



ALDHAM



SEPTEMBER 2024

IAN SCOTT-THOMPSON WRITES ...

Dear Friends,

I hope you had a good and relaxing break during August, 'time out' from the regular run of activities. Perhaps time with children and family? I like to stay at home during August, and just enjoy the local area at its relaxed best. But then, my children have now grown up and left home, so it's easier for me to make that choice!

In September, everything restarts for the autumn as we look towards Christmas and the new year. I love autumn, with the trees turning shades of red and gold, a bit less heat in the sun and a bit more chill and damp in the air, and nature stocking up supplies for the winter.

Maybe you're starting a new phase of life, whether it's a new school, a new job, or even retirement beckoning, as it is for me! It's a good time to re-evaluate what's important to you, what you want in life, and what you should be putting your energies into.

May I invite you to consider coming back into a relationship with God? You are always welcome at Aldham Church, our beautiful old building set in the churchyard in the centre of the village. It's always open for you, and especially at 9.15am on Sunday mornings when we gather for an hour

for worship. Services are listed on the back page, including our Harvest Festival.

If you prefer online, there are apps like Lectio 365, Pray As You Go, or **www.churchofengland.org** But getting to know Jesus is much easier in company with others, so may I invite you to come and join us?

With best wishes,

DIARY DATES

Aug 31	10.30am Coffee Morning at 29 Hines Close
Sept 7	10.00am Book Exchange
Sept 10	10.00am Open Church
Sept 14	Ride and Stride
Sept 19	3.00pm Afternoon Tea in the Church
Sept 23	7.30pm PCC at 20 Hines Close
Sept 24	10.00am Open Church
Sept 24	7.30pm Home Group at 9 Handford Place
Oct 5	2.30pm Messy Church
Oct 6	Harvest Thanksgiving
Oct 8	7.30pm Home Group at 9 Handford Place
Oct 12, 13	Flower Festival in the Church

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning and Brasses:

September Pippa Holme,
Jean Jennings

Flowers:

Sept 1, 8, 15, Julie Orpen
Sept 22, 29 Patricia Walker
Oct 6, 13 HARVEST
Wendy Byford and
team

Churchyard: Steve Jennings

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

FRIENDS OF ALDHAM CHURCH

Thanks to a splendid spring concert, a magnificent Open Gardens Weekend, and the self-sufficiency of the Emergency Repair funding, FOAC funds now stand at nearly £10,000 which is a huge encouragement to the church fabric team. OGW was a great FOAC team effort!

Neil Byford, Iain MacCallum

EAST END GABLE REPAIRS

The emergency repairs were finished on 15 May and all invoices were paid by 14 June. Thanks again to the wonderful support of the village for the Appeal, and to Bakers, the builder, for coming in below their tender offer. We did not need to use the Friends of Aldham Church Funds to pay the bills.

As the church is a Grade II* building, we were able to claim a refund of £2,231.70 on the VAT on the cost of the repairs.

NOTES FROM THE PCC

The PCC on 24 June was held at 20 Hines Close, by kind invitation of Ken Thompson.

Ken outlined the project to complete the 2021 quinquennial repairs and Iain reported on the Emergency Repairs closing Accounts. Details of both are elsewhere in this newsletter. It was agreed that Harvest will be on Sunday 6 October and that there will be a Flower Festival on 12 and 13 October.

LINDA AND NORMAN DAVIES

Linda died after a short illness. Many friends and family attended her funeral on 9 August. She was a much loved member of the church and PCC and is greatly missed. Linda had devotedly cared for Norman as his health failed. He passed away within two weeks of her death. His funeral and burial will take place in Aldham Church on Thursday, 29 August at 2.00pm.

WHO'S WHO

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HOME GROUP

Iain and Jennifer were not able to get to Keswick for the Convention this July, but we cleared our calendars as far as we could and watched many of the sessions on YouTube. Most of the talks, seminars and Bible readings remain on YouTube and are free to watch!

The outstanding series, in our view, was the five Bible readings on the Psalms given by Vaughan Roberts, Rector of St. Ebbe's, Oxford. We will be showing these studies on Tuesdays in September to November 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. (We have quite a large TV room!) Please contact Iain if you haven't been to Home Group before.

Iain MacCallum (01206 571070)

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". A programme for the event will be available at a cost of £3.00 per person.

Refreshments of tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes will be available in the Village Hall where there will also be a tombola and various stalls.

There will be a Coffee Morning at 29 Hines Close between 10.30am and 1.00pm towards the cost of flowers. Entry £5 includes coffee and cake.

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.

RIDE AND STRIDE ...

... will be on Saturday 14 September. Riders and Striders can find forms at the back of the church on which to collect sponsorships. We also need volunteers to sit in the church for an hour or so to greet and sign the forms of riders and striders from other churches. Please tell Peter Vestey if you can do this.

Finally, if you agree to sponsor someone else, please be generous. Half of your sponsorship comes back to Aldham Church, and the other half is available to Essex churches in need of help with repairs. ***One of which is Aldham Church!***

Deadline for October Newsletter

22 September

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to all our services.



1 Sept	9.15am	MORNING WORSHIP
8 Sept	9.15am	MORNING WORSHIP and Baptism of Max Watchorn
15 Sept	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
22 Sept	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
29 Sept	11.00am	COMBINED WORSHIP at Marks Tey
6 Oct	9.15am	HARVEST FESTIVAL



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

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Revelation 21:5

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