



# ALDHAM



MAY 2022

## FROM THE RECTORY

*Dear Friends,*

Are you a Spender or a Saver? Making the budget stretch is becoming harder this year, with fuel and household bills rising steeply. It looks like we all need to cut back on all spending and get saving for tough times!

I suggested a thank you gift for hard-working volunteers recently, and it was viewed as an unnecessary expense, which I found disappointing. To me, it seemed very worthwhile, spending a little to encourage those who had given so much. When times are tight, we need to be canny and wise. What are the things we need to prioritise? What's really worth spending money on, and where can we usefully make savings, without losing important items?

One of the tricky aspects to this is the temptation to focus on things, more than people. Every time I go into a shop, there are more self-service tills, and fewer hard-pressed staff. The staff who are on duty, are often having to help customers learn how to use the automatic tills! At home, we'd rather buy a tech gadget, than treat a friend – what a pity! Put yourself in their shoes. Doesn't it feel good, when someone appreciates you?

In Luke 16, Jesus says, "I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for

yourself, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." For Jesus, worldly wealth is neither good nor bad, but it becomes a problem when we are obsessed with getting more and more. We begin to treat wealth as more important than people, and even more important than God. It becomes all-consuming, and leads us down dark tracks. There are several wise ways to check this: ask honest friends, live a simple life, and give generously to the poor.

What are your plans, when budgets get squeezed?

With best wishes,

## JUBILEE TEA

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated with a short service in church at 2.30 pm on Thursday 2 June followed by afternoon tea in the churchyard at 3.15 pm.

## BOOK EXCHANGE

Our next book exchange is on 7 May, the first Saturday of May, 10.00 am till 12.00. We are now able to offer some refreshments.

*Ken Thompson*

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

## CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning:

May Jane Smith  
Lindsay Gough

Flowers:

May 1,8 Judith Vestey  
May 15,22 Mags Newton  
May 39, June 5 Julie Orpen

Churchyard: Steve Jennings  
Neil Byford

## DIARY DATES

Apr.25 APCM 7.30 pm in church.  
May 7 10.00 am Book Exchange  
May 18 Home Group - Philippians ch. 4  
June 2 Platinum Jubilee tea

## ALDHAM VILLAGE HALL AGM

The AGM will take place in the Village Hall Meeting Room on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7.30.pm. Residents are welcome to attend this meeting. If you have any ideas for events in the hall or would like to join our committee, we would be pleased to hear from you. A Management Committee Meeting will be held after the AGM.

*Anne Fulcher*

## JESUS' LETTERS TO THE CHURCHES

During May and June, in Morning Worship, we are looking at the Letters to the Seven Churches in the Bible's famous Book of Revelation. It's the last book in our Bibles, and features a vision of Jesus, risen from the dead, giving a message to Christians living under persecution in ancient Turkey. Our culture may be different, but each message has important things to say to us, today!

## WORSHIP IN CHURCH

Your Church is open for worship on Sundays, with precautions. Of course, please don't come to church if you have tested positive or have Covid symptoms.

*Ian Scott-Thompson*

## OPEN CHURCH

Continues every Tuesday from 10.00 to 11.30 am, when Coffee and Cake will be available. As it always has been, Open Church is for all the village. The church is also open on Thursdays for private prayer.

## TOWARD THE LIGHT

On Maundy Thursday I visited Ely Cathedral and was delighted to see in the Lady Chapel the '*Toward the Light*' Exhibition of Janet French's contemporary screenprints on handmade leaf paper. It was a beautiful sunny day and the light from the high clear glass windows filled the Lady Chapel making it an ideal place for Janet's pictures, arranged around the walls of the Chapel. It was fascinating to see the variety of leaves used for the handmade paper and incorporated into the scenes, sycamore, oak, beech, silver birch, holly and others. The screenprints were beautiful. I really enjoyed my visit.

*Anne Matthews*

## 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!

## WHO'S WHO

Priest-in-Charge	Revd Ian Scott-Thompson, The Rectory, Church Lane, Marks Tey, Col. CO6 1LW	01206 215772
Churchwardens	Mrs Coral Wingate, 79 Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey, CO6 1LS Mr Ken Thompson, 20 Hines Close, Aldham, Colchester, CO6 3RL	01206 210369 01206 803418
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## **W.I.**

We will be holding our annual meeting and resolutions discussion on Thursday 19 May, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

As this is our closest meeting to the Queen's Jubilee, we are asking members to wear red, white & blue and bring any Coronation memorabilia they may like to share. We will be serving wine/soft drinks and appropriately themed cup cakes!

*Jean Jennings*

## **THE QUEEN'S PLATINIUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

Don the Red, White and Blue for a Village Barbecue on Saturday 4 June. 12.00pm start at the Village Hall. Live music in the afternoon. Fancy Dress Competition (with prizes).

The Social Club bar will also be open from 12.00pm. onwards.

The Village Hall Committee are providing the barbecue which is FREE to all residents.

More music in the evening. Dig out your dancing shoes and rock the night away with "Durango", a five piece band playing music from the 50's onwards. The Social Club bar will be open for the evening. Dancing should start about 7.00pm. until 10.00pm.

This event is also FREE. The event is provided by Aldham Parish Council.

*Anne Fulcher*

## **JOAN BAKER**

Joan Baker died on 6 March 2022 aged 102 just a few weeks after her sister Margaret Gilbert who died aged 107 on 2 February. There was a service for Joan at the crematorium on 25 April, followed by a wake at the Cricketers.

The Colchester Gazette featured the sisters on the occasion of Joan's 100th birthday when Margaret was 105.

## **WILLS MONTH**

This June, St Helena Hospice's Wills Month returns, giving local people the opportunity to make or amend their Will whilst supporting the hospice. Three local solicitors have waived their usual fees: Birkett Long, John Fowlers Solicitors, and Fisher Jones Greenwood. Aleena Villers, Marketing Assistant, St Helena Hospice writes: "One in five patients and families cared for by St Helena Hospice are supported by donations made from gifts in Wills. Please remember St Helena Hospice."

## **MARGARET (MAGS) CONSTABLE**

Mags Constable of 26 Hines Close died on Easter Sunday, 17 April after a long period of illness. In spite of her having been a regular worshipper at Aldham for most of the last 10 years, her funeral will be in South Wales where she came from. We offer our sympathy to John.

## **APCM**

Churchwarden, Ken Thompson was re-elected. Iain MacCallum was elected as the other churchwarden. 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), Keith Rush (vice-chairman), Wendy Doncaster (electoral roll officer), Barbara Rush (safeguarding officer), Mark Wingate, Coral Wingate, John Pitts, Linda Davis, Mags Newton.

Deadline for June Newsletter

**22 May**

To: Iain MacCallum or  
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

## WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

*You are warmly invited to our services.*



<b>1 May</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>
8 May	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
<b>15 May</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>
22 May	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
<b>29 May</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP with Marks Tey in ALDHAM Church</b>



*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

**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.**

*Philippians 4 : 6*

## 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
DOG TRAINER	Susie@bestpawforwarddogs.co.uk. Marks Tey	07305 383631
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