



ALDHAM



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Love, loss and remembering... a message from your curate

Autumn, and November in particular, has traditionally been a time when people explore the big questions about life and death. Watching the leaves fall and the nights draw in is an opportunity for all ages to think about love and loss and remember in special ways. Whilst it is true that we live in an increasingly secular society, it is in times of birth and death – liminal or marginal times - when we have the sense that there is something more to life than just what we can see. Great numbers of people feel it: in moments of reflection about their lives; in moments of relaxation in nature; in moments of bereavement and loss. The sense that God is present is palpable.

For some children and adults, the impact of loss has huge consequences, especially if it's the death of someone close. However and whenever we lose a loved one, there are good ways to remember those we see no longer:

□ **Light a candle** on important days and say a prayer. "Loving God, thank you for X and help us to remember the good times we shared together." We shared a wonderful time of 'Remembering' during October's Messy Church at Marks Tey. The children and families reflected on sad times by writing teardrop prayers which were hung on a 'Weeping Willow'; amongst many other 'messy' activities we talked about remembering by decorating poppy biscuits, and making 'angry bubbles' out of vinegar and bicarb. Grief is often very messy.



Remembrance Service

Sunday
12 November

Morning Worship
at 10.15 am
in the Church

Act of
Remembrance at
11.00 am
at the
War Memorial.

□ **Gather some items** that remind you of that person – letters they wrote, photos of them, keepsakes – and keep them in a decorated memory box. Children can add things to the box.

☐ **Take part in charity fundraising event** connected to the person who is ill or who has died.

Recently we had a wonderful Macmillan Coffee Morning raising over £460 for that important and supportive cancer charity.

The church has many special times and ways of remembering those we love who have died.

On 12 November we invite you to our **Remembrance Sunday Service**, when we remember those who died in war, and pray for peace. In February, in Aldham Church, you will be invited to a **Memorial Service** to remember loved ones who have died.

Their names will be read out in the service, to which you are invited: light a candle; reflect; sing; say a prayer.

On a lighter note, you may have seen the recent BBC Panorama programme: *'Life at 100'*, in which Joan Bakewell follows the lives of seven centenarians, including Margaret Gilbert (103) who lives in Green Lane, Aldham. How wonderful and important it is to celebrate life, love, loss and memories!

Wendy Pagden

BOOK EXCHANGE ...

... on 4 November: we will have Sue and Ray Pratt with Cards and Craft and scones!

SHOEBOXES

The deadline for bringing completed boxes to church will be Sunday 5 Nov, or I can collect. *Anne Matthews (01206 575 603)*

DIARY DATES

29 Oct 02.00am clocks go back.
 4 Nov 10.00 am Book Exchange
 5 Nov Shoe Box deadline
 8 Nov Home Group 7.30 pm at Caterpillar Cottage
 22 Nov Home Group 7.30 pm at Caterpillar Cottage

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning: Jan Rogan,
 Jane Scott-Thompson

Flowers:
 Nov 5, 12 REMEMBRANCE
 Jean Randall
 Nov 19, 26 Yvonne Tomassi

FRIENDS OF ALDHAM CHURCH

Sunday 10 December: 6.30 pm Concert with Kelvedon Singers at the church. More information next month. **Saturday 10 February:** Murder Mystery evening at Village Hall.

ALDHAM W.I.

The next W.I. meeting will take place on Thursday 16 November, at 7.45 pm in the village hall. Our speaker, Alison Hardaker, will be giving a talk on *Natural Health and Nutrition for Winter*. Members, friends and visitors most welcome. *Jean Jennings*

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

It is time to empty our blue boxes again, so would you be kind enough to deliver your box to me at 27 Hines Close, or call me on 01206 211408 and I will collect it. Many thanks for your continuing support.

Jean Jennings

WHO'S WHO

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ALDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Another Table Top sale is scheduled for **Saturday 25 November**, at 10.30 am Entry free. To book a stall, please contact Anne Fulcher on 01206 211624. Tables cost £5.00 each. Money raised is for the Village Hall upkeep.

Anne Fulcher - Aldham Village Hall Management Committee.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

About 40 came to the Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall on 1 October. **It raised £271 and some supplies for the Colchester Food Bank.**

Revd Caroline Martin, the curate at St Margaret's Berechurch, and chair of the Trustees of the Food Bank, gave an illustrated talk on its work in helping people to get over crises that leave them short of food. Her fiancé, who also works in the Food Bank, told of some of their "successes".

Open Door, located on Eld Lane, Colchester in the Baptist Church building, has been the Colchester Drop-in Centre for 28 years. Since their opening in 1986, they have befriended many people and journeyed with them through the highs and lows of their lives without judgement or prejudice.

Aldham church has been taking its Harvest Thanksgiving gifts to Open Door since 2005. This year, we took them 9 bags full of non-perishable food. Next year we will welcome a speaker from Open Door.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

A Macmillan Coffee Morning, was held in the Church on Friday 13 October round about the time of their National Coffee Morning. By gum didn't we do well! Thanks to all who came, because **£462.30 was raised**. Thanks too, to all who organised it and helped on the day.

RIDE AND STRIDE

This year's Ride and Stride for the Friends of Essex Churches Trust on 9 September saw 7 riders visiting our church, including two from Aldham & two from Marks Tey. The others came from Alphamstone, Prettygate and Bulphan. **The sum raised for the Trust was £475.00.** Thank you to all those who sponsored our heroic riders & striders, Deanna, Ken and Wendy.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH OUTREACH (CYO)

CYO is one of the major missions that Aldham Church supports. This encouraging news is from their recent prayer letter.

The start of Chaplaincy at Colchester Institute has been amazing.

I have been welcomed by the Students' Union who have said we can run Sanctum or other projects in their area. The Students' Union also offered to put Chaplaincy posters on their 10 notice boards though out the Colchester site.

The first Wednesday of term was Freshers and I was given a Chaplaincy space as part of the Student Services Area. Throughout the day I had conversations with a steady stream of students and staff. One member of staff asked if I'd assist with a couple of lessons about having religious beliefs; others took chaplaincy posters to go up in their specific departments. Lots of students did the priorities activity and we chatted about their hopes, expectations and beliefs.

I'm so thankful for this welcome and the many opportunities to encourage young people to grow in life, hope and faith.

Beks Korneij

Deadline for the **December/January** Newsletter:

22 NOVEMBER

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

THIS MONTH'S WORSHIP AT ALDHAM



You are warmly invited to all our services

5 Nov	9.15 am	ALL-AGE SERVICE
12 Nov	10.15 am	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE <i>followed by an act of remembrance at the war memorial in the churchyard</i>
19 Nov	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
26 Nov	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION (+ Jnr Ch)

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

Teach me, my God and King,
in all things Thee to see,
and what I do in anything,
to do it as for Thee.

George Herbert (1633)

Please support your local Traders

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BED & BREAKFAST	Caterpillar Cottage, Ford Street, Aldham	01206 240456
BOILER SERVICING	J Butcher 24 Gainsborough Rd. Sudbury CO10 2HT	07885 504036
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CARPETS & FLOORING	Tey Carpets at Home, 25 Keable Road, Marks Tey	01206 212826
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DELOTO DOG GROOMING	Karen, Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey CO6 1LS	07970 990564
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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
OPTICIAN	The Eye Centre 15 Market Hill Coggeshall CO6 1TS	01376 561156
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 Honeywood Close, Marks Tey	01206 212032
VW & AUDI GARAGE	John Austin, London Road, Marks Tey	01206 211483
WINE TASTING EVENTS	Alison Curwood, wineathome.co.uk N'th Ln, M Tey	07450 584348