



# ALDHAM



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## FROM THE LAY READER

The Resurrection of Jesus is at the very heart of the Christian faith. It's the greatest miracle in the Bible, and is mentioned in the New Testament over 100 times. As Paul says, "*if Christ was not raised, your faith is futile!*" (1 Corinthians 15:17).

In 1930, Frank Morison started to write a book disproving the Resurrection. He felt that the evidence for Christ rising from the dead rested on insecure foundations. A remarkable thing happened as he was researching for the book. The sheer force of the evidence compelled him to write a book proving that Christ *did* rise from the dead. The first chapter is entitled, "*The book that refused to be written*". The book became the classic "*Who Moved the Stone?*". Ninety-four years later it is still in print!

There is plenty of written evidence that Jesus underwent the brutal execution of a slave as was the custom in the Roman Empire. All four Gospels describe the crucifixion; and the Jewish historian Josephus, in 90 AD, wrote "*Jesus the so-called Christ, was condemned by Pilate to the cross; and he appeared to them on the third day, alive again.*"

But it is the experience of millions of

witnesses, beginning with Peter, Thomas and the other disciples, that is the most conclusive evidence of the Resurrection.

As Jesus was being subjected to an illegal trial, cowardly Peter denied being an associate of Jesus (Mark 14:66); and after Jesus died, the frightened disciples hid behind locked doors (John 20:19) for fear of the authorities. But when the risen Jesus appeared to them, their mood changed. "They were overjoyed". All except Thomas. It was a week before Thomas met Jesus, and openly proclaimed, "*My Lord and my God!*"

This joy and confidence continued for 25 years as told in the Acts of the Apostles, as they spoke (Acts 2:31), proclaimed (4:2), testified (4:33) and preached (17:18) the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. Tradition tells us, that when the going got really tough, the apostles gave their lives for the Faith.

The fact that the early church changed the day of worship from the 7th to the 1st day of the week, the day Jesus rose (Acts 20:7), is significant because so many were Jewish converts who had been brought up to worship on the 7th, the Sabbath. The growth of Christianity from 12 frightened disciples to about 3,000 at Pentecost 50 days later, and to 4 million by 325 AD in

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times of harsh opposition is another miracle in itself.

If Jesus rose from the dead, then he is alive today. We can meet him in worship and prayer and know him. Jesus is the living Saviour who changes lives.

*Iain MacCallum*

**DIARY DATES**

- Mar 28 7.30pm Maundy Thursday supper at Marks Tey
- Mar 31 **2.00am Clocks go forward**  
**9.15am EASTER DAY** worship
- Apr 6 10.00 to 12.00pm Book Exchange
- Apr 6 2.30 to 4.00pm Messy Church
- Apr 15 APCM 7.30 pm in church
- Apr 18 3.00 to 4.30 pm Afternoon Tea
- Apr 30 7.30 pm Home Group at 7 Hines Close
- May 18 9.15am Men's Breakfast

**CHURCH ROTAS**

*Cleaning:*

- April Angela d'Angibau  
Yvonne Tomassi

*Flowers:*

- Mar 31 EASTER - Wendy Byford and team
- Apr 14, 21, 28 Jennifer MacCallum

*Churchyard:* Steve Jennings

**SPRING CLEANING**

A team of 8 ladies gave the church a good Spring Clean on 16 March. It looked and smelt lovely. And thank you very much to everyone who cleans the church regularly.

**OPEN CHURCH ...**

... continues on Tuesdays, 10.00 to 11.30 am. Drop in for a coffee and a chat. You will always be very welcome. *Barbara Rush*

**CHURCHYARD**

A Big Thank You to the men who got the rubbish from the churchyard into the skip and tidied up, ready for the new growth and ready for our Easter Garden by the bus-stop. So thanks too to Peter and Judith for this brilliant visual aid that helps us understand that first Easter morning!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

St Andrews Marks Tey have invited Aldham to share their Maundy Thursday supper and Communion with them on 28th March at 7.30pm. This will be a lamb meal in the church followed by a short service and reflection. Please let Jennifer MacCallum know if you wish to attend. Offers of food will be much appreciated.

**EAST END GABLE REPAIRS**

Our Architect has recommended Lodge and Son Ltd as contractor for the repairs. Lodge has given a date of 24 June to 5 July to do the work. Lodge's quotation was a little less than the Architect's original approximate figure, which means the cost should be covered by grants and donations. We await the Archdeacon's formal approval to do the work.

*Iain MacCallum*

**THE CHRISTMAS CARD SCHEME ...**

... this year raised £100 for the FoodBank, which was gratefully received by them on 16 January.

**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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## **JULIAN LANG ...**

... died on 8 March, age 83. We offer our condolences to Penny and the family. The funeral was in Aldham Church on 22 March. Ian Scott-Thompson took the Service which was attended by 102 mourners. It was followed by a cremation, family only, and refreshments at Headborough.

## **SUSPENSION OF PRESENTATION**

A Statement by the Bishop of Chelmsford is on the Notice Board at the back of Church. It means the Bishop *could* override the patrons with regard to a new incumbent. However, the Bishop of Colchester said at a meeting recently, that in the event of a vacancy, the patrons *would* be involved! *Iain MacCallum*

## **ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

There have been some changes over the last few months, firstly with Mike Lambert taking over as the new Chairman, Kevin Money joining as clerk and the addition of three new Councillors: Roger Walker, Tony Gearey and Jean Jennings.

We also have a new website which has much more information about the village along with up to date agendas and minutes of the Parish Council meetings and some lovely photographs from around the village. The new website address is

**[www.aldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.aldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

Any comments, suggestions or content for the new website should be emailed to

**[clerk@aldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@aldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

or the Aldham Grapevine editor.

## **VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

Plant Sale at the Village Hall on 12 May from 3.00 to 5.00 pm in aid of Essex and Herts Air Ambulance and the Village Hall. Refreshments will be available.

## **BREAKFAST - CALLING ALL MEN**

Following the success of the ladies' breakfast at the Cricketers last month, Aldham and Marks Tey churches have arranged a breakfast for the men at 9.15am on Saturday, 18 May, also at the Cricketers. The full breakfast menu will be available. You must use a special invitation from Iain MacCallum (or from Leon Parker, Marks Tey) and reply to us with your payment by 13 May. Mark Tomassi, a barrister living in Aldham, will give the after breakfast talk.

Invitations may be obtained in church, or from me by email:

**[maccallum.ir@gmail.com](mailto:maccallum.ir@gmail.com)**

or phone 01206 571070.

*Iain MacCallum & Leon Parker*

## **FRIENDS OF ALDHAM CHURCH**

**CONCERT** by Iceni and Resonate - 27 April 7.30pm in the Church. Tickets £10.00 or £5 for under 16s from me, Andy Brown (01206 210963).

**Chorus Iceni** sing a wide range of popular songs in the barbershop style and the performance includes a featured solo performance from member Alice Pescott Frost.

**Resonate** sing songs from across the world including songs from destinations such as Africa, the Balkans, America and Western Europe in a range of styles.

*Andy Brown*

Deadline for May Newsletter

**22 April**

To: Iain MacCallum or  
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

# WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to all our services.

29 Mar	9.15 am	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>Meditation on the Cross</b>
31 Mar	9.15 am	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>FAMILY COMMUNION</b>
7 April	9.15 am	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>
14 April	9.15 am	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>
21 April	9.15 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
28 April	9.15 am	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>



Refreshments are served after services.



# 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	Combined Service

He is not here;  
he has risen,  
just as he said.

Matthew 28:6

## Please support your local Traders

BUTCHER	Willsher, 87 London Road, Marks Tey	01206 210365
CARPETS & FLOORING	Unit 1, Flyover Nurseries, 8 Coggeshall Road, MT	07973 407986
COMPUTER ASSISTANCE	Roger Walker, 16 Hines Close, Aldham	01206 211143
DELOTO DOG GROOMING	Karen, Coggeshall Road, Marks Tey CO6 1LS	07970 990564
DEEVA NAILS & BEAUTY	Day and evening appointments available	07516 699101
DOG BOARDING	Small friendly dogs only. Contact Mark	07790 087460
DOG TRAINER	Susie@bestpawforwarddogs.co.uk. Marks Tey	07305 383631
ELECTRICAL	Aaron Pearson, 1 Rowan Close, Stanway	07825 224420
FLOORING	LT Flooring, Unit 2, 91 London Road, CO6 1LG	01206 575222
FLORIST	The Blue Geranium, May Cottage, Aldham	07822 003125
FUNERAL CELEBRANT	Graham Stein, 32 Hazelton Road, CO4 3DT	07563 210677
FUNERALS	A.Birkin & Sons, 6 West St., Coggeshall	01376 561316
FUNERALS	Hunnaball Stanway, 8 Chapel Road, CO3 0PU	01206 489212
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
MILITARY COLLECTABLES, BOUGHT & SOLD, VALUATIONS:	Dave Brookes	07587 164068
PLASTERER	M.J.Reeve, 5 Ashbury Drive, MT, CO6 1XW	01206 920462
PLUMBER	Mark Nayler, 1c King George Rd, CO2 7PE	07763 468391
PLUMBING & HEATING	PatrickHasted@gmail.com 24 hr call out	07930 149046
REMOVALS & STORAGE	K.Dobbs, Unit 1-2, Bellhouse Farm, Stanway	01206 212444
ROOFING SERVICES	Falcon Contracting, 4 Honywood Close, Marks Tey	01206 212032
VIOLIN TEACHER	Nadia Riiako, Children and Adults.	07512 814813