



ALDHAM



FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025

ANDREW WATERS (Churchwarden at Marks Tey) WRITES

At the door of the year and throughout January and February we are drawn to look ahead noticing the lengthening daylight, the swelling of buds on trees and shrubs, and the visible growth of bulbs. The year ahead often promises change and new beginnings such as a family wedding, a new baby in the family, a child going to school for the first time, a new job, a new season in life, or even for us organising the steps to find a new Rector.

Fortunately a natural human trait is wanting to make a beneficial difference in whatever we do wherever we are. A profound and challenging command of Jesus was to Love your neighbour as yourself. This can be acted upon and interpreted in a variety of different ways.

Perhaps lay aside any unfilled New Year Resolutions and instead offer some help and assistance to a neighbour, a family member or a work colleague in need, consider how you might be able to make a difference in the community or locally by volunteering for a charity or organisation that is in urgent need of more help.

In the famous Holman Hunt's Pre-Raphaelite painting '*The Light of the World*' Jesus is outside knocking on a door but the handle is on the inside. Don't ignore nudges on your heart as they are opportunities that may not come again.

Bringing light to others is a wonderful thing to do. Enjoy the year ahead.

With best wishes Andrew

DIARY DATES

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| Feb 1 | 10.00 Book Exchange |
| Feb 10 | PCC 7.30 pm 20 Hines Close |
| Feb 11 | Prayer. 9.30am in church. |
| Feb 11 | Open Church. 10 to 11.30am |
| Feb 20 | Afternoon Tea 2.30 pm |
| Mar 1 | 10.00 Book Exchange |
| Mar 8 | 2.30pm Messy Church |
| Mar 10 | Planning meeting. 7.30pm
20 Hines Close |
| Mar 11 | Prayer. 9.30am in church. |
| Mar 11 | Open Church. 10 to 11.30am |
| Mar 20 | Afternoon Tea 2.30pm |
| Mar 21 | Deadline for orders for Men's
Breakfast. |
| Mar 28 | Men's Breakfast
9.15am at the Cricketers
Speaker: Bishop Roger |
| Mar 30 | Mothering Sunday
Preacher: Nicky Sirett |

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting this year will be held on **SUNDAY, 6 April** at the end of Morning Worship. The review of the year will be in the sermon. The rest of the meeting will start at about 10.15am.

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning:

February Wendy Doncaster
Anne Hodgson
March **Spring Clean t.b.a.**
April Yvonne & Mark Tomassi

Flowers:

Jan 26, Feb 2, 9 Janet French
Feb 16, 23, Mar 1 Jennifer MacCallum
Mar LENT
Apr 13 LENT
Apr 20,27 EASTER Wendy Byford
and team
May 4, 11, 18 Lindsay Gough

DAY-TIME HOME GROUP ...

... has resumed with a series on Jesus in John's gospel. It meets at the home of Felicity Chapman, 12 Church Grove, on Wednesday, 5 February and 5 March. If you would like to join, that would be lovely. *Sally Green, Barbara Rush*

REAL EASTER EGGS ...

... the ones that come with a new 24-page Easter story-activity booklet are NOT available in supermarkets. They are Fair-Trade, Palm Oil free and plastic free. These prices are for cases of 6 eggs each

Original Easter Eggs £5.50

Dark chocolate Eggs £6.50

We will order 2 cases (12) of Original Eggs and 1 case (6) of Dark chocolate Eggs. A sign-up sheet will go up at the back of the church at the beginning of February.

Please pay Iain or Jennifer when you get your Eggs. Unwanted Eggs will be donated to the Foodbank.

Iain and Jennifer MacCallum

TUESDAY EVENING HOME GROUP ..

... is taking a break until March 2025. We have in mind a series of 5 talks on Isaiah. which were recorded at the Keswick Convention in 2024. We plan to have the first 3 talks on 11 March, 25 March and 1 April.

We meet at 9 Handford Place, Lexden. If anyone would like to join, please let me know.

Iain MacCallum

FOOD BANK

The Christmas card collection raised £125 for the Food Bank They emailed:

On behalf of Colchester Foodbank, I would like to express our sincere thanks for your recent donation. I would be grateful if you could thank all those who took part in the donation, and for their support of the Foodbank. We have experienced an increase of clients over the last two months and we expect as the weather changes we will expect to see more. Heating bills will cause issues for our individuals and families and we are now beginning to see more elderly folk beginning to experience our service.

Kind regards

Anne, Lead Volunteer, Colchester Foodbank

EASTER LILIES ...

... for loved ones to be remembered on Easter Day. The prices will be confirmed later, but are expected to be about the same as last year - £2.50. Please give your name(s) and money to me by 6th April.

Jennifer MacCallum

WHO'S WHO

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ELECTORAL ROLL

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 6 April (in 9.15am Morning Worship) a NEW electoral roll will be confirmed. You should be thinking now if you want to be on the new roll. If you were on the old roll, we would like you to be on the new and Wendy Doncaster will send you forms to be completed.

Why be on the electoral roll? Being on the Church Electoral Roll is a way showing your willingness to help shape the future of the Church, not just locally, but nationally. It also enables you to participate and vote in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

To be included on the Electoral Roll, a lay person must be resident in the parish, have been baptised (in any Christian church) and have attained their sixteenth birthday on or before the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting,

Wendy Doncaster, Electoral Roll Officer

MEN'S BREAKFAST

We have another Men's Breakfast coming up on **FRIDAY, 28 MARCH** with Bishop Roger as the guest speaker (The Bishop can't do Saturdays.)

Tickets on which you will have to order your breakfast will be available shortly. The deadline for getting your order to Leon Parker, or to Iain MacCallum is 21 March.

As before, this event is being organised by Marks Tey and Aldham churches, but we have extended it to the churches of Great & Little Tey, Chappel and Wakes Colne.

The Cricketers are holding the same prices as we paid last year. For example, the Traditional English Breakfast is £10.50 and the smaller breakfast is £8.50. They have added "Smoothies" to the drinks list!

Iain MacCallum

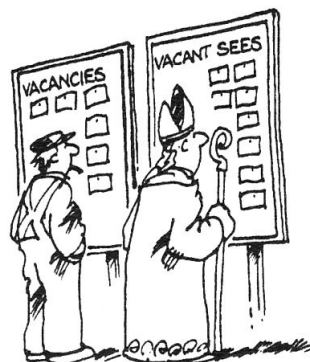
THE PROFILE

In a *Vacancy*, the **Profile** is the document that advertises the parishes that are in need of a new minister. It has to say what we are like, and also what we would like the new incumbent to be like. It's this last aspect of the Profile that is most challenging to get right when there are multiple churches to be satisfied.

We saw and liked Coral's third draft of Aldham's part on 11 January. Then Iain and Coral took this draft to a meeting of 12 representatives of the 6 churches on 18 January. There was much agreement which bodes well for the next editing phase when 4 representatives get together. Coral will be speaking for us.

As I write, that process is under way. Emma Hopkins of Marks Tey, with experience of producing media documents is committed with producing the final document in booklet form which will be attractive to potential applicants.

On 29 January a further meeting will take place with the patron, CPAS, who should be able to produce a short list of applicants.



Deadline for April/May Newsletter

22 MARCH

To: Iain MacCallum or Jane Smith,
7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to all our services.



2 Feb 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP

9 Feb 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP

16 Feb 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION

23 Feb 9.15am MORNING WORSHIP

2 Mar 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP

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16 Mar 9.15 am HOLY COMMUNION

23 Mar 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP

**30 Mar 9.15am MOTHERING SUNDAY
MORNING WORSHIP**



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

**Come near to God
and he will come
near to you.....
Humble yourselves
before the Lord,
and he will lift you
up.**

James 4:8,10

Please support your local Traders

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FLORIST	The Blue Geranium, May Cottage, Aldham 07822 003125
FUNERALS	A.Birkin & Sons, 6 West St., Coggeshall 01376 561316
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GARDEN & HOME MAINTENANCE	SJT, 59 Keable Rd. Marks Tey 07985 386758
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GARDEN & LANDSCAPE	Venicia Bagnall, 1 Brickwork Cottages, Church Ln. 07821 698944
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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
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