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# ALDHAM



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*Dear Friends,*

We have lots of happy memories of holidays in Barcelona and Alicante; but recently Spain has seen tragedies of terrorism that horrify us. It's very tempting to react with anger and even hatred against other people, people who are not like us: but of course, that's to behave like the terrorists. Possibly it's what they want: certainly it supports the disconnection between cultures.

We could just blame all Muslims; and many people do, even if we are careful not to say it publicly. But of course many Muslims are peaceful and peace-loving; and the arguments rage back and forth whether the problem is Islam itself, or just bad people who are claiming to be Muslims.

My stepfather blamed it on religion generally: he used to say that all wars started in the name of religion. Historians disagree with that, but it got our discussion going! Most religions have blood on their hands at some point; but that doesn't mean that all believers are violent. Strong beliefs produce wonderful people, as well! The Pope, Martin Luther King, Justin Welby, Mother Teresa. Extreme religious beliefs produce extreme actions, but those can be good as well as bad. No, the problem is not just Islam; and not just all Religion either.

You could say it's violence that's the problem, and that's closer to the mark. But even then you still have Soldiers and Police, and even sports like Rugby and Boxing. None of these should actively try to hate and harm people, but they may still have to use violence to win.

The Bible calls us to pray for peace, with justice. In a sinful world, where people commit such hateful crimes, that's not easy. Lord, guide us to know how best to respond...

With best wishes,

## **FOEC RIDE & STRIDE**

*Saturday 9 SEPTEMBER*

**Please sponsor our riders and walkers generously. They will be riding and walking to help with the maintenance of churches in Aldham and Essex. We will have to apply to the Friends Of Essex Churches Trust in the near future to support the repairs thrown up in the recent quinquennial survey. More details inside.**

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

## DIARY DATES

2 Sep	10.00 am Book Exchange
3 Sep	9.15am All-Age Service
3 Sep	1.30 pm to 5.30 pm Vision Afternoon at St Albright's Church Hall
4 Sep	7.30pm PCC at 24 Hines Close
<b>9 Sep</b>	<b>RIDE &amp; STRIDE</b>
13 Sep	7.30 pm Home Group at Caterpillar Cottage.
16 Sep	Family Fun Day, Lower Castle Park. All day
23 Sep	3.00 pm Wedding
27 Sep	7.30 pm Home Group
1 Oct	9.15 am Harvest Thanksgiving 12.30 for 1.00 pm Harvest Lunch in Village Hall

## CHURCH ROTAS

*Cleaning:* Pippa Holme,  
Jean Jennings

### *Flowers:*

Sept 3, 10	Jennifer MacCallum
Sept 17	Pippa Holme
Sept 23	WEDDING
Sept 24	Pippa Holme

*Churchyard:* Andy Brown, Paul Proctor

## BOOK EXCHANGE ...

The next Book Exchange will be at 10.00 am on 3 September, with a **Plant, Fruit and Veg Swap!** There are plenty of books (including many of the latest novels) and jig saws to borrow, all for 50p each. A drink and biscuit for 50p and a good chance to have a catch up with friends.

## ALDHAM W.I.

The next W.I. meeting will be on Thursday 21 September, at 7.45 pm in the village hall. The speaker will be Deb Hart, who will be giving a talk entitled 'Willow in the Landscape.' She will also make a willow structure, which will be included in the raffle. This is an open meeting, all are welcome. £4.00 for visitors, to include refreshments.

*Jean Jennings*

## WENDY'S ORDINATION

A group of 8 church members (plus Ian and Jane) were at St Mary the Virgin, Dunmow on 2 July for our curate, **Revd Wendy Pagden's** ordination to the priesthood. Wendy is now fully fledged and can take Communion and Marriage services.

## ALDHAM OPEN GARDENS 2018

**SUNDAY 11 JUNE 2018** - Following a very positive reaction from everyone who attended the meeting in July, Aldham Open Gardens will be held again next year. The Church will be decorated, gardens open, plant and cake stalls in various gardens and refreshments in the Village Hall. All profits will be split between the Village Hall and Friends of Aldham Church (40% each) and 20% to Cancer Research UK. Anyone willing to help in whatever capacity please contact Carolyn Brown on 01206 210963.

*Carolyn Brown*

## WHO'S WHO

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## SPONSORED RIDE & STRIDE

9th SEPTEMBER is the day of the annual 'Ride and Stride' in aid of the Friends of Essex Churches Trust, one of the nation-wide network of county trusts which give grants for repair of churches and chapels of any Christian denomination. The Trust tell us



"this event raises most of their funds. Any help you can give by sponsorship of cyclists or walkers on that day, or by direct donation through the parish organiser will help to keep our churches in good worshipping order for many years to come. Half the sum raised by us is returned to the church."



You can see in the item on **FABRIC** that we will soon be facing a big repointing job on the flint facing to the church. A good total for the Ride & Stride will stand us in good stead when the FOEC consider our application for a grant.

As well as cyclists and walkers, I will be looking for volunteers to each spend one hour in the church between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm on the day. If you can help please let me know ASAP.

Peter Vestey (tel: 210924) (email: vestey1321@gmail.com)

## THE PEOPLE'S POST

A trip to London called 'The People's Post', is being arranged for Saturday 23 September, leaving Aldham at 8.30am. A Blue Badge Guide will be joining the coach and telling us the story of posting a letter from the earliest times, and showing us the Inns where the mail coaches called, and the coffee houses that were part of the Penny Post network, plus visual clues and signs that were used before house numbers, street names and postcodes.

Free time for lunch is at Exmouth Market, where there's a lunch time food market plus pubs and restaurants or bring your own. In the afternoon we will visit the new Postal Museum and then ride the hidden tunnels that have kept our communication flowing for over 75 years.

This is being organised for the W.I. but is open to anyone. The cost is £45 which covers the coach and tip, the Blue Badge Guide and entry to the Museum and tunnels. We leave at approx. 4.30p.m.

Wendy Byford (01206 240425).

## HARVEST LUNCH

1 October in the Village Hall.

As the church is hosting the only Harvest Lunch this year, it is being held in the Village Hall, and **everyone in the village is invited**. It will be a 'simple' lunch with proceeds to the Food Bank. We will try and get a speaker from Food Bank. More details in the October Newsletter.

## FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL 2017

This year the Family Fun Festival is on Saturday 16 September. It's held in Lower Castle Park, and it's FREE. There were 12 local Churches involved in 2015, then 18 in 2016 - let's make this year's Festival even busier and more successful!

## ST HELENA HOSPICE

St Helena Hospice is pleased to share its new St Helena Home Care service, which provides person-centred care to help people to live as independently, comfortably and securely as possible. The service includes assisting people with personal care tasks for example washing, dressing, and maintaining a hygienic environment by ensuring cleanliness of certain rooms.

With the launch of the new service, the hospice is now looking to recruit passionate care workers to expand the team. It is essential that all applicants can drive, have access to a vehicle and have an NVQ qualification in Health and Social Care or have at least six months proven experience of care work.

"It is a privilege to work for St Helena Home Care; since starting work I have been given the opportunity to further my qualifications within my hours of work and have been supported by the team and other staff at the hospice. The team is friendly and we receive good rates of pay compared to some care agencies." Angie Gaught, Care worker, St Helena Home Care.

If you're interested in finding out more about the role please contact 01206 913240 or come to the open day at 1.00 – 4.00 pm and 6.00 – 8.00 pm on 28 September at St Helena Hospice Education Centre, Myland Hall, CO4 9JU

## FABRIC

Aldham Church is in pretty good nick. But only because we have taken past quinquennial reports seriously, and have attended to the architect's recommendations. The final recommendation of the 2011 quinquennial report, namely repairs to the South Boundary Wall, has now been completed.

Ken Thompson and I had a meeting today on site with the church architect to discuss the 2016 quinquennial report he had prepared. The next stage depends on a detailed specification of the works which only the architect can prepare.

The great majority of the work will be to make the flints safe. The paradox of flint faced buildings is that the flints look at their best when the mortar holding them in place, is almost unseen. Unfortunately this is when the flints are ready to fall out. You can see area of the church where the flints have been re-bedded in mortar and are now safe. For example, at the east end of the South Chancel wall. Since almost all of the work is roughly classed as 'pointing', the architect recommends that we go for a single contract. Just one delivery of scaffolding will save money in the long run.

The architect will send his specification to three or four contractors who will be invited to quote for the work. Only then will we know how much the work is likely to cost and the application for grants can begin.

Iain MacCallum

## 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. As usual, we will also have teas, coffee and scones available. Start searching for all the items you no longer need, because you may find enough bits and bobs to set up your own stall. If not, and you want to off-load anything no longer needed, Aldham Village Hall have their own stall (raising money towards the Village Hall upkeep) and would be very pleased to receive donations for this stall.

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

## NEW EDITOR FOR GRAPEVINE

Hi! My name is Claire Gearey and I have taken over the running of the Grapevine - along with some much needed help from my husband Tony!

The Autumn issue will hopefully be through your doors early September. The Grapevine also now has its own email address –

**AldhamGrapevine@outlook.com**

which is the best way to send in articles, etc. and to contact me but you can also drop in and see me at 18 Hines Close.

You can also support the Grapevine by going to the 'Aldham Grapevine' Facebook page and 'following' it. There will be regular village updates here, so please take a look!

With Matt Battersby now living abroad, a distributor for Rectory Road is needed. I have also been informed by Matt that Bob Wheeler will no longer be able to do his usual route. Any volunteers to do either of these routes would be very much appreciated – please contact me if you are able to help.

## FRIENDS OF ALDHAM CHURCH

The PCC, on behalf of the church, wishes to thank the Friends of Aldham Church for a grant of £2,294 towards the cost of repairing the South Boundary Wall. The architect certified it finished when he visited the church today.

The Summer Garden Party this year was a great success enjoyed by 76 of us, including children. In total this added a further £684 to our funds. A big thank you to Neil and Wendy Byford for hosting.

Forthcoming events are:

**Sunday, 10 September:** Curry Lunch at 12.00 noon at Green Farm House, by invitation of Martyn and Sarah Drain. (See insert.)

**Saturday 23 September:** Village Walk. Start from the Visitor Centre at Abberton Reservoir at 10.00 am with sandwich lunch planned at the Hare & Hounds, Layer Breton. Bring binoculars for the bird life.

**Monday 25 September;** Local History talk at the church. 7.30 pm, Andrew Waters 'Old Marks Tey in photos'. Tickets £4 with refreshments afterwards.

**Sunday 10 December:** Concert with Kelvedon Singers at the church

**Saturday 10 February:** Murder Mystery evening at Village Hall.

## WEDDING

Dave Keppel and Lisa Sargeant are to be married on Saturday 23 September at 3.00 pm. Lisa was brought up in Hardings Close where her mother still lives.

Deadline for October Newsletter:

**20 SEPTEMBER**

To: Iain MacCallum or  
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

## WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

*You are warmly invited to all our services*



3 Sept	9.15 am	ALL-AGE SERVICE
10 Sept	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
17 Sept	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
24 Sept	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION (+ Jnr Ch)
1 Oct	9.15 am	HARVEST THANKSGIVING <i>All-Age Service</i>

**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

Come, all you who are thirsty,  
come to the waters;  
and you who have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without  
cost.

*Isaiah 55 v 1*

## 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
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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
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MOBILE DISCO	Jacks Tracks, 25 Norbury Close, Marks Tey	07751 867880
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PHARMACY	86 London Road, Marks Tey	01206 212878
REMOVALS & STORAGE	K.Dobbs, Unit 1-2, Bellhouse Farm, Stanway	01206 212444
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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