



# ALDHAM



APRIL/MAY 2025

## **IAIN MACCALLUM, Churchwarden writes**

I have just come away from a meeting with a man from the Friends of Essex Churches Trust. When I told him that we were in a Vacancy he asked about our progress with the search for a new Priest-in-Charge of the six churches. I told him we now had the proof copy of the advertisement that will appear in the next issue of the Church Times and he nearly fell off his chair! His church had been in Vacancy for 18 months before they had got this far!

Our Vacancy began on 27 October 2024 when we said farewell to Ian and Jane at Chappel Village Hall. The search for a new incumbent was outlined in the December/January Newsletter. Since then, two members of each of the six churches were appointed to produce the Profile, a document that describes the churches and the kind of person we would like to have as our next Priest-in-Charge. Emma Hopkins (Marks Tey) has collated all contributions and the Profile is now on the Diocese of Chelmsford website. In anticipation of the interviews, a group of 8 selectors have been appointed, two from each PCC. These are Andrew Waters and Emma Hopkins for Marks Tey, and Coral Wingate and me for Aldham.

Since the last inter-regnum in 2009, diocesan procedures have changed and the Archdeacon now takes a more prominent role. Our Archdeacon, Ruth Patten, is only

now emerging from a long illness (please pray for her) and the Archdeacon of Stansted, Kate Peacock, is leading the process. With input from the 12, she has formulated the Advertisement, a copy of which may also be found on the diocesan website.

To see the Profile and the Advertisement: use your browser to find "Diocese of Chelmsford Clergy Vacancies"; then "Clergy Positions" where you will find a box for a Priest-in-Charge at Marks Tey etc. Click on "View the Post" to see the advert; then scroll down to click on "Parish Profile" to see the Profile.

Meanwhile it's business as usual at both Marks Tey and Aldham, where we are being supported by a variety of interesting visiting preachers to whom we are most grateful. It's still 9.15am at Aldham and 11.00am at Marks Tey. Why not come along? You'll be made most welcome at either church. While you have the opportunity, why not come and sample this variety of talks. Our services are easy to follow on screen or on service sheets. There's always coffee, tea and biscuits after the service and the preacher will be on hand if you have questions!

*Iain MacCallum, churchwarden*

DIARY DATES

- Mar 28Men's Breakfast  
9.15am at the Cricketers  
Speaker: Bishop of Colchester
- Mar 30CLOCKS GO FORWARD  
Mothering Sunday  
Preacher: ??????????
- Apr 510.00am Book Exchange
- Apr 6Annual Parochial Church  
Meeting follows 9.15am service  
Last day to order Easter Lilies.
- Apr 8Prayer. 9.30am in church.  
Open Church. 10.00 to 11.30am
- Apr 17Afternoon Tea 3.00 pm  
7.30pm Communion at M'ks Tey
- Apr 262.30pm Messy Church
- May 310.00am Book Exchange
- May 13Prayer. 9.30am in church.  
Open Church. 10.00 to 11.30am
- May 15Afternoon Tea 3.00pm

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning:

- AprilYvonne & Mark Tomassi
- MayJane Smith,  
Lindsay Gough

Flowers:

- Apr 13LENT
- Apr 20, 27EASTER Wendy Byford  
and team
- May 4, 11, 18Lindsay Gough
- May 25Judith Vestey
- June 1, 8Judith Vestey

DAY-TIME HOME GROUP

We are looking at a series of incidents concerning Jesus in John's gospel. We meet at the home of Felicity Chapman, at 11.00am on the first Wednesday of the month. If you would like to join, that would be lovely.

Sally Green, Barbara Rush

TUESDAY EVENING HOME GROUP ..

... is now watching and discussing a series of five talks on Isaiah which were recorded at the Keswick Convention in 2024. The next four meetings are on 25 March, 8 and 22 April and 6 May.

We meet at 7.30pm at 9 Handford Place, Lexden. If anyone would like to join, please let me know.

Iain MacCallum

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 APCM will start at about 10.15am.

The new electoral roll will be confirmed. Elections will take place for churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and members of the PCC.

Copies of the Annual Report are at the back of the church for you to read before the meeting.

Iain MacCallum

WHO'S WHO

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## QI 2012 REPAIRS

Plans for completing the 2021 Quinquennial Inspection repairs have had to be postponed from the April bat-window until the bat-window from mid-September to 31 October according to Natural England. The other reason is that we don't have the money as we had hoped for. The Friends of Essex Churches Trust are making a grant of £5,000 whereas we had hoped for twice that amount. It seems Aldham Church building is in a better state than many others that need help. Lodge, the chosen contractor, has agreed to hold his quotation until September. It gives us more time to prepare and find £5,000 we need.

Meanwhile, Ken Thompson, Mark Wingate and I will be thinking about the next project - church heating! We will listen to any views the newsletter readers would care to share with us!

*Iain MacCallum*

## MOTHERING SUNDAY ...

... originated, according to *wikipedia*, in the 16th century as a tradition of visiting the "mother church" (where one was baptized) on the fourth Sunday of Lent. It has evolved into a day for families to reunite and honour mothers.

The American influence has led to the term "Mothers' Day". But whether it's Mothering Sunday or Mothers' Day for you, you will be most welcome at our service on 30 March. Primroses, kindly donated by Neil and Wendy Byford will be given to every family.

## VACANCY NEWS

With the advertisement for a new incumbent out in the public domain (page 1) all we can do now is pray that the person of God's choice will see it and respond.

## EASTER LILIES ...

... for loved ones to be remembered on Easter Day. The prices are the same as last year, that is £2.50. Please give the name(s) and money to me by 6th April.

*Jennifer MacCallum*

## ALDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Our ever popular Plant Sale is back in the Village Hall on Sunday 11 May 2025 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Entry free. Teas, coffee, and cakes will also be available.

If you would like to donate a cake towards the refreshments it would be greatly appreciated. Also if you have plants to donate, please bring them to the Village Hall on 11 May. We will be setting up from 10.00 onwards. This also applies to cake donations. However, if you would like us to collect your donations, please contact me and I will arrange.

Don't forget to come early as we sell out very quickly. Lots of bedding plants, succulents, and vegetable plants all at very reasonable prices. All profit will be shared 50/50 between the Village Hall and St. Helena's Hospice. Make a date in your diaries! Look forward to seeing you.

*Anne Fulcher - Aldham Village Hall  
Management Committee*



Deadline for June/July Newsletter

**22 MAY**

To: Iain MacCallum or Jane Smith,  
7 Church Grove

## WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

*You are warmly invited to all our services.*



<b>30 Mar</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b><i>Mothering Sunday</i></b> <b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>
<b>6 Apr</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b> <b><i>and APCM</i></b>
<b>13 Apr</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>
<b>17 Apr</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>COMMUNION <i>at Marks Tey</i></b>
<b>18 Apr</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> <b>MEDITATION</b>
<b>20 Apr</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Easter Day</b> <b>FAMILY COMMUNION</b>
<b>27 Apr</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>
<b>4 May</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>
<b>11 May</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>
<b>18 May</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>25 May</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>

*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>	10.00 am	Combined Service

**Christ died for our sins  
according to the  
Scriptures, he was  
buried, and he was  
raised on the third day  
according to the  
Scriptures,**

*1 Corinthians 15:3,4*

## Please support your local Traders

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