Follow me!" said Jesus to the fishermen, and they left their nets on the shore and spent three years with him,

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING


will be on Monday,
1 April
in the Church
at 7.30 pm.
The Annual
Report for 2018
will be available.
The APCM is an
opportunity to
hear reports on
the activities of
the church in
2018, and to ask
questions.

watching him heal the sick, exorcise demons, raise the dead, confront the religious authorities, and eventually die a criminal's death. And then, rise again – the risk that changed the world!

Over a century ago, C.T. Studd, a famous player in the England cricket team, gave away his vast inherited wealth and became a

missionary. People asked him why he made such an extravagant sacrifice of his wealth and promising career. His reply: "If Jesus Christ be God, and died for me, then **no** sacrifice can be too great for me to make for him."

Are you risk-averse? What are the challenges facing you, at this moment? And how might you rise to the challenge? What might be worth the risk?



CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning: Wendy Doncaster,
Anne Hodgson

Flowers:
Mar 3 Pippa Holme
Mar 10 - 31 LENT - no flowers

Churchyard: Ken Thompson

DIARY DATES

Mar 2 10.00 am Book Exchange
Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 11.00 am at The Harvest,
Christianity Explored
Mar 7 2.30 pm Tea Party
Mar 12 11.45 am Communion.
Mar 16 9.30 am Church Spring
Cleaning and Churchyard
Working Party
Apr 1 7.30 pm Annual Parochial
Church Meeting

MID-WEEK MONTHLY COMMUNION...

..continues on 12 March at 11.45 am (every 2nd Tuesday).

FUNERALS

Two long and interesting lives were celebrated in Aldham Church in the last few weeks. At full churches, we said farewell to Mary Everson on 28 January and to Eileen Knowles on 21 February.

CHURCH FINANCES

General Fund.

The Church Council (PCC) looked at the Annual Accounts this week. We are thankful to you, our generous regular givers: your donations were nearly 10% up on last year. However, expenditure still exceeded income by £2,438. The PCC have agreed to defer some of our usual 2019 Parish Share payment to the Diocese, in order to balance our books; but we hope and pray that our income will continue to increase, to enable us to pay this back in full. *Ian Scott-Thompson*

Quinquennial Repairs.

In the Annual Accounts it was confirmed that the shortfall was only £1,206. We hope work will start in less than a couple of months. Have you made a one-off contribution to these repairs? The fund is still open.

Iain MacCallum

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is being renewed this year. If anyone not already on the Roll would like to be on it, please contact me on 01206 210996 for an appropriate form. Applications need to be with me by Monday, 4 March 2019.

Wendy Doncaster

WHO'S WHO

Priest-in-Charge	Revd Ian Scott-Thompson, The Rectory, Church Lane, Marks Tey, Col. CO6 1LW	01206 215772
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ALDHAM W.I.

The next W.I. meeting will be on Thursday 21 March, at 7.45 pm in the village hall. Brian Carline will be giving a talk entitled 'Days of Dolly Blue and Izal.' Members and visitors will be most welcome.

Jean Jennings

EASTER LILIES

... at £1.50 a stem, may be had in memory of a loved one who will be remembered in the prayers on Easter Sunday. Orders to Jennifer MacCallum by Sunday, 7 April please. (01206 571070)

MOTHERING SUNDAY

We'd love to share Mothering Sunday with you and your family! On Sunday 31 March at 9.15 am we are having a special All Age Mothering Day service. Do stay for tea, coffee, tasty treats and a primrose!

LIGHTING

You may not have noticed that the main lights in the nave and the chancel have had their bulbs changed to LEDs. It is a fair one-off cost, but the ongoing electricity consumption, for the same level of illumination, should be reduced by about 70%. Also, the life of the LED bubs should be many times that of the old bulbs, reducing the maintenance cost.

Ken Thompson

WATER HEATER

The water heater in the kitchen, began to leak after about 12 years of service. Its on/off switch was hidden in a cupboard, making it all too easy to leave on. A new heater has been installed with an on/off switch and red light for all to see!

Ken Thompson

DID YOU KNOW?

Book exchange contributed £481 to the routine fabric fund in 2018. The next Exchange is on 2 March.

REAL EASTER EGGS

Easter Eggs with the Easter Message are again available, but hurry please with your order to get them at these post-free prices: Original (150g) at £4.00; Dark Chocolate (180g) at £5.50. Please sign up at the back of the church.

SPRING CLEANING AND CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

If you can spare some time on Saturday Morning, 16 March, from 9.30 am to help either inside the church or in the churchyard, you will be much appreciated. Please bring your own favourite dusters and garden tools.

FRIENDS OF ALDHAM CHURCH

Having raised £2,316 towards the Boundary Wall repairs in 2016, they have gone on to raise over £7,700 towards the cost of the Quinquennial Repairs, soon to be started. The PCC is extremely grateful for this important contribution to *almost* meeting the target. (See page 2).

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

There were 10 of us at the first session on 20 February. It's not too late to join the course. See DIARY DATES.



Deadline for April Newsletter

22 MARCH

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to all our services

3 Mar 9.15 am ALL-AGE SERVICE

10 Mar 9.15 am HOLY COMMUNION

12 Mar 11.45 am HOLY COMMUNION

17 Mar 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP

24 Mar 9.15 am HOLY COMMUNION

**31 Mar 9.15 am MOTHERING SUNDAY
All-age Service**

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

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

**Unless the LORD builds the house,
its builders labour in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchmen stand guard in vain.**

Psalm 127:1

Please support your local Traders

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OPTICIAN	The Eye Centre 15 Market Hill Coggeshall CO6 1TS	01376 561156
PHARMACY	86 London Road, Marks Tey	01206 212878
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