

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED BY THE CHURCH IN



ALDHAM



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Dear Friends,

How do you create a sense of Community, in a village? When they're house-hunting, it's one of the things that people look out for and value, and yet it's so hard to create or define. Once people move in, it's even harder to get them to participate; we're so busy, often it seems we don't have the time to join in.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes help get people together, but focus largely on preventing crime. Village Picnics and Street Parties are wonderful when they happen, but take a bit of organising. Many of us are commuters now, which leaves villages all but deserted for much of the week. Little Village schools are no longer economic, so children have to be taken to larger schools a few miles away. Playgrounds are expensively refurbished, but then seem largely deserted or vandalised. We want the facilities, but not the responsibility.

How do you welcome people? When a new neighbour moves in next door, or down your street, what do you say or do? Or, to put it the other way round, if you've moved in, how would you like to be welcomed? It's something we're increasingly shy about; and sadly that breeds fear, insecurity and loneliness. Facebook is no substitute for having good neighbours around you, and friends you can drop in on and spend time with.

This could be a good time to call on a neighbour, perhaps taking the church Welcome Pack, or a little gift? Or invite them round for a cup of tea or coffee, and set the world to rights! You'd be surprised how much of a difference it could make to someone living nearby.

With best wishes,



**Be part of Macmillan's
2017 World's Biggest
Coffee Morning!**

**Come for scones, cake,
coffee and chat on
Friday 13 October
between**

**10.30 am and 12 noon in
Aldham Church.**

Cake stall - Bring & Buy

**Donations to Macmillan
Cancer Support**

Jennifer MacCallum
01206 571070

BOOK EXCHANGE ...

Book Exchange will be as usual for 7 October. For 4 November we will have Sue and Ray Pratt with Cards and Craft.

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

DIARY DATES

30 Sep	9.00 am Church decoration
1 Oct	9.15 am Harvest Thanksgiving 12.30 for 1.00 pm Harvest Lunch in Village Hall
7 Oct	10.00 am to 12.00 noon. Book Exchange
13 Oct	10.30 an to 12.00 noon. Coffee Morning for Macmillan in Church
14 Oct	Bible Conference at Chelmsford Central Baptist Church
29 Oct	02.00am clocks go back

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning: Yvonne Tomassi,
Mark Wingate (brasses)

Flowers:

Oct 1, 8, 15 HARVEST Wendy Byford
and team

Oct 22, 29 Jean Randall

Churchyard: Ken Thompson

FRIENDS OF ALDHAM CHURCH

The Curry Lunch on 10 September was a great success. With 5 curry dishes and alternatives for those with less ambitious palates, there was more than enough for everyone. Special thanks to various cooks and Martyn and Sarah Drain for hosting. The Lunch raised £365.50 for the FOAC funds. It was a splendid event despite the less than super weather. Forthcoming events are:

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 meeting of Aldham W.I. will take place on Thursday 19 October, at 7.45 pm in the village hall. Our speaker, Gordon Bailey, will be giving a talk entitled 'Treasure Beneath Your Feet'. Friends and visitors welcome, as always.

Jean Jennings

ALDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Table Top Sales are back! Starting Saturday 14 October. 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.

Another Table Top sale is scheduled for Saturday 25 November. Anne Fulcher - Aldham Village Hall Management Committee. Tel.No. 01206 211624.

CHURCHYARD TEAM

Although we have taken out a monthly grass cutting contract, there is still much to do to keep the grave spaces accessible and tidy. This is still done by the team, headed by Ken Thompson, whose names appear each month in the Church Rota section of this newsletter. We thank all of you for this important contribution to the church life.

OPEN GARDENS DAY

Apologies for getting the date wrong last month. It's planned for **Sunday 10 June 2018**. I'll be delighted to hear from anyone else who would like to be involved.

Carolyn Brown (01206 210963)

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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FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL IN LOWER CASTLE PARK

Keith and Barbara Rush tell us they had a great time at the Family Fun Festival on 16 September where 6,000 attended. Tim Abbott and the CYO team were also there and Tim writes:

We had a gentle flow of young people visiting the 'Youth Zone' during the day, many taking part in the reflective prayer activities. Young people were able to contribute to a 'hopes and dreams' canvas, talk positively about 'character' with a friend and reflect on how God sees them as 'amazingly and wonderfully made'.

Tim Abbott

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The All-Age Service is at 9.15 am on Sunday, 1 October. Gifts of non-perishable food will be welcomed in the church on Saturday or Sunday morning and will be used for Open Door, the Soup Run and Beacon House

The lunch is at 12.30 pm in the Village Hall. Donations from the lunch to Colchester Food Bank.

Church decorating will be at 9.30 am on Friday, 29 September, refreshment provided.

THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR ...

... is an excellent way of helping to put Christ back into Christmas. I hope to place an order for a multiple of 18 calendars before the end of October so as to get them at £3.99 each post free. With the Fairtrade calendar comes a 32 page Christmas story-activity booklet. There is a sign-up sheet on the notice board at the back of the church. Please sign by 23 October, or phone me on 01206 571070. No money needed yet! Pay me when you collect your calendars.

Iain MacCallum

CHELMSFORD ANGLICAN BIBLE CONFERENCE

This year, the conference is on 14 October. If you let me know by 30 September, I can book you in for £13 for the day. It's at Chelmsford Central Baptist Church, 5 minutes from the Station. *Iain MacCallum*

DEDHAM ARTS EXHIBITION

24 - 28 October in Dedham Parish Church. Aldham resident, **Jill Wilson**, is taking part in Dedham Arts Group's 50th anniversary exhibition & Sale in support of **East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH)**. Free entry - 10.00 am to 4.00 pm each day. All proceeds to EACH.

SHOEBOXES

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



Deadline for November Newsletter:

22 OCTOBER

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

THIS MONTH'S WORSHIP AT ALDHAM



You are warmly invited to all our services

1 Oct	9.15 am	HARVEST THANKSGIVING <i>All-Age Service</i>
8 Oct	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
15 Oct	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
22 Oct	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION (+ Jnr Ch)
29 Oct	9.15 am (GMT)	MORNING WORSHIP

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

Then celebrate the Harvest to the LORD your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the LORD your God has given you.

Deuteronomy 16: 10

Please support your local Traders

BEAUTY THERAPIST	The Beauty Rooms, 117 London Rd, Marks Tey	01206 211831
BED & BREAKFAST	Caterpillar Cottage, Ford Street, Aldham	01206 240456
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
CARPENTRY	Mark Jones, 55 Winstree Rd., Stanway	07974 218925
COMPUTER ASSISTANCE	Roger Walker, 16 Hines Close, Aldham	01206 211143
DELOTO DOG GROOMING	Karen, Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey CO6 1LS	07970 990564
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 Funeral Services, 89 Wimpole Rd.	01206 793492
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
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