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FROM WENDY, OUR CURATE

Happy Springtime to you all! I wonder how you have celebrated the Easter weekend? I wonder how you are planning to spend the two Bank holiday weekends in May? Possibly decorating, gardening, seeing friends or family, a mini-break? Or perhaps a street party?

I have had the wonderful privilege of spending almost two weeks with my extended family in South Africa, primarily to celebrate my parents' diamond (60th) wedding anniversary. Eighteen of us gathered together to celebrate, with my parents, at a beautiful Air B&B at Knysna on the Eastern Cape coast. Good food, good conversations, games and the odd argument (isn't it always the way when family get together) were enjoyed by all.

On Palm Sunday I had the privilege of attending St Mark's church in East London, South Africa. The Queen visited the church in 1947 with her parents and sister, Margaret – evidenced by a signed plaque in the front of an ornate Bible. St Mark's is also the church where my parents got married before returning to Zimbabwe for 57 years. They have been welcomed back into the church family. Two things kept coming back to me during our time together: Firstly, my parents' faithfulness to one another, despite many difficult times. Secondly, how family, faith and a sense of place are so important in our story: they root us. When we share our stories, we nurture a sense of who we are and of how our lives fit together; we nurture a sense of belonging.

It strikes me that that is what family life and community life are about: sharing a common story; caring for one another; celebrating good times and grieving together in bad times. And the churches within our community have shared many a family story: births, marriages and deaths, as well as worshipful celebrations of feasts and sacred days such as Easter.



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

This May, between Ascension and Pentecost, our churches - Marks Tey and Aldham - are joining with many of the 15,700 CofE churches country wide, and 37 million churches of all denominations worldwide in a 'Global Wave of Prayer' called 'Thy Kingdom Come', spearheaded by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. In Chelmsford Diocese, 'Thy Kingdom Come' will be led by Roger Morris, the Bishop of Colchester. Bishop Roger plans to walk North Essex from May 27 to 1 June and will be coming to Aldham on May 29th, Bank Holiday Monday for lunch and conversation. Would you like to join us for a community Street Party on that day? See front panel and the June Newsletter for more details!

Wendy Pagden

DIARY DATES

6 May 10.00 to 12.00 Book Exchange.
 10 May 7.30 pm Home Group at Caterpillar Cottage
 24 May 7.30 pm Home Group at Caterpillar Cottage
 28 May 9.15 am Junior Church
 29 May Bishop of Colchester visits Aldham.

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning: Jane Smith,
 Lindsay Gough

Flowers:
 May 7 Jan Rogan
 May 14, 21 Lindsay Gough

May 28, June 4 Sarah Drain
Churchyard: Adrian Stephens
 Bob Wheeler

ALDHAM W.I.

The next W.I. meeting will take place on Thursday 18 May at 7.45 pm in the village hall. A W.I. advisor will guide us through our annual meeting, election of a new committee and voting on our resolutions. Hope to see you there. *Jean Jennings*

BOOK EXCHANGE ...

... will be on 6 May, as usual. Please note that Friends of Aldham Church Cards are still available at the back of the church.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

At the APCM on Monday, 24 April, the following were elected.

Churchwardens: Barbara Rush and Coral Wingate.

Deanery Synod Representatives: Jennifer MacCallum and Iain MacCallum

PCC members: Wendy Doncaster (Electoral Roll Officer), Richard Gough (Treasurer), Anne Matthews (Secretary), Wendy Pagden (Curate *ex officio*) Jan Rogan (Vice Chairman), Kate Rogan-Lyons, Keith Rush, Ken Thompson, Mark Wingate.

The Chairman of the PCC is the Revd Ian Scott-Thompson.

ANTI-BAT SEAT COVERS

A BIG thank you to Mark and Coral Wingate, and to Sarah Drain for supplying and tailoring the new anti-bat seat covers. Barbara Wilson's improvised covers lasted much longer than she had originally intended!

WHO'S WHO

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NEW LIFE CHURCH, KATHMANDU

Chitra, pastor of the New Life Church in Kathmandu has recently sent greetings to Aldham Church and thanks for our financial support. He tells us that his family are progressing through schools. He attached the latest Newsletter (17/03). Which is now on the church website. Follow links to '**Mission**', '**Nepal**' and '**March 2017**'. The good news is that the Orphanage that is run by the church, recently threatened by closure, has been visited by government representatives who declared it was to remain open. This is good, because our giving to the church is committed for the Orphanage. Recent regulations in Nepal have forbidden overseas donors from supporting the church's religious activities, including rebuilding after the earthquake.

ALDHAM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is on Tuesday 9 May at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room. Come and hear of any future plans for the Village Hall and make your suggestions for fund raising events, etc. Please use the main entrance door, as the Main Hall is in use that evening.

PLANT SALE AND AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday 14 May. 3.00pm to 5.00 pm. Afternoon teas with sandwiches, scones with cream and jam, plus cakes, tea or coffee only £4.00 each. Home grown plants, herbs, vegetable plants, shrubs, bedding plants. Reasonable prices.

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 - Aldham Village Hall
Management Committee*

WILL YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

St Helena Hospice helps people living with an incurable illness to live well and die with dignity and choice. In order to ensure this service is continually provided for as many people as possible, it relies on the local community to help raise £5.8 million per year.

One in five of its patients at any time is supported by members of the community leaving a gift in their will.

In June the hospice is running its annual Wills Month scheme for those who are looking to make or amend a Will. A group of local solicitors are waiving their fee to provide a Will writing service and will be asking that instead of a fee to them, a donation is made to the Hospice. The participating solicitors are: Alistair Keeble, Birkett Long, Fisher Jones Greenwood, Goody Burrett, John Fowlers, Powis and Co. and Sparlings. Bookings for a June appointment should be made directly with the solicitors from mid-May.

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.

Deadline for June
Newsletter:

20 MAY

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to all our services



7 May	9.15 am	ALL-AGE SERVICE
14 May	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
21 May	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
28 May	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

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Hebrews ch 10, vv 23,24

Please support your local Traders

ACCIDENT REPAIR	Auto Aid, Unit 4, Fiddler's Fm, Fordham Heath	01206 241279
BEAUTY THERAPIST	The Beauty Rooms, 117 London Rd, Marks Tey	01206 211831
BED & BREAKFAST	Caterpillar Cottage, Ford Street, Aldham	01206 240456
BOILER SERVICING	J Butcher 24 Gainsborough Rd. Sudbury CO10 2HT	07885 504036
BUILDER	Ottley Whitehouse, The Pink, Copford Gn.	01206 211212
BUTCHER	Willsher, 87 London Road, Marks Tey	01206 210365
CARPET & FLOORING	The Blue Goose, 8 Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey	07973 407986
CARPETS & FLOORING	Tey Carpets, 91 London Road, Copford	01206 212826
CARPENTRY	Mark Jones, 55 Winstree Rd., Stanway	07974 218925
COMPUTER ASSISTANCE	Roger Walker, 16 Hines Close, Aldham	01206 211143
DELOTO DOG GROOMING	Karen, Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey CO6 1LS	07970 990564
FINANCIAL ADVICE	WRS Fornham, 227 London Road, Stanway.	01206 214980
FIREPLACES & STOVES	D.W.Parsons, Showroom Enquiries	07860 350038
FLORIST	Florum, 14 Church Street, Coggeshall	01376 561229
FREE-RANGE EGGS, PRODUCE	High Acre Farm, Tey Road, Aldham	07808 186094
FUNERALS	A.Birkin & Sons, 6 West St., Coggeshall	01376 561316
FUNERALS	Hunnaball, York House, 41 Mersea Rd.	01206 760049
FUNERALS	E. England Co-op Funeral Services, 89 Wimpole Rd.	01206 793492
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
GARDENING SERVICES	Stuart Lake, 27 North Lane, Marks Tey	07701 302366
MOBILE DISCO	Jacks Tracks, 25 Norbury Close, Marks Tey	07751 867880
MOBILE HAIRDRESSER	Sarah, 4 Norbury Close, Marks Tey	07884 005978
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