

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED BY THE CHURCH IN



ALDHAM



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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

November is the month when we remember those who laid down their lives in wartime, and those we've loved and lost. Many of you will have your own family and personal memories. You may want to have a quiet moment to yourself, remembering, which is only natural and right. But please don't let loneliness become a burden to you: you may be surprised how willing other people are to hear your story, and share the weight of it with you. Contact a friend, a neighbour, or one of the names at the bottom of page 2 of this Newsletter: if the person you ask can't help you at that moment, they can probably suggest someone who can.

Remembrance Sunday is on 8 November. At Aldham Church, the service starts at 10.15 am when we remember those who died in war, with a special guest speaker who treats soldiers returning from active service. Following the church service, we will gather at the war memorial, suitably spaced, for the act of remembrance and the two minutes' silence.

Then, on Sunday 15 November we are holding a church Gift Day service, when we welcome donations towards the work of Aldham Church, because this year has been more difficult than usual with lockdown restrictions.

Do contact us for more details on any of these events, or if we can help you in any way. May God bless you, in this month of remembering!

With best wishes,

ALDHAM W.I.

The next W.I. meeting will be on Thursday 19 November at 7.30 on zoom. Speaker to be confirmed. Members will be notified of login details nearer the time.

Jean Jennings

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

I would be very grateful if you would deliver your Children's Society blue boxes to me at 27 Hines Close. If you would like me to collect them, please contact me on 01206 211408. Many thanks.

Jean Jennings

JIGSAWS

I've taken the remaining jigsaws in the porch to the tip and have replaced them with fresh *dry* stock from the church! Please help yourselves.

Ken Thompson.

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning:

November Jan Rogan
Jane Scott-Thompson

Flowers:

Nov 1 Mags Newton
Nov 8, 15 REMEMBRANCE
Anne Matthews
Nov 22, 29 Jean Randall

DIARY DATES

Nov 6 Real Advent Calendars. £4.
Order by 6 November.
Nov 8 Deadline for shoeboxes to
the church.
Nov 15 Gift Day

LAST CALL FOR SHOE BOXES

Operation Christmas Child.

Shoeboxes filled with gifts for children in poverty are welcomed. Leaflets or empty boxes can be collected from church, or from me. Separate items can also be donated in the box at the back of the church from which I will make up boxes. If you prefer not to go to the shops I will use any money donated to buy things for boxes. Or you can fill an online shoebox for £20 (including project costs) at <https://shoebboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>.

The deadline to bring boxes to church is Sunday, 8 November. Many thanks.

Lindsay Gough

CAROLS IN THE CHURCHYARD

Now we are in Tier 2, and likely to be there for a while, we have decided that carol singing that maintained social distancing would be impossible to control!

GIFT DAY - 15 NOVEMBER

Along with many other churches, our income looks like being insufficient to pay our way this year. Every year, each Church of England parish is given its own amount to be paid to the diocese for present ministry and future ministry training. Called the Parish Share, it is not a compulsory payment but the diocese relies on it being paid. Over the past 50 years and more, Aldham has always paid its Parish Share in full but this year we need an extra £4,500 to pay it and keep us out of the red.

So we are doing what many other churches do at the end of their financial year and having a **Gift Day - on 15 November.**

Although the pandemic has had profound effect on our lives, we can be grateful for the good things that have come out of it. The Bible verse on page 4 says in the original Greek: *God loves a ILAROS giver.*

So let's shed our Anglo-Saxon correctness on Gift Day and become *HILARIOUS* givers.

ADVENT CALENDAR

The Advent Calendars with a new story-activity book are still £4 each. We will order a box of 18 calendars. There will be no sign-up list. Tell us in church or phone 01206 571070 how many you want by 6 November.

Iain & Jennifer MacCallum

BUBBLES

Now that we are in Tier 2 of the Covid regulations restrictions, on who we have in our homes and whose homes we may wish to visit, are unlikely to be relaxed before Christmas. It is very important that we do what we can for the elderly and people who live on their own. It wasn't too bad in the

WHO'S WHO

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summer months when we could meet in gardens (suitably spaced), but now it's usually too cold to meet outside.

If you live in a family, and you haven't done so already, think: is there a single neighbour you could invite into a bubble?

A support bubble is where a household with one adult joins with another household. Households in that support bubble can still visit each other, stay overnight, and visit public places together. A bubble can travel together in a car without wearing masks and without having the windows open! See

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household>

for the bubble rules.

In Tier 2 you may continue to see friends and family you do not live with (or have not formed a support bubble with) outside, including in a garden or other outdoor space. When you do so, you must not meet in a group of more than 6. The limit includes children of any age. If we become Tier 3, you must not meet socially with friends and family in *any* setting unless they are part of your household or support bubble.

Jennifer and I (Iain is extremely vulnerable) have formed a bubble with our neighbour (also vulnerable) in the flat below who is a widow living alone. Her son is in the USA; our kids live miles away south of London. It works well. We can socialise, share a weekly takeaway, watch football on TV together, and occasionally venture out in the car. There is a successful bubble in Aldham between two households, one in Hines Close and the other in Brook Road. And others, no doubt.

Is there any one nearby who would benefit from joining you in a bubble?

Claire Gearey included the official wording in Grapevine Update, 15 October.

Iain MacCallum

FREDDY EVERSON

Freddy Everson, of 4 Church Grove, died on 12 October, aged 93. His tall figure was familiar on Green Lane, and before lockdown, at church tea parties, Open Church and Book Exchange. We will all miss his memoirs in Grapevine. The funeral is on 2 November at the crematorium, with the cortege leaving from Church Grove at 2.00 pm. We extend our condolences to Maggie and the family.

THE BRIDGE

There appears to be an issue with the road surface over the bridge, but there has been no further news on the re-opening date, that was expected on 23 November.

OPEN DOOR

The Open Door Team sent a card to members of Aldham Church:

"Enormous thank you for your generous donations of food and money which, you can be assured, will be well used. We thank the Lord for His provision. Blessings."

Together with items from Marks Tey, they filled the boot and the back seat of our Polo up to the roof!
Iain MacCallum



Deadline for Dec/Jan Newsletter

22 November

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to our services.

We sit socially distanced, but there is still room for a few more!



1 Nov	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
8 Nov	10.15 am	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE <i>followed by an act of remembrance at the war memorial in the churchyard</i>

15 Nov 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP
Gift Day

22 Nov 9.15 am COMMUNION

29 Nov 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP



Refreshments cannot be served during current restrictions

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	Morning Worship
<i>4th Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Morning Worship
<i>5th Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Morning Worship

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Please support your local Traders

BOILER SERVICING	J Butcher 24 Gainsborough Rd. Sudbury CO10 2HT	07885 504036
BUTCHER	Willsher, 87 London Road, Marks Tey	01206 210365
CARPETS & FLOORING	Unit 1, Flyover Nurseries, 8 Coggeshall Road, MT	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
FRENCH TUITION	Isabelle Hull, 42 Stanefield, CO6 1LX (up to GCSE)	07957 918546
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
HOME CARE	Linmar Care, Godmans Lane, Marks Tey	01206 912311
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
OVEN CLEANING	D. Burton, Ashwells, Park Lane, Earls Colne	07850 550799
PHARMACY	86 London Road, Marks Tey	01206 212878
PLASTERER	RJB Plastering, 5 Rowan Close, Stanway, CO3 0QJ	07500 062430
PLASTERER	M.J.Reeve, 5 Ashbury Drive, MT, CO6 1XW	01206 920462
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REMOVALS & STORAGE	K.Dobbs, Unit 1-2, Bellhouse Farm, Stanway	01206 212444
ROOFING SERVICES	Daniel Wicks, 4 Honywood Close, Marks Tey	01206 212032