

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM*You are warmly invited to all our services.*

06 Dec	2.30pm	MESSY CHURCH
07 Dec	9.15am.	MORNING WORSHIP
14 Dec	9.15am	COMMUNION
21 Dec	6.30pm	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
25 Dec	10.00am	BENEFICES COMMUNION <i>St Barnabas Church, Gt Tey</i>
28 Dec	10.00am	BENEFICES SERVICE <i>St James the Less, Lt Tey</i>
04 Jan	9.15am.	MORNING WORSHIP
11 Jan	9.15am	MORNING WORSHIP
18 Jan	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
25 Jan	9.15am	MORNING WORSHIP
31 Jan	2.30pm	MESSY CHURCH

Refreshments are served after every service

**Please support your local Traders**

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WORSHIP AT MARKS TEY

07 Dec	11am	MORNING WORSHIP
14 Dec	11am	MORNING WORSHIP
21 Dec	11am	FAMILY CAROL SERVICE
24 Dec	4pm	NATIVITY SERVICE
	11.15pm	MIDNIGHT SERVICE
JAN		
1st Sunday	11am	MORNING WORSHIP
2nd Sunday	11am	MORNING WORSHIP
3rd Sunday	11am	COMMUNION
4th Sunday	11am	MORNING WORSHIP

'For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his
shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty
God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'

Isaiah 9:5

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ALDHAM

DEC/JAN 2026

**Advent**

We now live in an age when so much is instant that many of the joys and blessings in waiting have been lost. Previously seasonal foodstuffs are now available all year round and some companies provide same day deliveries on a wide range of goods.

One thing will not change is the waiting of expectant mothers. There is so much preparation, especially for the firstborn, with changes to the home and the purchase of a wide range of new necessities. All feeding mounting excitement and expectation of what lies ahead. Followed by joy at a safe arrival.

Waiting is good for us. We appreciate and value the outcome so much more. The weeks before Christmas are known as Advent. The season of waiting and preparing to celebrate the birth of another firstborn, Jesus, and to remember the promise of His return.

The coloured candles of an Advent wreath represent Hope, Peace, Joy and Love which we all need in an ever changing and challenging world. We wait with hope for the appointment of a new Rector and there will be much

preparation before their arrival. In the hectic busyness of preparing for the Christmas Day celebration I always find it good to reflect on those less fortunate than myself as it helps me to moderate my actions and to remember that love is the most valuable gift. Special consideration is required for those who find Christmas a difficult time.

*Andrew Waters
Marks Tey Churchwarden*

Vacancy

Advent, the season of waiting, and it seems we will be waiting a bit longer for a new rector; the candidate due to be interviewed in early December has withdrawn. We will be advertising again and praying for the right person. Meanwhile it's business as usual in Aldham Church.

*Aldham Church wishes you all a
Blessed Christmas.*



DIARY DATES

Dec 2 9.30am Morning Prayer
Dec 3. 11am Morning Home Group
Dec 6 10am Book Exchange
Dec 18 2.30pm Afternoon Tea
2026
Jan 3 10am Book Exchange
Jan 6 9.30am Morning Prayer
Jan 7 11am Morning Home Group
Jan 15. 2.30pm Afternoon Tea
Open Church every Tuesday 10-11.30am

CHURCH ROTA

Cleaning:
Dec Jennifer MacCallum & Anne Matthews
Jan Felicity Chapman & Sally Green
Flowers:
Dec Advent
Dec 20 Wendy Byford
Jan 4, 11, 18 Yvonne Tomassi
Jan 25 Jennifer MacCallum

Children's Society Blue Boxes

This year we collected £189.10 in our blue boxes.

Many thanks for continuing to support the scheme.

Jean Jennings

WHO'S WHO

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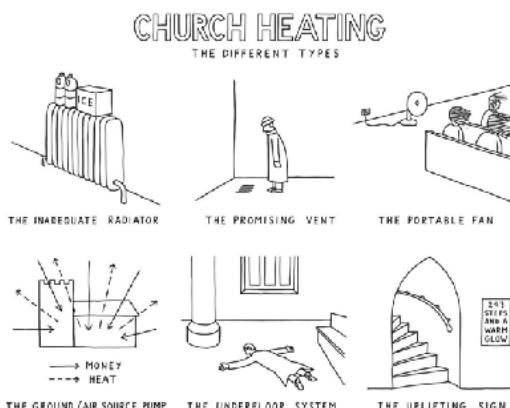
The Shoebox Appeal

Thank you very much to all who contributed to the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. I received 7 completed boxes and made up 44 more, incorporating donated money and items from Aldham {and Lt Tey}, making an amazing total of 51! They have all been taken to the collection point and are on their way to the processing centre.

Lindsay

Church Repairs

As you have probably noticed, the scaffolding has now gone and we are back to normal in time for Christmas. Next on the agenda is replacing the old boiler with some energy efficient heaters and we're praying this will give us a warm church!



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Carols by Candlelight

Come and join us on Sunday 21st December at 6.30pm for a traditional Carol Service followed by mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies; a real festive treat.

Messy Church



Our first session in 2026 will be on the 31st January at 2.30pm for fun and crafts.

Deadline for Feb/Mar Newsletter
22 JAN
To: Coral Wingate

Flower arrangers



A big thank you to our team of flower arrangers who bring beauty and fragrance to our church. Do you have a talent for flower arranging and would like to practice your art? Why not join our flower arranging rota? We usually have 2 arrangements in the church but you can add more if you're inspired.

Flower arrangers work in 2 week rotations, so you can volunteer for 2 weeks or more.

If you are interested contact me at coralca@hotmail.co.uk or call me on 210369

Friends of Aldham Church

We would like to thank the FOAC and the generous support of the village after another year of fund raising; the recent work on the church was only possible because of it. Our church building is in a good state of repair for its age and because of this is able to support the community in many different ways: family occasions like weddings, funerals etc, hosting Afternoon Teas, Open Church and Book Exchange and of course worship. The good state of repair is down to the diligence of the late Iain MacCallum and the untiring work of the Friends and the village. Once again we would like to thank you and welcome you to your church.

