



ALDHAM



JUNE/JULY 2025

PATIENCE

Patience is listed as one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit and patience is regarded as a virtue. In an age of next day deliveries patience seems now to be a constant necessity.

Students have already taken many of their GCSE and A level papers with a three month wait for the results. Many are waiting over a year for medical procedures such as knee and hip operations.

Waiting time for appointments, test results and even driving tests seems to be lengthening.

On 9 May there was an interview of a candidate who responded to the advert to be the new Priest-in-Charge of our Parishes. However, the interview panel led by the Archdeacon concluded unanimously that the person was not the right fit. It has been decided that, to get the timing right and to have all the key parties available along with receipt of references, the next round of interviews will be on 1 October. Thus the earliest a new Rector would be in post is January 2026.

Christians will have just celebrated the feast of Ascension when the risen Jesus was taken up to heaven. Two angels watching beside the disciples told them the same Jesus will come back in the same way. Some of the early believers literally put aspects of their lives on hold.

I am pleased to say this is not happening at Aldham or St Andrew's, Marks Tey. There is plenty going on. Many prayers have been answered. We have been blessed with visiting Clergy presiding at Communion, preaching on Sundays, officiating at funerals and promising to take forthcoming marriages.

I have learnt over the years that so often the end result is far better because I waited to get things right.

Best wishes

*Andrew Waters, Churchwarden
Marks Tey*

OPEN CHURCH

The church is now open **every Tuesday** from 10.00 to 11.30am for coffee a biscuit and a chat.

DIARY DATES

Jun 4 Wednesday home group
Jun 7 10.00am Book Exchange
Jun 10 9.30am Prayer in church.
Jun 10 Open Church 10 to 11.30

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Jun 16 7.30pm PCC at 20 Hines C
Jun 19 Afternoon Tea 3.00 pm
Jun 21 2.30pm Messy Church
Jul 2 Wednesday home group
Jul 5 10.00am Book Exchange
Jul 6 9.15am with Bp. Roger
Jul 8 9.30am Prayer in church.
Jul 17 Afternoon Tea 3.00pm

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning:

June Carolyn Lashbrook
Barbara Rush
July Judith and Peter
Vestey

Flowers:

June 1,8 Judith Vestey
June 15,22,29 Wendy Doncaster
July 6,13,20 Angela d'Angibau
July 27 Julie Orpen

HOME GROUPS

The Wednesday home group meets at 12 Church Grove at 11.00am on the first Wenesday of the month. The Tuesday home group will restart soon. Details in the next newsletter. If you would like to join one of them, that would be lovely. Please see me. *Iain MacCallum*

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting this year was held at the end of Morning Worship on 6 April. Elected were:

Churchwardens: Coral Wingate and Iain MacCallum;

PCC vice-chair: Iain MacCallum;

Deanery Synod Representatives: Jennifer MacCallum and Iain MacCallum;

PCC members: Ken Thompson, Richard Gough (Treasurer), Anne Matthews (PCC secretary), Wendy Doncaster (Electoral Roll Officer), Mark Wingate, Mags Newton, Peter Vestey, Sally Green, Mark Tomassi.

Anne Matthews

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

WHO'S WHO

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September. It gives us more time to prepare and find £9,000 we now need.

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

Iain MacCallum

FRIENDS OF ALDHAM CHURCH

Forthcoming FOAC events in 2025

On the evening of Saturday 5 July FOAC are delighted to welcome back the Kelvedon Singers who will give a choir concert in the church. The last concert given by the Singers a couple of years ago was extremely well attended and enjoyed by all present. Full details will be published nearer the date.

A Summer Garden party has been arranged for the afternoon of Sunday 13 July at Tile House, New Road. As usual there will be music provided by the Caledonian Reelers, refreshments hot and cold, a raffle and a beautiful setting to meet up with friends and families. More details and tickets will be available nearer the time.

Following the success of the Quiz Night held in March another one will be arranged for sometime in the Autumn – watch this space.

Once again on behalf of FOAC I should like to thank everyone who has supported past events and hope that we can look forward to your ongoing support.

Andy Brown FOAC Chair

VILLAGE HALL PLANT SALE

The plant sale on 11 May made a total of £1313.00. We have sent a donation of £656.50 to St.Helena hospice on behalf of the Village Hall. Eve made £241.00 for Essex air ambulance. We are very grateful for all visitors who came on the day, also to all who helped to organise, they did a splendid job, and all who donated plants and cakes. Great support from all.

Anne Fulcher. Aldham Village Hall committee.

BARBECUE

All residents are invited to come to the Midsummer Barbecue at the Village Hall on Saturday 21 June from 12.30pm to 3.30pm. Hot dogs and burgers are free. Aldham Bar will be open. We look forward to seeing you.

Anne Fulcher - Aldham Village Hall Committee

PATRICIA MITCHELL

Patricia, who had lived most of her married life in Fordstreet, passed away age 92 on 9 May. Latterly, she lived in St. Mary's Court Care Home, Braintree. **She will be cremated at Braintree Crematorium at 14.30 on Tuesday 3 June.**

There will be a **Memorial Service in Aldham Church, probably on 20 August**, to celebrate her unique life. Details to follow in the next newsletter.

Deadline for August/September Newsletter

22 JULY

To: Iain MacCallum or Jane Smith,

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to all our services.



1 Jun 9.15am MORNING WORSHIP

**8 Jun 9.15am *Pentecost*
MORNING WORSHIP**

**15 Jun 9.15am *Trinity Sunday*
COMMUNION**

22 Jun 9.15am MORNING WORSHIP

**29 Jun 10.00am COMBINED SERVICE
*at Aldham***

**6 Jul 9.15am MORNING WORSHIP
*with Bishop Roger***

13 Jul 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP

20 Jul 9.15 am HOLY COMMUNION

27 Jul 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP

Refreshments are served after services



Worship at Marks Tey

1st Sunday

11.00 am Morning Worship

2nd Sunday

11.00 am Morning Worship

3rd Sunday

11.00 am Holy Communion

4th Sunday

11.00 am Morning Worship

5th Sunday

10.00 am Combined Service

**When the day of
Pentecost came,... they
saw what seemed to be
tongues of fire that ...
came to rest on them.
They were filled with the
Holy Spirit and began to
speak in other tongues as
the Spirit enabled them.**

Acts 2:1-4

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