

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM			WORSHIP AT MARKS TEY		
<i>You are warmly invited to all our services</i>					
02 Aug	9.15am	MORNING WORSHIP	1st Sunday	11am	MORNING WORSHIP
09 Aug	9.15am.	MORNING WORSHIP	2nd Sunday	11am	MORNING WORSHIP
16 Aug	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	3rd Sunday	11am	COMMUNION
23 Aug	9.15am	MORNING WORSHIP	4th Sunday	11am	MORNING WORSHIP
30 Aug	10am	JOINT BENEFICES' COMMUNION SERVICE MARKS TEY	5th Sunday	10am	COMMUNION
Refreshments are served after every service			Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him.		
			JAMES 1:12		

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August is an unusual month. For many families it is the season of summer holidays, when school corridors fall silent and the familiar rhythm of term time is set aside. It is a month that invites us to pause, to rest, and to enjoy the gift of longer days before life begins to gather pace once more.

As we enjoy the slower pace of August, may we also prepare our hearts for whatever September brings. May we return to our daily routines refreshed, thankful for the gift of rest, and ready to embrace the new things God has in store for us.

God Bless
Reverend Emma

There is something deeply symbolic about this time of year. We lay down the old term, with all its achievements, disappointments, busyness and routine, and begin to look towards the new one. Even long after leaving school, many of us still think of September as the real beginning of the year. We are so shaped by the pattern of school life that the turning of the academic calendar still feels like the perfect moment to start afresh, to learn something new, or to take up a challenge we have been putting off.

Our faith reminds us that new beginnings are part of God's work in our lives. The prophet Isaiah records God's promise: *"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"* (Isaiah 43:19). God is always inviting us to look forward with hope, trusting that each new season brings fresh opportunities to grow in faith, love and service.




When: Saturday 12th September 2.30-4pm

Where: Aldham Church

Who is invited: Parents/carers & child/children

Come and join us for crafts, food and fun. Everyone is welcome.

For further information or to confirm your attendance please email: getmessyadldhamchurch@outlook.com

No charge, donations welcome



DIARY DATE

Aug 1 10am Book Exchange
Aug 20 2.30pm Afternoon Tea

Open Church every Tuesday 10-11.30am

CHURCH ROTA

Cleaning:

Aug Wendy Doncaster &
Wendy Byford

Flowers:

Aug 2,9,16 Patricia Walker
Aug 23,30 Carolyn Lashbrook
& Sep 6

Vacancy

We are still actively searching for a new rector. It is probably one of the most important jobs that the PCC (Parochial Church Council), has to make, even more so the 2 representatives who will be on the interview panel. The candidate will have to be responsible for 6 churches and 6 parishes, it's not just services on Sunday but a 6 or 7 day week commitment to people in their best and worst moments of life and everything in-between and we have to get it right. There is hope of some assistance later in the year but more on that anon.

In the meantime we continue to serve the village, indeed, we have a baptism in September, it's always a joy to welcome someone young or old into the fellowship of the church.

So open as usual with services, Messy Church, Open Church (coffee mornings), Afternoon Teas and Book Exchange, everyone welcome.

Aldham Newsletter

The newsletter started in 1993 when Brian Snelling, Rector, used to edit the parish magazine but had a heart attack and so couldn't do it, at least for the foreseeable future.

Iain stepped in and produced what he called a broadsheet, to cover Aldham in the meantime. Of course the parish magazine never appeared again because Brian was never absolutely fit again. The Aldham 'broadsheet' was basically Aldham news and tried to include Marks Tey and Little Tey but became essentially Aldham based. The list of advertisers on the back was from the Parish Magazine and has remained there ever since, providing a small income.

So the newsletter has been going since 1993! Iain was editor all that time, until his death last year, roughly 33 years. I have all the copies since 1993. It was monthly, with a double issue for July/August.

Angie d'Angibau and Anne Matthews were churchwardens, Wendy Doncaster secretary, Iain treasurer and Irene Bale director of music. Amazing! There was a lot going on. Nothing changes really.

Jennifer MacCallum

I have continued to produce it with lots of help but as many of the volunteers are now of mature years we are having to change from what was once a monthly newsletter to a quarterly edition on a trial basis, starting in September. We will continue to publish service dates and other information quarterly and of course we will still have our column in Grapevine.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered their time and effort over the years and going forward.

Coral Wingate

Messy Church

We have been looking at the life of Moses from his birth, set adrift on the Nile in a basket, his adoption by Pharaoh's daughter, leaving Egypt, hearing God speaking to him through the burning bush, his return to Egypt and Pharaoh's refusal to set the Jewish people free and the resulting 10 plagues of Egypt.

On Saturday the 19th July we continued our life of Moses artwork by painting the Nile red to depict the first plague and installing a burning bush. In our September session we will be parting the Red Sea and making the 10 Commandments to add to it.

We made frog cakes, the plague of frogs, and biscuits with burning bushes - using lots of coloured chocolate! We are all looking forward to the next instalment of the story told to us in Lego animation.

Please join us for the fun.



🔥RIDE+STRIDE🔥

Ride & Stride 2026

This year's Ride & Stride in aid of funds for The Friends of Essex Churches Trust will be on

12th September between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

By taking part in the Ride & Stride sponsored fundraising event you can help to preserve and maintain church buildings of all denominations and improve and enhance church facilities.

If you are unable to ride or stride visiting churches in or around Colchester, please sponsor someone. Many churches in Essex as well as Aldham have benefited from the money raised.

If you would like to take part sponsor forms are available at Aldham Church on Sundays and from Peter Vestey: 01206 210924 or vestey1312@gmail.com.

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