



ALDHAM



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2024

IAN SCOTT-THOMPSON WRITES ...

Dear Friends,

This is my final letter, as I'm retiring at the end of October, and moving to Portsmouth. I'd like to thank all friends and villagers for your support and encouragement over the past 14 years or so. Jane and I have greatly enjoyed our time here in Aldham and Marks Tey, and more recently also in Great Tey, Little Tey, Wakes Colne and Chappel. We shall miss the lovely country of North Essex, and all the good people here – this has been the longest time we've lived anywhere. I'm told I'm also the longest-serving Vicar here, since Canon Steele (1915-1945), which may explain why everyone is asking when I'm going!

Please continue to support your church of St Margaret's and St Catherine's in Aldham, especially in the vacancy when I am no longer here. Iain MacCallum and the people of the church will continue to organise worship and other activities, including completion of the 2021 quinquennial repairs and new heating over the coming winter and spring.

For all of you, whatever your beliefs, may I encourage you to look after your spiritual well-being? Modern life in 21st-century Britain is stressful, especially with recent pressure on the cost of living. Please make sure you

care for yourself, and pay attention to how your life fits into a bigger picture, even if you don't believe in God.

For Christians, this means your central relationship with God in Christ Jesus. Do not neglect to read your Bible, to pray, to talk with others about faith, and to teach your children and grandchildren. We need to pass on the wisdom we have gleaned and believe to be true.

With best wishes,

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning and Brasses:

October Coral and Mark
 Wingate

November Mags Newton

Flowers:

October 6 Patricia Walker
October 12, 13 FLOWER FESTIVAL
October 20, 27, Nov.3

 Pippa Holme
November 10, 17, 24
 REMEMBRANCE
 Anne Matthews

Churchyard: Steve Jennings

DIARY DATES

Oct 5	10.00am Book Exchange
Oct 5	2.30pm Messy Church
Oct 6	Harvest Thanksgiving
Oct 8, 29	7.30pm Home Group at 9 Handford Place
Oct 12	Plant Giveaway at the Rectory
Oct 12, 13	Flower Festival in the Church
Oct 17	3.00pm Afternoon Tea
Nov 2	10.00am Book Exchange
Nov 12, 26	7.30pm Home Group at 9 Handford Place
Nov 16	Away Day - Assington Hall
Nov 21	2.30pm Afternoon Tea

FLOWER FESTIVAL ...

... is to be on the weekend of 12 and 13 October from 11.00am to 4.00pm each day. The theme of the flowers is "Celebration". Programme will be available at £3.00 per person.

Refreshments of tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes will be available in the Village Hall where there will be a tombola and stalls for crafts, puzzles and plants.

Any donations of cakes for the refreshments will be greatly received. Please deliver to Andy at 29 Hines Close or Wendy at Tile House, New Road, or directly to the village hall over the weekend. Donations of Jigsaws and board games in good condition to the Village Hall on the day.

ALDHAM NEWSLETTER

At the PCC on 23 September it was agreed that future newsletters will be issued **every two months throughout the year**, starting with this issue for October/November. The newsletter is already two-monthly in December/January and August/September. The other two-monthly issues will be February/March, April/May and June/July.

The deadline for copy to reach Jane or me is still the 22nd of the month before publication.

As editor of the newsletter, I wish to say a big thank you to Jane Smith who prints nearly 250 copies at the Benefice Office in Marks Tey Church Hall and also to the distributors who push copies through some difficult letter boxes: Jean Jennings, Yvonne Tomassi, Anne Hodgson, Lindsay Gough, Janet West, Wendy Doncaster, Barbara Davis, Angela d'Angibau and Ken Thompson. I hope no one has been left off. Please tell me if you have!

Iain MacCallum

GARDEN PLANT GIVEAWAY

Saturday 12 October 10.00am to 12 noon.
Marks Tey Rectory, Church Lane, CO6 1LW

Help divide overgrown perennials, irises, nerines, rhubarb into 3: one for you, one for me and one to replace! Cuttings can also be taken. Please bring your own tools & labels.

Jane Scott-Thompson, 01206 215772

WHO'S WHO

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FARE WELL

We all wish Ian and Jane every blessing as they retire to the South Coast.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING ...

... is on Sunday, 6 October at 9.15 am. For several years, it has been our practice to invite items for Colchester Open Door, an ecumenical initiative that provides a focus at the Eld Lane Baptist Church, for homeless people. Open Door has provided us with this list of the most needed items.

coffee, tea bags, hot chocolate,
sugar, lemonade, cans of coke etc.,
UHT fruit juice, UHT milk, crisps,
instant porridge, weetabix, cup a soup,
sandwich fillings, processed cheese,
pickle, crackers, oatcakes, kitkats etc.,
packets of biscuits, cake, tins of fruit.

There will be tables at the back of the church for your gifts. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF ALDHAM CHURCH ...

... propose to run another quiz night in the Village Hall in November but at this stage they haven't fixed a date.

HOME GROUP

Please see "Diary Dates" for the four remaining Bible readings on the Psalms given by Vaughan Roberts, Rector of St. Ebbe's, Oxford. We continue to hold these at our apartment, 9 Handford Place, Queens Road, Colchester. Cards with the schedule are available at the back of the church.

Peter Vestey and Ken Thompson have kindly offered to provide transport from Hines Close.

All are welcome. It's not too late to join! Please contact Iain if you haven't been to Home Group before.

Iain MacCallum (01206 571070)

2021 QUINQUENNIAL SURVEY

There are a few jobs remaining from the 2021 quinquennial survey which was prepared by Michael Poteliakhoff, our previous architect, who has since retired. Our new architect, Nick Jacob, came to make a survey of this work on 23 August. We await his report and his estimate of the cost. The Friends of Essex Churches Trust have hinted that they will support this work. See item on Ride and Stride.

Iain MacCallum

AWAY DAY

Saturday 16 November.

A day for Aldham and Marks Tey to get away from it all to Assington Hall in Suffolk, and think about the future. It will be facilitated by Revd Graham Dowling. This will be an opportunity to reflect what sort of church we are and also what we would like to become. This could be an important step in the discernment for the skills we might seek from a future leader.

If you would like to come, please let Iain MacCallum know by 2 November so that transport can be arranged.

RIDE AND STRIDE ...

I have yet to hear from Mark but believe that he is sponsored for about £360. Ken's total will be £400. Donations I know about total £30. So the total at this time looks like £790. Thanks to all who were involved.

Peter Vestey

Deadline for December/January Newsletter

22 November

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to all our services.



29 Sep	11.00am	COMBINED SERVICE at Marks Tey
6 Oct	9.15am	HARVEST FESTIVAL
13 Oct	9.15am	MORNING WORSHIP
20 Oct	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION <i>Ian's last service at Aldham</i>
27 Oct	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
3 Nov	9.15am	MORNING WORSHIP
10 Nov	10.15am	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
17 Nov	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
24 Nov	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP



Refreshments are served after services.

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	Holy Communion
<i>4th Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Morning Worship
<i>5th Sunday</i>		Combined Service

**I know the plans I have
for you," declares the
LORD, "plans to prosper
you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope
and a future.**

Jeremiah 29:19

Please support your local Traders

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