



# ALDHAM



JUNE 2024

IAN SCOTT-THOMPSON WRITES ...

*Dear Friends,*

‘At Aldham Parish Church recently we celebrated Pentecost, the festival of the Holy Spirit. You may remember it as Whitsun, the Sunday when everyone dressed in white, the colour of purity, for Baptisms and Confirmations.

These days we read about the red flames of the Holy Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles, and pray for more of God’s power in our Christian lives. Not for any personal benefit, but so that we can behave more like Jesus from day to day. Most of us admire Jesus, especially after reading the gospel stories. He stood up for what was right and good, while still being loving and caring.

I wonder if you would like more of the Spirit of Jesus in your life? Not to change you into someone different, but to make you more authentically ‘you’. The Holy Spirit enables us to be more ‘who we were created to be’ – that’s his power. Would you like to pray a prayer to welcome him? One of the oldest Christian prayers is a very simple and heartfelt one: “Come, Holy Spirit!”

To close, I love this “*Sonnet for Pentecost*”  
by Malcolm Guite:

“Today we feel the wind beneath our wings,  
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays,  
Today the Church draws breath at last and sings,  
As every flame becomes a tongue of praise.

This is the feast of Fire, Air, and Water  
Poured out and breathed and kindled into Earth.

The Earth herself awakens to her maker,  
Translated out of death and into birth.  
The right words come today in their right order

And every word spells freedom and release,

Today the gospel crosses every border,  
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace.

Today the lost are found in his translation,  
Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation

With best wishes,

DIARY DATES

Jun 1	10.00am Book Exchange
Jun 11	10.00am Open Church
Jun 15 & 16	<b>OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND</b>
Jun 24	7.30pm PCC at 20 Hines Close
Jun 25	10.00am Open Church

CHURCH ROTAS

<i>Cleaning:</i>	
June	Barbara Rush, Carolyn Lashbrook

<i>Flowers:</i>	
June 2, 9	Wendy Doncaster
June 16, 23, 30	Pippa Holme

<i>Churchyard:</i>	Steve Jennings
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OPEN CHURCH ...

Open Church is now on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. For June, that is: 11 June and 25 June. As before, it is from 10.00 to 11.30am. All are welcome.

*Barbara Rush*

EAST END GABLE REPAIRS

Finished!

*Iain MacCallum*

HOUSEHOLD DROP-OFF SERVICE.

Colchester City Council's Saturday household drop-off service will be in

Hardings Close on 17 August. Please note new time. 10.00 to 10.45am. This service is ideal to get rid of small broken or unwanted household items which are not normally collected at the kerbside collections.

Items not accepted are fridges, freezers and other electrical goods, hazardous waste such as asbestos, batteries, liquids or gas bottles or business waste.

FRIENDS OF ALDHAM CHURCH

The two choirs were absolutely superb and the church was packed for the event. It raised £1000 on the night, which will help towards future repairs to the church building. A great FOAC team effort!

*Andy Brown*

MEN'S BREAKFAST - REPORT

Fifteen of us from Marks Tey and Aldham gathered at The Cricketers at 9.15am on Saturday 18 May for Breakfast. The ladies of our two villages had run a similar event a few months earlier, so we knew the Cricketers would be up to it.

As soon as I mentioned the possibility of a Breakfast for men, Mark Tomassi offered to give the after-breakfast talk.

Mark is a barrister living at Aldham Hall. In his talk, he posed a number of important legal and ethical questions arising from his experience in the courts. For example, What is "fairness"? Is it fair that a boy's father be sent to prison for something the boy had nothing to do with? The boy could suffer terribly having no father around. The boy could even suffer irreparable harm.

Why was the re-offending rate in English prisons so high at 50% to 60% when it was as

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# OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

15 June and 16 June

This year's Open Gardens event is to be held on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June between 11am and 5pm. This event which has been running for nearly forty years has been very successful in attracting visitors to the village and raising significant funds for a number of different charities over this time.

In the past we have had between 18 and 22 gardens for people to visit but sadly this year for a number of reasons we have a smaller number of gardens participating. We really could do with a few more people willing to open their gardens. Visitors do not expect to see Kew Gardens and keen visiting gardeners can always find interest in every garden.

Although the event is held over 2 days it is not essential for people to open their gardens both days if this preferable, leaving the other day to visit the other participating gardens.

The event brings a real buzz to the village and it can be great fun to engage with fellow garden enthusiasts. If you can help please contact me as soon as possible and I should be pleased to visit and explain more details.

The money raised this year will go to the Friends of Aldham Church for the maintenance and repair of the fabric of the church building which is a vital and

low as 10% or 15% in other European countries?

Prison keeps dangerous men off the streets, but it does not cure them? Why do we not focus more on the corrective nature of the penalties we hand down?

What has happened to respect?, respect for each other, respect for the law?, respect for officers of the law? even respect for men of the cloth. When was it that respect for the national institutions, for example the Law, begin to break down? Was it a matter of funding? Who slashed funding to the legal system when the budget could not be squared? Theresa May, or that other woman, Margaret Thatcher?

So many questions. So few answers. When it was suggested that the National spirit needed reform, it was said there was nothing we could do except 'pray'. Mark

immediately responded with, "Then let's pray now!" Which we did.

*Iain MacCallum*

## PLANT SALE

Thank you to everyone who came to the Plant Sale last Sunday, all those who donated a huge amount of plants and all those who patiently queued in the sun and then bought everything.

Deadline for June Newsletter

**22 June**

To: Iain MacCallum or  
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

# WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

*You are warmly invited to all our services.*



**2 June 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP**

**9 June 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP**

**16 June 8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION**  
*Open Gardens*

**23 June 9.15 am 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

**Now the LORD God had  
planted a garden in the  
east, in Eden; and there  
he put the man he had  
formed.**

*Genesis 2:8*

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