

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED BY THE CHURCH IN



# ALDHAM



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## FROM THE RECTORY

*Dear Friends,*

Spring is in the air! It's the favourite time of year for many people, with the snowdrops, daffodils, crocuses and cherry blossom coming into bloom. The early promise of so many good things to come!

March coincides with the beginning of Lent this year, with Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) and Ash Wednesday, when you may notice Christians wearing a smudged cross of black ash on their foreheads! We call it Lent because of the 'lengthening' of daylight. Traditionally, eggs, milk and meat were banned during Lent; so they were used up in a last hurrah on Shrove Tuesday. Lent was a time of simplicity, and saving up for a big celebration feast at Easter.

Our new Bishop of Chelmsford, Bishop Guli, has recommended that we keep Lent this year as a Holy Sabbatical. By that, she means taking a break from all the regular meetings and duties, and spending the time in quiet. That doesn't mean you can't do good things – Lent isn't meant to be a time of misery and killjoy – but it could be a good time to think how you could simplify life, and work out what the important bits are!

For example, after lockdown, several couples have been in touch to ask about getting married this year! We shall all be

getting together at the end of March to think about what makes for a deep and loving relationship and a long-lasting marriage. In our society, that's not an easy question: we have so many stresses and pressures. Even if you are not a churchgoer, the Church of England is still here for you, whenever you want to get in contact.

With best wishes,

## **BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS**

Baptisms, weddings and funerals can happen again now, with sensible precautions. You don't need to be a regular Sunday worshipper. We are your church – please ask, and we'll do our best for you!

## **JUBILEE TEA**

At the recent PCC meeting it was agreed to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Coronation with a service in church on Thursday 2 June followed by tea in the churchyard. For more details, see the May newsletter.

## **BOOK EXCHANGE**

Our next book exchange is on 5 March. Book exchange will continue on the first Saturday of each month, 10.00 am till 12.00. We hope to be able to start offering some refreshments now.

*Ken Thompson*

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

## CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning:

*March:* Wendy Doncaster  
Anne Hodgson

Flowers:

*March:* LENT  
Churchyard: Ken Thompson

## DIARY DATES

Mar. 2 10.00 am Funeral of  
Margaret Gilbert (age 107)  
Mar. 5 10.00 am Book Exchange  
Mar. 7 7.30 pm 'Living in Love and  
Faith' (LLF) course by Zoom.  
Session 1/5  
Mar. 13 Deadline to order your Real  
Easter Eggs.  
Mar. 14,21,28 7.30 pm LLF sessions 2,3,4  
Mar. 27 Mothering Sunday  
Apr. 4 7.30 pm LLF session 5

## ALDHAM W.I.

The next W.I. meeting will be on Thursday  
17 March, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.  
Todorina Hammond, from Hearing Help for  
Essex will be our speaker. Hope to see you  
there.

*Jean Jennings*

## PIER TO PIER

Pier to Pier walk for St Helena Hospice is  
back! This family-friendly sponsored walk is  
returning on Sunday 8 May 2022.

The walk starts from either Clacton or  
Walton Pier and participants can choose to  
walk the 7 miles between the two piers or  
challenge themselves to make the return  
journey – 14 miles in all! The Hospice is  
hoping for a great turnout. You can register  
now for just £5 at [www.sthelena.org.uk/  
piertopier](http://www.sthelena.org.uk/piertopier).

## EASTER LILIES

As is the tradition in Aldham Church we will  
be remembering loved ones at our Easter Day  
Service on 17 April by dedicating a lily in  
their name. Lilies this year are £2.50 each  
and can be reserved by giving your name, and  
the name of the person to be commemorated,  
to me by Sunday 3 April. Wendy Byford has  
the job of ensuring that the lilies are at their  
best for Easter Day, hence the two week  
'window' between the 'order by' date and  
Easter. Thank you.

*Jennifer MacCallum*

## REAL EASTER EGGS

In spite of Covid, the Easter Egg with the  
Easter Message is back.

All eggs are FairTrade; the Original is £4.50;  
the White egg is £5.00; the Dark is £5.50; and  
there is a Special Edition at £10.00. The  
packaging is plastic-free and the chocolate is  
Palm Oil free. The box contains an Easter  
Story booklet and the proceeds support  
charitable causes. There's a sign-up sheet this  
year at the back of the church. Orders can be  
phoned to me on 01206 571 070 or emailed to  
[maccallum.ir@gmail.com](mailto:maccallum.ir@gmail.com)

before 13 March to get free delivery. You don't  
need to pay me till you get your eggs.

*Iain MacCallum*

## ALL HANDS TO THE CHURCHYARD

If you can spare some time on Saturday  
Morning, 19 March, from 10.00 am to help get  
the churchyard ready for the new season you  
will be appreciated. Please bring your  
favourite tools!

*Ken Thompson*

## 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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## WORSHIP IN CHURCH

Although all Covid legislation has been repealed and there are no legal requirement for public worship, the best advice hasn't changed. We will keep the church well-ventilated and wear facemasks if we feel we ought to, to protect the vulnerable and help reduce the spread of the virus.  
*Ian Scott-Thompson*

## OPEN CHURCH IS BACK!

It is resuming weekly, for the present, every Tuesday from 10.00 to 11.30 am. Coffee and Cake will be available. You may wish to bring your own mug! As it always has been, Open Church is for all the village.

## JAN ROGAN

The funeral of Jan took place in Aldham Church on 31 January, followed by a family service at Colchester Crematorium, and excellent refreshments at the Cricketers'. The service in the church, filled with family and friends, was taken by the Revd Ian Scott-Thompson. At Jan's request we all listened to the full 12 min of the *Miserere* by Allegri!

There will be an appreciation of Jan's life and the major contributions she made to Aldham Church in the current issue of *Grapevine*.

## GEOFF TREDGETT

Another Hines Close resident died, unexpectedly, at Christmas time on 27 December. Geoff and Pauline and family had lived in Aldham in Hines Close for about 30 years from 1968. From there they moved to Copford and then to Marks Tey.

The Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving was held at a full-capacity Colchester Crematorium. Son Richard gave the tribute and daughter Carolyn read a poem. The music and the Bible reading were all chosen by the family. The service was led by Iain MacCalum, Reader and ex-Hines Close resident.

## MARGARET GILBERT

Margaret Gilbert, one of Aldham's most celebrated residents, died on 2 February at the age of 107! She had moved from Green Lane to Woodlands Care Home on Lexden Road, Colchester only a few months ago where she peacefully died. Rector Ian had visited her only 3 days earlier.

Margaret's 100th birthday was featured by Joan Bakewell on a BBC TV programme. Margaret was a regular guest when we were able to have monthly Afternoon Tea Parties in the church before the arrival of Covid.

Her funeral will be in Aldham Church at 10.00 am on Wednesday 2 March.

## KELVEDON SINGERS AT COPFORD

After the dreary months we have endured for 2 years, we are thrilled to be singing music to lift the spirits as we move forward into Spring. Our next concert is on Sunday 3 April in Copford Church. Please send cheques £14 per person made payable to Kelvedon Singers to Sarah Phillips, 13 Queen Street, Coggeshall CO6 1UF. Or to secure your place, email [sp@base.nitrex.net](mailto:sp@base.nitrex.net) or telephone 01376 561719.  
*Sarah Phillips*



Deadline for April Newsletter

**22 March**

To: Iain MacCallum or  
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

## WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

*You are warmly invited to our services.*



6 Mar	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
13 Mar	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
20 Mar	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
27 Mar	9.15 am	MOTHERING SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION



*Refreshments are currently not being served after 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

**Give me neither poverty nor riches,  
but give me only my daily bread.**

**Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you.**

*Proverbs 30:8,9*

## 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
ELECTRICAL	Aaron Pearson, 1 Rowan Close, Stanway	07825 224420
FLOORING	LT Flooring, Unit 2, 91 London Road, CO6 1LG	01206 575222
FUNERALS	A.Birkin & Sons, 6 West St., Coggeshall	01376 561316
FUNERALS	Hunnaball Stanway, 8 Chapel Road, CO3 0PU	01206 489212
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
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