

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED BY THE CHURCH IN



ALDHAM



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ALDHAM OPEN GARDENS DAY 2019

Sunday 9 June is rapidly approaching. We look forward to your support. We expect 14 gardens to be open this year with 2 minibuses to ferry people around the village. The gardeners are doing their very best to make their gardens as attractive as possible and others are planning refreshments, plant, book and cake stalls. Anyone who can offer help of any description will be very welcome. Donations of cakes for the day will be very gratefully received. If you can help, please contact me. Carolyn Brown - 01206-210963 or email: cmbrown47@gmail.com or aldhamopengardens@gmail.com



Dear Friends,

“We are an Easter People, and ‘Alleluia’ is our song!” So said St Augustine a long time ago, only a few hundred years after Jesus. I wouldn’t be surprised if you’ve finished all the Easter Eggs by now; but Christians carry on celebrating Easter for seven weeks, right through until Ascension and Pentecost in June. The story of Jesus laying down his life for us in self-sacrifice on the Cross, and then rising to new life three days later, is so earth-shattering that it changed history. Sunday, Resurrection-day, became the day for Christian worship, so that we mark the start of each week with a celebration of Jesus’ rising as the beginning of the new creation. He holds the power of life and death. Can you imagine what it would be like, to know that you are safe and secure, that death holds no fear for you, because you will live forever whatever happens? What if you knew God personally, so that you were confident he would come to save you? An Almighty being, the Sovereign of the Universe, looking after you! Would that make a

difference to your life? Many people write off Jesus as old-fashioned, and irrelevant to their lives. But ‘The Greatest Story Ever Told’ is actually most relevant to all of us. It places us in the context of eternity, gives us ultimate value in the eyes of our Creator, and secures our lives even in the face of death. The Easter message is absolute gold, the best news ever, and well worth celebrating properly. Why not find out more about it for yourself?

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning: Jane Smith
Lindsay Gough

Flowers:
May 5 **EASTER**
May 12, 19 Anne Matthews
May 26, June 2 Janet Gediking

Churchyard: Steve Jennings
Andy Brown

DIARY DATES

May 2 12.00 noon Burial and funeral of
Deanna Thompson
3.00 - 4.30pm Tea Party in church
May 4 10.00 am Book Exchange
May 8, 22 7.30 pm Home Group at
Caterpillar Cottage
May 15, 29 10.30 am Fellowship at 12
Church Grove
June 9 Open Gardens Day
5.15 pm Garden Praise in the
church

ALDHAM W.I.

The next meeting of Aldham W.I. will be on Thursday 16 May at 7.45 pm in the village hall. As this is our Annual Meeting, we will be discussing the resolutions for this year and electing a new committee. You would be more than welcome to join us.

Jean Jennings

BIG SKIP COLLECTIONS IN ALDHAM

The dates of the next collections are 1 June and 27 July. As usual, the location is the garage area of Hardings Close between 8.00 am and 9.10 am.

DEANNA THOMPSON

As a Church and a village we are much saddened by the loss of Deanna Thompson, who has died following a long battle with cancer. She always had enormous energy which she used not only in her long distance walks with Ken around and across Britain, but also in village activities. A mainstay of Book Exchange, a frequent visitor to Open Church, she was always deeply involved in Open Gardens, not only serving teas in her own garden but baking for cake stalls and village hall lunches. There are too many distinct activities to list here, but what made her special was the enthusiasm and sense of humour with which she approached any task. She was determined to do as much as she could even when her strength was failing and always exuded cheerfulness and positive thinking. She will be truly missed.

Jan Rogan

Deanna will be buried in the churchyard at 12.00 noon on Thursday, 2 May, immediately followed by a service of Thanksgiving in the church.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - ALDHAM VILLAGE HALL.

Our AGM will take place on Tuesday 14 May, 8.00pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room. Residents and friends are invited and it would be lovely to see a good number on the night. We will welcome ideas for the future of the hall, as well as giving you all an update on what we have achieved over the past year. Your support on the 14th would be very welcome.

*Anne Fulcher - Aldham Village Hall
Management Committee*

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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ROMAN RIVER BRIDGE

Engineers have had to revise the method of construction for the top section and parapet beam of the wing walls.

Unfortunately this is likely to extend the construction period by up to three weeks (to Friday 17 May 2019) as utility suppliers have been asked to postpone their work diverting services back under the footway until 23 April. Efforts are being made to keep any delays to an absolute minimum and we are investigating opportunities to open the road under two way traffic control at the end of April 2019. Off carriageway works will continue throughout the month of May.

We apologise for the delay in the programme and would like to thank local residents, businesses and commuters for their ongoing patience while we work to complete these improvements.

PREMIER LIFELINE

is the National Christian Helpline on
0300 111 0101

It's a confidential telephone helpline offering a listening ear, emotional and spiritual support from a Christian perspective, prayer and signposting. The Premier Lifeline is open from 9.00am to midnight every day of the year.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS, 1 APRIL 2019

The churchwardens, Coral Wingate and Ken Thmpson were re-elected. Deanery Synod representatives are Jennifer MacCallum and Iain MacCallum (also assistant treasurer). PCC secretary is Anne Matthews and the PCC treasurer is Richard Gough. The other PCC members are: the Rector Revd Ian Scott-Thompson (chairman), the Curate Revd Wendy Pagden, Keith Rush, Jan Rogan (vice-chairman), Wendy Doncaster (electoral roll officer), Barbara Rush, Mark Wingate and John Pitts.

Old buildings at most vulnerable during repairs

... was a headline on an item reporting the great fire at Notre Dame in Paris. Since launching the appeal for our repairs, which start on 29 April, our insurers have reviewed the likelihood of theft from churches whilst scaffolding is installed. Unfortunately, on the London Metal Exchange, lead is doing well at present. So to maintain cover, we are told we will have to find another £1,500 to make the scaffolding extra secure. Such is life, for the appeal had just reached within a few pennies of the original target!

We are therefore keeping the appeal open, in case anyone in the village would like to contribute. A leaflet is enclosed in this newsletter which tells you how your donation can be made.

Iain MacCallum

THY KINGDOM COME ...

... is a worldwide prayer movement between Ascension (30 May) and Pentecost (9 June). These 11 days have always been infused with expectation and anticipation. As Jesus ascended, he promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to enable his disciples to be witnesses. As they waited for the promise to be fulfilled they devoted themselves to prayer (Acts 1:11), so the renewed call across the church is to set these days apart to pray.

The global focus for prayer in these 11 days is that we bring to God five individuals, that they might have an encounter with Jesus Christ. For daily help, Google:

"Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Journal 2019"

Deadline for June Newsletter

22 MAY

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to all our services



5 May 9.15 am ALL-AGE SERVICE

12 May 9.15 am HOLY COMMUNION

19 May 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP

26 May 9.15 am HOLY COMMUNION

2 June 9.15 am ALL-AGE SERVICE



CRECHE The Tower Room is available every Sunday with sound relay of the service. FAIRTRADE COFFEE and TEA are served

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

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

1. Peter 3: 8

Please support your local Traders

BEAUTY THERAPIST	The Beauty Rooms, 117 London Rd, Marks Tey	01206 211831
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
CARPETS & FLOORING	The Blue Goose, 8 Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey	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
DELOTO DOG GROOMING	Karen, Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey CO6 1LS	07970 990564
ELECTRICAL	Aaron Pearson, 1 Rowan Close, Stanway	07825 224420
FINANCIAL ADVICE	WRS Fornham, 227 London Road, Stanway	01206 214980
FIREPLACES & STOVES	D.W.Parsons, Showroom Enquiries	07860 350038
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
MOBILE DISCO	Jacks Tracks, 25 Norbury Close, Marks Tey	07751 867880
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
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 Honeywood Close, Marks Tey	01206 212032