

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM			WORSHIP AT MARKS TEY		
<i>You are warmly invited to all our services</i>					
03 Apr	9.15am	GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION	1st Sunday	11am	MORNING WORSHIP
05 Apr	9.15am	EASTER DAY COMMUNION	2nd Sunday	11am	MORNING WORSHIP
12 Apr	9.15am.	MORNING WORSHIP	3rd Sunday	11am	COMMUNION
18 Apr	2.30pm.	MESSY CHURCH	4th Sunday	11am	MORNING WORSHIP
19 Apr	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION			
26 Apr	9.15am	MORNING WORSHIP			
<p>“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John 3:16</p>					
03 May	9.15am.	MORNING WORSHIP			
10 May	9.15am.	MORNING WORSHIP			
17 May	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION			
24 May	9.15am	MORNING WORSHIP			
23 May	2.30pm.	MESSY CHURCH			
31 May	10.00am	JOINT BENEFICES SERVICE WAKES COLNE			

Refreshments are served after every service

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# ALDHAM

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## Easter

For Christians Easter is more important than Christmas. Easter is the heart of Christianity. Holy Week begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his resurrection a week later. It occupies about a third of the four Gospels account of Jesus' life and ministry.

During those few days there is some of Jesus' most important teaching. He attempts to pre-warn his disciples of his imminent death. At the last Supper on Maundy Thursday we see the humility of Jesus in washing his disciples feet, in giving a new command to 'Love one another as I have loved you', in the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit and instructing them on the sharing of bread and wine in his memory.

The trial of Jesus is a mockery of justice and His death at the hands of the Romans is typically brutal. What Jesus' followers did not foresee was his resurrection even though it fulfilled Old Testament prophecies. Several weeks later at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out Peter spoke to the crowd "God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it."

The resurrection was not an after thought it was the central event. The once frightened disciples began preaching that Jesus had risen from the dead and many went to their death instead of denying otherwise. Later the Apostle Paul wrote 'if there is no resurrection of the dead – our

preaching is useless and so is your faith'.

For Christians Easter represents Jesus' victory over death and sin, confirms He was the son of God, that we can have forgiveness and restored relationship with God through His sacrifice, and for believers the hope of eternal life. It's not about being perfect or doing everything right.

Do yourself a favour read the final chapters of John's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles.

*Andrew Waters*  
*Marks Tey Churchwarden*

## Rector

We are still in vacancy and we are not alone, there are a number of posts that need filling in the area. We are actively recruiting but we need to find the right person to serve the people of Aldham and our sister churches and villages in our group of 6 parishes. In the meantime it's business as usual.

*Deadline for Jun/July Newsletter*

**22 MAY**

*To: Coral Wingate*

## DIARY DATES

Apr 1 11am Morning Home Group  
Apr 4 **NO BOOK EXCHANGE**  
Apr 7 9.30am Morning Prayer  
Apr 16 2.30pm Afternoon Tea

May 2 10am Book Exchange  
May 5 9.30am Morning Prayer  
May 6 11am Morning Home Group  
May 21 2.30pm Afternoon Tea

Open Church every Tuesday  
10-11.30am

## CHURCH ROTA

### Cleaning:

Apr Mark & Yvonne Tomassi  
May Jane Smith  
Lindsay Gough

### Flowers:

Apr 5,12 EASTER Wendy Byford  
& Team  
Apr 19,26  
May 3 Lindsay Gough  
May 10,17,24 Judith Vestey  
May 31 Julie Orpen

## Electoral Roll

If you would like to be kept informed and be part of your church in Aldham, have you thought about being included in the Electoral Roll, there are no strings attached! You do not have to be a regular congregant but have an interest in the church.

If you want to know more please call:

**Wendy Doncaster 01206 210996**

## New chairs!

In January of this year we were offered an opportunity to apply for a grant from Colchester Deanery specifically for mission. We applied for money towards new chairs and a refurbished noticeboard. Our Afternoon Tea guests were the first to try out the chairs, the the result of our successful bid: no more sitting on wobbly or hard wooden chairs for the unfortunate few. We were awarded enough money to cover most of the cost of the noticeboard, too,

and the Friends of Aldham Church have kindly offered to cover the shortfall. We hope to instruct local carpenter, Trevor Scott, to start work soon.

## Baptism

We had a lovely baptism service in March for a local family welcoming a son and a baby brother into their young family. A rendition of *He's got the whole world in His hands* was sung with enthusiasm by Rev Robin Spittle and the congregation.

If you would like a baptism, wedding or funeral service, Aldham Church is your church and even in a vacancy is available to you. For details please contact a churchwarden, contact details below.

## Book Exchange

Please note there is **NO BOOK EXCHANGE IN APRIL**, it will return as usual on May 2nd.

## Mothers Day

On Sunday the 15th March we had a special Family Service for Mother's Day. Rev. John Chandler led the service assisted by children from the congregation who donned an interesting array of oversized clothes in a very entertaining sermon about Mothers. We also listened to a choir of village children and their mums, conducted by Mags, in a rendition of *Lord of the Dance*. Primroses kindly donated by Wendy and Neil Byford were then distributed to all the mums.



**When: 18th April & 23rd May  
2.30-4pm**

**Where: Aldham Church**



**Who is invited: Parents/carers & child/children**



**Come and join us for crafts, food and fun.  
Everyone is welcome.**



**For further information or to confirm your attendance please email:  
getmessyadhamchurch@outlook.com**

**No charge, donations welcome**



Save the date: the weekend of the **13th and 14th of June**, the biennial **Aldham Open Gardens** promises some beautiful gardens, refreshments and much more. More information will be released nearer the date. Proceeds from the event will be administered by FOAC for the church fabric fund.

## WHO'S WHO

Priest-in-Charge	Vacancy	
Churchwarden	Mrs Coral Wingate	01206 210369
Churchwarden	Mrs Wendy Doncaster	01206 210996
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**Do your children enjoy singing, are they between the ages of 6 and 15 and would they enjoy performing in church at Family Services in Aldham Church? We would like to invite your children to come and join our singing group, no experience required, no auditions just the joy of singing. If you would like to know more, please contact Mags Newton on 07731185880**