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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

During the past few months, responses to the 'Who Cares?' one-question survey have indicated many of the concerns of local people. Issues of injustice or suffering, negative emotions or depression, anxiety or loneliness – these are hard to handle, for any of us. What can you do, faced with these challenges?

At your local church, we care, and we would like to help in any way we can. One of the best ways is simply to Try Praying. Most people will admit that they have prayed at least once in their lives, even if they're not quite sure who or what is 'out there'. Even if you don't believe in God, the benefits of being calm and reflective are still tangible.

But we believe that God is there, and He does answer prayer. So we'd like to offer you a challenge, a 'test drive' if you like. Try praying for a week, and tell us what it was like (ian.scott.thompson@gmail.com)

You don't have to get down on your knees, or use long words. Just find a quiet place, and take a moment to be calm. If there were a God, what would you like to say to Him? Something you'd ask for? Or even be angry and accuse Him, or say sorry for something? Then just say it, very simply, in your head or out loud.

We'd also like to offer you a little free booklet, with more tips for praying – just get in touch, or ask a friend or neighbour who comes to church. We'd love to know how you get on...

With best wishes,

ALDHAM W.I.

The next meeting of W.I. will be on Thursday 19 March at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker, Richard Humphries, will be giving a talk entitled '*The Silk Road.*'

COFFEE MORNING

The W.I. will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 18 April, at Hill House (by kind invitation of Annette and Toby Redgrave) 10.30 - 12.00. Coffee and scones, cake stall, raffle and tombola.

Jean Jennings

EASTER LILIES...

... are now £1.60 a stem. They 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, 5 April please. (01206 571070)

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning:

March Wendy Doncaster
Anne Hodgson

Flowers:

Mar 1 to Apr 5 LENT No flowers

Churchyard: Ken Thompson

DIARY DATES

Mar 4 10.30 am Fellowship at
12 Church Grove

**Mar 5 3.00 - 4.30 pm Afternoon Tea
in Church**

Mar 7 10.00 am Book Exchange

Mar 11 7.30 pm at 'The Harvest' - Home
Group

Mar 17 11.45 am Communion

Mar 18 10.30 am Fellowship at 9
Handford Place, Colchester

Mar 21 9.00 am at the Church. Spring
Cleaning and kick-starting the
Churchyard maintenance.

Mar 25 7.30 pm at 'The Harvest' - Home
Group

THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN IN TUDOR ENGLAND

On 18 March, the fellowship group takes a break from the Bible Course, to watch the BBC documentary about William Tyndale, who was martyred for translating the Bible from Hebrew and Greek sources into everyday English of the sixteenth century. We meet at 9 Handford Place, Colchester at 10.30 am. All welcome.

Iain MacCallum (01206 571070)

AFTERNOON TEA ...

... is a monthly event on the first Thursday of the month, **3.00 to 4.30 pm**. All welcome.

FRIENDS OF ALDHAM CHURCH

The Friends are putting on a **Flower Arranging Demonstration** in the Village Hall on **Friday 24 April, at 7.30 pm**. Expert **Sandra Price**, who masterminded our last Flower Festival, will be showing us the tricks of the trade. Also, **Ken Crowther**, the BBC Essex Gardening Hour host will be in attendance to answer your horticultural questions. An interesting and educational event, all for only £5, including refreshments. Tickets from Wendy Byford, 01206 240425.

Another date for your diary is **19 July**, when the Friends are holding their Summer Garden Party at Tile House. Please keep it free!

GUY MOSER

Guy Moser, who lived with his wife Olga, at Threshers on Fordstreet for many years, died on 21 February after a short illness in the General Hospital.

Guy and Olga, although Roman Catholics, were active supporters of Aldham Church through their regular opening of their garden on every Open Gardens Day from the first in 1983 to the year they moved to West Bergholt.

Guy did more than help open their garden. In 1998, he and his neighbour Roy Wedge at Denington, made and painted all 25 garden boards and at least 15 general direction boards for OGD. These are still in use, and give OGD events their distinctive corporate image.

Guy and Olga moved into Colchester about 3 years ago where they became our neighbours again. Guy, who was the paragon of a real gentleman, will be greatly missed.

Iain & Jennifer MacCallum

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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BETTY LAWS

Ken and Betty Laws lived in Green Farm House for many years before 'retiring' up the road to Seven Star Green. Ken kept bees and was very generous with the honey they produced. He had served as church auditor and Betty was a much loved member of the church and neighbour to her friends around Gallows Green.

Ken and Betty moved to Gracewell Care Home in Bath 4 years ago to be nearer to Peter and Kate and the family. Betty died 3 weeks before her 100th birthday. Ken has not quite reached his 100th yet. Several Aldham friends attended the funeral in Bath on 27 February.

THE BRIDGE

Clare Gearey received this progress report on Marks Tey Station Bridge.

Excavations for the Vehicle Restraint System (VRS) foundations on the east side of the bridge are complete and work will now start on the next stage, which includes installing steel reinforcement for concrete foundations.

During the excavations, it was discovered the power cables which run though the carriageway were in a poor condition and sensitive to vibrations. To ensure the cables were not damaged, it was necessary to use hand excavation methods, which took longer than initially programmed.

UK Power Networks (UKPN) were scheduled to visit site at the beginning of February to complete the necessary permanent diversions of the utility supplies. However, due to the recent storms they were unable to attend as planned as they were required to attend service emergencies. The diversion works were rescheduled and are now complete.

Due to these unexpected issues arising, the programme has been affected. Please note that where possible, every effort will be made to reduce any delays.

Service Information Centre

SALOA DEVEREUX

The funeral and burial of Saloa Devereux is taking place in Aldham Church on Saturday, 29 February at 2.00 pm. Saloa and her son Marco lived in Hines Close in the early days, but moved away after her husband's death.

CLARENCE HOUSE

A trip is being organised to Clarence House on **Tuesday 11 August**, leaving at 8.30am. on King's coaches. After morning coffee, we'll have a trip around London with stories about Royalty from a Blue Badge guide followed by lunch (not included) then a conducted tour of Clarence House. Total cost £50.50. Contact Wendy on 01206 240425. **This trip is open to anyone.**

TUESDAYS

Second Tuesday: Prayer: 9.15 to 9.45.

Every Tuesday: Open Church: 10.00 to 11.30

Second Tuesday: Communion at 11.45 am *but this month it's on the 3rd Tuesday, 17 March.*

SPRING CLEANING AND THE CHURCHYARD

Please come if you can, from 9.00 am on Saturday, 21 March at the Church.



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



1 Mar	9.15 am	ALL-AGE SERVICE
8 Mar	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
15 Mar	9.15 am	MORNING SERVICE
22 Mar	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
29 Mar	11.00 am	MORNING SERVICE <i>at Marks Tey</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

Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith

Hebrews 12: 1,2

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
CANINE CRECHE	Mark Ward, 4 Moss Road, Stanway, CO3 0LE	01206 768222
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
DANCE TUITION	Laurie Felton, in Aldham Village Hall	07711324789.
DELOTO DOG GROOMING	Karen, Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey CO6 1LS	07970 990564
ELECTRICAL	Aaron Pearson, 1 Rowan Close, Stanway	07825 224420
FRENCH TUITION	Isabelle Hull, 42 Stanefield, CO6 1LX (up to GCSE)	07957 918546
FUNERALS	A.Birkin & Sons, 6 West St., Coggeshall	01376 561316
FUNERALS	Hunnaball, York House, 41 Mersea Rd.	01206 760049
FUNERALS	E. England Co-op, Stanway Retail Pk, Peartree Rd	01206 804911
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
NAIL TECHNICIAN	Deeva Nails & Beauty, Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey	07516 699101
OPTICIAN	The Eye Centre 15 Market Hill Coggeshall CO6 1TS	01376 561156
OVEN CLEANING	D. Burton, Ashwells, Park Lane, Earls Colne	07850 550799
PHARMACY	86 London Road, Marks Tey	01206 212878
PLASTERER	RJB Plastering, 5 Rowan Close, Stanway, CO3 0QJ	07500 062430
PLUMBER	Mark Nayler, 1c King George Rd, CO2 7PE	07763 468391
TOENAIL CLIPPING	Georgina Long, 2 Heath Farm Cottage, CO2 0LY	07810 543081
REMOVALS & STORAGE	K.Dobbs, Unit 1-2, Bellhouse Farm, Stanway	01206 212444
ROOFING SERVICES	Daniel Wicks, 4 Honywood Close, Marks Tey	01206 212032