

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED BY THE CHURCH IN



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Dear Friends,

During the Great War, on the fourth anniversary of the start of the war, King George V and

Queen Mary joined Parliament for a special service at St Margaret's Church, Westminster. The King had asked that Sunday 4 August 1918 should be observed as a National Day of Prayer: and exactly one hundred days later, the war ended. Exactly one hundred years ago.

On 4 August 2018 churches from all the different denominations across the country, started one hundred days of prayer. It's called Remembrance 100, building up to Sunday 11 November 2018.

"Let us mark these days with prayers for peace, hope and reconciliation," said Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

A relative of my wife Jane, George Venables, was a Signaller in the Coldstream Guards in the First World War. In 1918 he was part of the rapid British advance to victory. His diary records:

On the morning of November 11, Dusty was taking a telegram on the telephone. He got into such a state of excitement that he could not write it down. "Here, somebody take this" he said "I can't. It says the war's over."

Venables picked up the receiver and began to write on the message pad while the others gazed over his shoulder.

"Hostilities will cease at 11.00 hours today. Our troops will stand fast on the line reached at that hour. There will be no conversation with the enemy of any description."

In the evening they sat silently round the camp fire, gazing into its glowing embers without the fear of being bombed, and their thoughts found little expression in words. One after another, as the fire died down, they turned into their tents, rolled themselves up in their blankets and were soon asleep. They had often slept to wake to go over the top, to hold the enemy's advance, to the noise of bursting shells and bombs or

the dreaded sound of the gas alarm. Then, they slept because men must needs sleep to live, but now, they slept to rest; the rest of peace and security.

At Aldham we invite everyone to come to the church at 10.15 am on 11 November for Morning Service, followed at 11.00 am by a short Service of Remembrance and the two minute silence at the War Memorial. Throughout the weekend, Marks Tey church is open with a fascinating Exhibition about Marks Tey in the Great War.

In Aldham Church, Jane Smith has kindly donated a Tommy silhouette to remind us movingly of those who did not return, 'There But Not There'. Perhaps you are remembering a relative? Thank God, for their bravery and sacrifice. We are all in their debt.

With best wishes,

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning: Jan Rogan
Jane Scott-Thompson

Flowers:
Nov 4, 11 REMEMBRANCE
Anne Matthews
Nov 18, 25 Patricia Walker

DIARY DATES

27 Oct FOAC & Village Hall 7.30pm
Vinyl Music Night
3 Nov 10.00 am Book Exchange with
scones, cards and crafts.
6 Nov 10.00 am Open Church - coffee,
tea and biscuits - every Tuesday
14,28 Nov 7.30 pm Home Group
15 Nov 3.00 to 4.30 pm. Afternoon Tea in
the Church. All welcome.
9 Dec FOAC Concert - Kelvedon Singers

BOOK EXCHANGE...

...is back after a one month break on 3
November with scones, cards and crafts.

ALDHAM W.I.

The next W.I. meeting is on Thursday 15
November at 7.45 pm in the village hall.
Our speaker, Eve Regelous, will speaking on
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Do come and join us; get the festive spirit!

Jean Jennings

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BLUE BOXES

It is time to empty our Children's Society
blue boxes. Would you be kind enough to
drop them in to me at 27 Hines Close, or call
me on 01206 211408 to arrange collection.
Many thanks. *Jean Jennings*

MID-WEEK MONTHLY COMMUNION ..

..continues on 13 November at **11.45 am**
(every 2nd Tuesday).

SHOE BOXES - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Leaflets are available in the Church by the
door. Shoeboxes should be completed by 4
November and may be brought to church
or I will collect. Empty shoeboxes should
be available in church now. A box for
items, or money donations towards the cost
of transporting boxes will also be at the
back of the church

Let me know if you need help.

Anne Matthews (01206 575603)

TEA PARTIES

We have held five tea parties in the
Church to date, all very enjoyable and
happy occasions. The format is simple, a
warm welcome, plenty of tea and coffee
and delicious food, with the opportunity to
meet up and chat with friends old and
new. They last from 3 pm to around 4.30
pm. The next one will be on Thursday 15
November. Do come if you can.

The Christmas Tea Party will be on
Thursday 20 December. Santa has it in his
dairy. Don't forget to put it in yours!

*Coral, Wendy D, Anne and Jennifer
on behalf of the 'Tea Teams'*

WORLD WAR I EXHIBITION

*November 10 and November 11, 11am-5pm
at St Andrew's, Marks Tey*

Discover information on the local people
who died and how it affected the area.

WHO'S WHO

Priest-in-Charge	Revd Ian Scott-Thompson, The Rectory, Church Lane, Marks Tey, Col. CO6 1LW	01206 215772
Curate	Revd Wendy Pagden, 5 Rockingham Close, St John's, Colchester, CO4 0NJ	01206 844677
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FABRIC REPAIR APPEAL

The Fabric Repair Appeal was launched in church on 9 September and in last month's newsletter we inserted a green appeal leaflet. The repairs to the flint cladding on the upper reaches of the tower and the west wall are necessary because they are in danger of falling out!

As we explained in the leaflet, we have approached the task of raising the £41,500 by the beginning of March 2019 in several ways.

Grants - We've applied to eight trusts that support repair work on churches. One trust has changed its focus and did not reply: one has declined to help: 5 have responded; and we await one trust to respond in December. From the 5 trusts that have responded we have been given £15,000.

Friends of Aldham Church - At the time of writing, the Friends have accumulated nearly £6,700 from their activities since July 2017 for Fabric work. This is excellent!

Flower Festival - As reported elsewhere in this issue, this raised just over £2,600.

Legacies - The PCC has set £7,500 aside, being half of its remaining legacy balance, in case this is needed to enable us to instruct the builders to start the work as soon the weather can be assured to be frost-free in 2019.

The Appeal - If you do the sums you'll see that from the Appeal and the remaining grant we need £9,700. Thank you to all of you who, at the time of writing, have helped to raise £6,463 by making a donation. We are getting there. Another £3,000 would clinch the deal!

Ideally, we would prefer not to have to use the £7,500 legacy money, and keep it for the inevitable rainy day. If you have mislaid the leaflet under a pile of papers, as I often do, please pick one up from the back of the church or ask me and I'll email or post one to you.

Iain MacCallum

HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL

The 6th and 7th October was a memorable weekend in every way. The Colchester Flower Club ladies produced some beautiful arrangements on the theme 'God's Wonderful World' and we had a steady stream of visitors both days. The Village Hall was buzzing with activity and the Framed Exhibition was greatly appreciated as were the food and the stalls. The total raised for the Fabric Repairs was £2,624.58, truly amazing! There will be a more detailed report in Grapevine, but thank you to everyone who supported the event in so many ways.

Wendy Byford

THE KELVEDON SINGERS

The Friends of Aldham Church are proud to announce that on Sunday 9 December the Kelvedon Singers will give a concert entitled 'Gloria in Excelsis' in Aldham Church. It will be about two hours with a break. Tickets are £10 each in advance or £12 on the day. Details of how to get tickets will be posted around the village in coming days. Sadly last year's concert had to be cancelled because of the weather conditions but at the time it was over-subscribed so tickets will be allocated on a first come basis. It promises to be a superb event.

Andy Brown

VILLAGE HALL

The Table Top Sale on 13 October raised £190 for Village Hall funds. Hopefully, the next one on 10 November will be just as popular. Doors open at 10.30am until 12.30pm. Entry free. Light refreshments. Have your own table, provided by the Hall for £5. Please ring me to book as soon as possible. The next sale will be on 9 February.

Anne Fulcher - 01206 211624

Deadline for December Newsletter

22 NOVEMBER

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to all our services

4 Nov 9.15 am ALL-AGE SERVICE



11 Nov 10.15 am REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

followed by an act of remembrance at the war memorial in the churchyard

18 Nov 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP

25 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

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

Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

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
CARPET & 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
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 Funeral Services, Peartree Rd.	01206 372190
FUNERALS	E. England Co-op Funeral Services, 213a High St.	01376 573627
FUNERALS	E. England Co-op Funeral Services, 98 The Commons	01206 560988
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
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 Honywood Close, Marks Tey	01206 212032