

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM		
You are warmly invited to all our services.		
01 Feb	9.15am	MORNING WORSHIP
08 Feb	9.15am.	MORNING WORSHIP
15 Feb	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
22 Feb	9,15AM	MORNING WORSHIP
01 Mar	9.15am.	MORNING WORSHIP
08 Mar	10am	ALL AGE WORSHIP AND BAPTISM
14 Mar	2.30pm.	MESSY CHURCH
15 Mar	9.15am	FAMILY SERVICE MOTHERING SUNDAY
22 Mar	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
29 Mar	9.15am	PALM SUNDAY
Refreshments are served after every service		



## WORSHIP AT MARKS TEY

1st Sunday	11am	MORNING WORSHIP
2nd Sunday	11am	MORNING WORSHIP
3rd Sunday	11am	COMMUNION
4th Sunday	11am	MORNING WORSHIP

“The light shines in the darkness, and darkness has not overcome it”

John 1:5



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## New Year Resolutions

Did you make any? Are you still keeping them? The pundits tell us that many New Year Resolutions have already faded or we are struggling by February.

What drives us to make them? Often it is tradition. Also the New Year feels like a new start with the evenings suddenly stretching out and the promise of spring. However many resolutions are driven by guilt or by trying to rebalance the effects of over eating, over drinking or over spending at the seasonal period.

Some resolutions are simply too ambitious. If yours is to run a half marathon for charity I would not expect you to run 13 miles in week 1. You would need to build up gradually to it. You might well hit set backs from having a heavy cold or muscle strains meaning you would miss a number of running opportunities.

You might be obliged to rebuild your progress. *I generally don't make New Year Resolutions but I have started several new things in January. In 1985, when the late Peter Adams was Rector, I accepted the challenge to buy a book setting out different Bible passages to be read each day so that in a year I would*

read the whole Bible. I still read a passage from the Bible everyday, currently along with study notes relating to it.

Engaging in new activities, such as walking more or volunteering, is not confined to early January. So if your head, heart or inner spirit is nudging or challenging you to do something new that is beneficial to you and/or a blessing to others. Listen. Consider the commitment required, the benefits and if you are a Christian pray over it.

May you be enriched and blessed from your new path.

Andrew Waters  
Marks Tey Churchwarden



Deadline for Apr/May Newsletter  
**22 MAR**  
To: Coral Wingate

## DIARY DATES

Feb 3 9.30am Morning Prayer  
Feb 4 11am Morning Home Group  
Feb 7 10am Book Exchange  
Feb 19 2.30pm Afternoon Tea  
  
Mar 3 9.30am Morning Prayer  
Mar 4 11am Morning Home Group  
Mar 7 10am Book Exchange  
Mar 19 2.30pm Afternoon Tea  
  
Open Church every Tuesday  
10-11.30am

## CHURCH ROTA

### Cleaning:

Feb	Wendy Doncaster & Anne Hodgson
Mar	Spring Clean TBA
<b>Flowers:</b>	
Feb 1,8,15	Yvonne Tomassi
Feb 18-April 5	LENT

## The Vacancy

We are still without a rector but we have advertised again and are praying for the right candidate to join our happy band of six churches. In the meantime, it's 'business as usual' in Aldham Church. In our vacancy we have had a number of visiting speakers and two retired members of clergy, Rev. John Chandler

and Rev. Robin Spittle who have been regular officiants at our services. As a thank you we gave them Christmas gifts and received these kind thanks.

### Rev. Robin Spittle

Dear Friends

My wife, Jenny, and I were blown away by the generous gift you gave us to thank me for my Ministry amongst you. At the end of the day I feel that you have given me in friendship more than I have been able to give in return.

Going forward I thank God for every encounter on a Sunday and/or Coffee Mornings and Afternoon Tea.

Many thanks again

*Robin Spittle*

### Rev John Chandler

Dear Jennifer [and Aldham]

I have just opened the lovely card from all my friends in Aldham, and was open-mouthed in surprise to also receive the Gift Card. Thank you so very much!

As you will know, it's an immense privilege to serve the Lord in various places, and that my heart rejoices every time I set foot in Aldham Church. What a blessing you are to me.

It's a shame I won't be celebrating Christmas with you, but I look forward to wishing you Happy New Year as soon as I can!

Yours in the love of Jesus

*John Chandler*

## WHO'S WHO

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## John d'Angibau

John, a long time resident of Old Hill House in Aldham and friend of our church, sadly died in November. His memorial service saw the church overflowing with family and friends. We heard about the rich and varied life he led and the love and affection he engendered in those who shared it.



## Messy Church

A fun time was had by all at our last session in December. Our next session is on the 31st of January and may have already happened by the time you read this but we will be meeting again on the 14th March with lots of Easter fun. Look out for the notices, details are also available on the church's website.

## Carols by Candlelight

The church was full, the candles flickered and the air was filled with the aroma of mulled wine and mince pies. It was a very special evening, a truly festive celebration. The young and the old came together to enjoy the good news of the Christmas story and the singing of carols old and new. Mags Newton lead a choir of children from the village and surrounding areas in a rendition of Away in a Manger; children's voices, the candlelight and the season combined to make it a truly memorable moment.

A big thank you and well done to Mags and her choristers.

Rev. Wendy Pagden, our one time curate, was our very welcome guest speaker, we are still praying for our own rector to preside over the service this year.

After the service a splendid selection of mince pies, sausage rolls and steaming cups of mulled wine were appreciated by the congregation after their lusty singing and to fortify them for the cold journey home.

Now back to tea, coffee and biscuits after the service but everyone is welcome to join us every Sunday for songs and celebration.

## Easter Lillies

.. for loved ones to be remembered on Easter Day. The prices will be confirmed later, but are expected to be about the same as last year - £2.50. Please give your name(s) and money to me Jennifer 01206 571070 [maccallum.jk@ntlworld.com](mailto:maccallum.jk@ntlworld.com) by 22nd March