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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

September is the month when we expect the summer break is over, and normal service should resume. The trouble is, Covid is still out there, and so we have to maintain some of the precautions of the summer. And that's not easy. Some people want to be brave about it all – 'doesn't worry me!' Others are frankly terrified of the risk – 'I would certainly not survive catching Covid.' Some are outraged at other people's attitudes, and it has not made relationships easier. On the other hand, we have seen good qualities of bravery and community care emerge.

An article recently spoke of doctors experiencing 'Moral Injury', when they have to participate in something against their principles. Perhaps they have to forbid families to visit, or choose who gets limited resources. I found this a fascinating phrase! It is subtly different to PTSD, which usually involves stress in the heat of the moment. We can understand 'Physical Injury', due perhaps to a wound, or Covid; 'Mental Injury', due to stroke or dementia; and 'Emotional Injury', due to rejection or abuse. 'Moral Injury' could occur in any marriage, team, or democracy, where we have to work with and live with a decision that we may not agree with. Have you perhaps suffered 'Moral Injury'? Maybe you were asked to do something at work, which was offensive or immoral; or perhaps you wanted to be kind to someone, but were prevented? Have you been forced into immoral actions, against your better judgement? These things can leave scars on the conscience, not visible to others. Did Jesus suffer 'Moral Injury'? No, I think he was always in control of his actions: perhaps this is close to what we mean by sin. But I think he did experience 'Spiritual Injury', when he was rejected by his own people

the Jews, suffered on the Cross, and was cut off from relationship with God the Father. If these injuries have happened to you, it must be good to acknowledge them, bring them before God, and seek healing for yourself.

With best wishes,

ALDHAM W.I.

We will be holding our annual meeting on Thursday, 17 September at 7.45 pm in the village hall.

Everyone has to wear a face covering and enter by the main door. We are unable to serve refreshments, so you may wish to bring a drink.

I hope you will be able to attend.

Jean Jennings

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning:

September Pippa Holme,
Jean Jennings

Flowers:

Sept 6, 13 Julie Orpen
Sept 20, 27 Patricia Walker

Churchyard: Keith Ashby
Keith Rush

DIARY DATES

Aug 26 7.30 pm Mid-week Zoom. A talk recorded at the Keswick Convention.

Sept 1 Tuesday Open Church resumes.

Sept 7 7.30 pm PCC by Zoom

Sept 9, 23 7.30 pm Mid-week Zoom

Oct 12 7.30 pm APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting). See next month's Newsletter for the location.

Nov 1 Real Advent Calendars. Order by 1 November £4.00

WHAT'S WORSHIP IN CHURCH LIKE?

Worship resumed in the church building on Sunday, 2 August with a Service of the Word at 9.15 am. To maintain recommended distancing we sit well apart on alternate pews. At the door, we are asked to sign in, sanitise our hands, make our cash offering and go straight to an available pew. There is space for about 30 people or family units in the nave. So for regular services the building is just about big enough! We are asked to wear masks and not sing. Music is played at the start and end of the service and where a hymn or song might normally be sung. At the end we leave promptly and chat, outside. Thankfully, Sundays have been fine so far!

NEW CARPET

The new red carpet in the chancel looks splendid and we look forward to feeling it underfoot when we are allowed to take Communion again. Many thanks to the anonymous donors.

TUESDAYS FROM 1 SEPTEMBER

10.00 am to 11.20 am - Open Church, no refreshments and no toilet. Please observe distancing and face coverings as requested

11.30 am to 11.45 am - Private Prayer.

Hand sanitiser will be provided.

THE BRIDGE

Clare Gearey received this progress report on Marks Tey Station Bridge.

Works to install a vehicle restraint system at Marks Tey Station Bridge recommenced on Monday 22 June 2020 as planned. The site compound is in place and pedestrian access over the bridge has been carried out.

BT are carrying out the necessary diversions to their cables. Once these are complete, main works will commence.

Additional work, not included in the original programme has, been added by Network Rail to ensure long term stability of the bridge. This will involve demolition of the existing brick wall from the north west corner, bridge deck waterproofing and new carriageway joints. Surfacing and kerbing work at the entrance of the main North Lane car park has also been added to the programme.

Works are now expected to be completed in December 2020.

WHO'S WHO

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH OUTREACH

Tim Abbott is the Director of CYO, a major mission/charity, working in our schools, that Aldham Church supports. He writes in their latest newsletter:

Making the most of every opportunity

It's been a summer term like no other. One that none of us expected. For a ministry that is built on work with children and young people in schools, what happens when schools are closed and those children are suddenly out of reach?

Firstly, we still absolutely believe that God is in control and that in spite of the circumstances, all of us who work in schools are still part of His plan to breathe life, hope and faith into all who we meet.

As a team we have been continuing to meet online each week and to work with whatever opportunities God has given us. Some have continued supporting students remotely and others have recently been able to return to chaplaincy in school. We've also been updating policies, creating resources and developing all of our pastoral mentoring material.

If there's one certainty about the start of the autumn term, it's that the support we offer will be even more needed. Research already confirms the huge mental health impact of Coronavirus on children and young people. There will be many who feel anxious about their education and future prospects, experience of grief and loss, for some a fear of returning to bullying in school, and for others escape from being locked down in difficult or dysfunctional households.

We know how much schools value the kind of pastoral support and spiritual life that we can bring. One school has already enquired about having us for a few days in a reflective/prayer space style. So, although we don't yet know how schools will be functioning this autumn, if you have a concern for young people, are a good listener and have a few hours each

week that you could offer, please get in touch. Together we have an opportunity to be an even more extraordinary blessing.

EDNA MAY CURTIS ...

... passed away peacefully at home in Aldham on Tuesday 4 August. She had just reached 101 years of age on Saturday 1 August. Edna was born in Yoxford Suffolk. Then at the beginning of the war she joined the Land Army and worked and lived with the family at Milestone Farm Eight Ash Green. She met Laurie who was a Home Guard and farmhand and they married in 1944. They moved to Aldham in 1956, where with her daughters she attended Aldham church, and she remained in the family home until her passing. She will be sadly missed by all of her family.

NAIL MAIL

Dr Phil Hammond is a GP, a medical specialist and a stand-up comedian. He was the guest on *Countdown* last week. He said that during lockdown a nail technician in his village had been told to close down. However, the enterprising lady was able to keep her business going by asking her clients to place their hands, one at a time, through her letter box!



Deadline for October Newsletter

22 September

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to our services



6 Sept	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
13 Sept	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
20 Sept	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
27 Sept	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

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

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