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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

October is the month when we hold our Harvest Festival in church. We want to give thanks to God for all the wonderful produce that his creation provides us with. We've just enjoyed a holiday, with fun things to do and good food, the first time in a while. We've also been able to meet up with friends and family again; and we've been able to go back into school with Open the Book dramatised Bible stories. These are well-written little plays for assemblies, that bring the Bible characters to life. Thank you too to all of our teachers, keeping schools going through the crisis! Perhaps you've been blessed with good things? Some of the best things in life are still free!

We're also much aware of those who have had a hard time of it this year: perhaps you've even been affected yourself? Gardeners have found the weather has surprised them: some plants have suffered, but others have done really well. Many businesses have been hard-hit, while key-workers have coped with increased workloads. Harvest is our chance to give back generously, and this year we are supporting Colchester's Open Door project, which supports people in need at a drop-in centre with support and food in a crisis: www.opendoorcolchester.co.uk

If you're out on a walk, do see how many different shades of autumn colour you can spot – greens, browns, oranges, yellows and reds! Also, as I said last month, do take the opportunity to give thanks, and perhaps to try praying.

With best wishes,



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The PCC decided that Harvest Thanksgiving should be an open air service on **10 October in the churchyard**, starting at 3.00 pm. For several years, it has been our practice to invite items for the Colchester Open Door, an ecumenical initiative that provides a focus and worship opportunities at the Eld Lane Baptist Church, for homeless people. Open Door have provided us with a list of the most needed items. See inside. There will be tables at the back of the church, and in the churchyard for your gifts.

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning:

October Coral and Mark Wingate

Flowers:

Oct 10 HARVEST
Wendy Byford and team
Oct 17, 24,31 Jennifer MacCallum

Churchyard:

October Ken Thompson

DIARY DATES

Oct 2 10.00 am Book Exchange
Oct 9 & 10 10.30 am Table-top sale in
Village Hall
Oct 13 7.30 pm 'Home' Group
in the church
Oct 15 7.30 pm Flower Arranging
by Sandra Price and Q&A
with Ken Crowther.
Oct 27 7.30 pm 'Home' Group
in the church

BOOK EXCHANGE

Book Exchange will be restarted in the Church beginning 2 October at 10.00 am to 12.00 noon and then on the first Saturday of each month following.

Refreshments won't resume just yet, but they will be back as soon as it's safe.

All proceeds will go toward the Church Fabric Fund, and we look forward to welcoming you back again. Hand sanitiser will be available and precautions which folk feel comfortable with will be individually observed.

Ken Thompson

BACK IN CHURCH

Thanks to reducing rates of infection, we are delighted that we can now resume regular worship, with congregational singing, in our lovely village church. There will be a 9.15 am service every Sunday, with Communion (individual cups and wafers) on the 4th Sunday of the month. We still keep the building well-ventilated, and encourage sanitising, facemasks, and social distancing. Please do not linger to talk as you enter or leave the building. We have a beautiful churchyard where you can socialize, and still be properly spaced.

Welcome back to your village church!

Ian Scott-Thompson

RIDE & STRIDE 2021

The total amount raised for Ride & Stride 2021 was £315. Aldham Church will receive half of this back for fabric repairs. A big thank you to everyone who made this possible.

Peter Vestey

FRIENDS OF ALDHAM CHURCH - FLOWER ARRANGING

The next FOAC event is a Flower Arranging demonstration by Sandra Price who led the arrangers at the Flower Festival in Aldham Church in 2018. It has been arranged for Friday 15 October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Tickets will be £5 per person and will be available from Wendy Byford (01206 240425) soon.

Also in attendance for a Q&A session will be Ken Crowther, who until recently was the gardening expert on BBC Essex.

Andy Brown

WHO'S WHO

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'HOME' GROUPS

Much as we'd like to resume the Home Groups in homes, we are continuing the Autumn session in the church where we can space out and have the screen on the chancel step. The DVD talks are on the First Epistle of Peter.

Iain MacCallum

OPEN DOOR

Rev. Simon Heard, leader of the Open Door project has given us a list of needs:

1. More volunteers :)
2. Cakes longer life (we also need Home made Cake donations every Thursday and Sunday)
3. Sugar
4. Coffee
5. Long life milk
6. Biscuits
7. Tinned food (meat preferably)
8. Pot noodles
9. Squash
10. Washing up liquid
11. Anti bac spray
12. Ready break/ porridge

There will be a table at the back of the church and another in the churchyard at the time of the service for these items. They will be taken to Open Door a day or so after the Harvest Service.

TWO-DAY TABLE TOP SALE

*Aldham Village Hall on
Saturday 9 October and Sunday*

10 October 2021

10.30am to 12.30pm each day

Entry free. Please contact me to book a table at £5.00 for **either for Saturday or Sunday**. Normal refreshments will be available on both days.

*Anne Fulcher
Village Hall Management Committee
01206 211624*

BEACON HOUSE

We have received this letter from Julie Waite, administrator at Beacon House.

On behalf of the staff and guests at Beacon House, I would like to thank you and all the congregation at Aldham Church for your very generous donations. With over 250 current service users at any one time, we are very grateful to all the people who donate to us, which helps us to support the most vulnerable people in our society.

Our guests have been able to attend some fantastic groups recently including an outing for mini golf, baking and cooking groups.

We have provided support to move into accommodation such as kettles and new bedding. Our guests continue to visit us as needed and our staff have been able to provide housing help at a higher level than ever before, thanks to our amazing housing team. We are starting to think about our winter plans and will update you on this next time.

With kind regards

*Julie Waite
Administrator
24 Crouch Street, Colchester, CO3 3ES*

STANWAY FOODBANK

Colchester Foodbank has moved to Tollgate, between Currys PC World and B&M, supported by Revd Wendy Pagden (who was Curate in Aldham & Marks Tey, and is now Pioneer Minister in Stanway)

<https://colchester.foodbank.org.uk/>

Deadline for November Newsletter

22 October

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to our services in the church.

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



3 Oct 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP
10 Oct 3.00 pm HARVEST THANKSGIVING
in the churchyard

17 Oct 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP

24 Oct 9.15 am HOLY COMMUNION

31 Oct 10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP
Joint service with Marks Tey



Refreshments cannot be served during current restrictions

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 10.00 am Morning Worship

Cast all your anxiety on God because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5 v. 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
FLOORING	LT Flooring, Unit 2, 91 London Road, CO6 1LG	01206 575222
FUNERALS	A.Birkin & Sons, 6 West St., Coggeshall	01376 561316
FUNERALS	Hunnaball, York House, 41 Mersea Rd.	01206 760049
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 CARE	Linmar Care, Godmans Lane, Marks Tey	01206 912311
MOBILE HAIRDRESSER	Sarah, 4 Norbury Close, Marks Tey	07884 005978
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