

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM			WORSHIP AT MARKS TEY		
<i>You are warmly invited to all our services</i>					
07 Jun	9.15am	MORNING WORSHIP	1st Sunday	11am	MORNING WORSHIP
14 Jun	9.15am.	MORNING WORSHIP	2nd Sunday	11am	MORNING WORSHIP
21 Jun	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	3rd Sunday	11am	COMMUNION
28 Jun	9.15am	MORNING WORSHIP	4th Sunday	11am	MORNING WORSHIP
05 Jul	9.15am	MORNING WORSHIP	<p>'Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.'</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Song of Solomon 2:12</p>		
12 Jul	9.15am	MORNING WORSHIP			
18 Jul	2.30pm	MESSY CHURCH			
19 Jul	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION			
26 Jul	9.15am	MORNING WORSHIP			
Refreshments are served after every service					



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	Aimee Hurley 11 Keable Rd, Marks Tey	07858965571
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PLUMBING & HEATING	PatrickHasted@gmail.com 24 hr call out	07930 149046
ROOFING SERVICES	Falcon Contracting, 4 Honywood Close, Marks Tey	01206 212032

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# ALDHAM

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## Birthday

We nearly always like a birthday party whether we are 7 or 70 unless we don't want to be reminded of the years that have rolled by. When we were young there were presents and nice treats.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian Church. Jesus was crucified on what we know as Good Friday, rose on Easter Day and before his ascension promised the gift of the Holy Spirit which fell on his believers at Pentecost. This year Pentecost is the 24th of May.

Like at a birthday party there are a range of potential gifts associated with the Holy Spirit including wisdom, knowledge, teaching, serving, faith, healing, miraculous powers, prophecy, and administration. Whatever gift or gifts you have, St Peter encouraged his listeners to use them to serve others. Whilst St Paul used the metaphor of a body to illustrate that every Church or team needed a range of gifts and all are important for the functioning of others.

Paul's letter to the Galatians spelt out what the fruit of a spirit filled life shows - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness

gentleness and self-control few live up to. Hence one of the oldest Christian prayers is Come Holy Spirit.

I encourage you to reflect on how you can use your gifts and skills to help your neighbours and/or the community. If you lack, for example patience, say a prayer over it.

*Andrew Waters*

**Aldham Open Gardens**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**  
from 11.00am to 5.00pm

There will be gardens open throughout the village for people to visit, enjoy and hopefully gain inspiration.

- Crapes Farm will be offering conducted tours of their orchards
- Art exhibition in the church.
- Village Hall will be offering refreshments and lunches both days and some gardens will also be offering refreshments.

This is usually a very interesting and busy weekend and an opportunity to meet fellow Aldham residents as well as people from further afield.

**ADMISSION TO GARDENS BY PROGRAMME TICKETS**  
**£5.00 per adult**

- Available from the Village Hall and any signed open gardens.
- Accompanied children under 16 free.
- Most gardens are wheelchair friendly.

All funds raised will be for the upkeep and maintenance of the church building.

## DIARY DATES

Jun 2 9.30am Morning Prayer  
 Jun 3 11am Morning Home Group  
 Jun 6 10am Book Exchange  
 Jun 18 2.30pm Strawberry Tea

Jul 1 11am Morning Home Group  
 Jul 4 10am Book Exchange  
 Jul 7 9.30am Morning Prayer  
 Jul 16 2.30pm Afternoon Tea

Open Church every Tuesday  
 10-11.30am

## CHURCH ROTA

### Cleaning:

Jun Barbara Rush &  
 Carolyn Lashbrook  
 Jul Judith & Peter Vestey

### Flowers:

Jun 7,14 Julie Orpen  
 Jun 21,28 &  
 Jul 5 Angela d'Angibau  
 Jul 12,19,26 Wendy Doncaster

## Wednesday Morning Home Group

The group meet monthly in Church Grove and have just completed the The Bible Society's *The Bible Course* and were then inspired to study *Romans*, also produced by The Bible Society. The first session included the testimony of a Muslim man in Iran who became a Christian convert and was persecuted for his faith.

## WHO'S WHO

Priest-in-Charge	Vacancy	
Churchwarden	Mrs Coral Wingate	01206 210369
Churchwarden	Mrs Wendy Doncaster	01206 210996
Secretary	Mrs Anne Matthews	01206 574603
Newsletter Editor	Mrs Coral Wingate	email coralca@hotmail.co.uk 01206 210369

He was imprisoned for 3 years and during his time in prison he spread the Good News of Christ, leading many, even condemned men, to come to faith. It was both shocking and inspiring to hear his story; how his faith inspired other members of his family and fellow detainees to become Christians too. We should never forget how fortunate we are to live in a country where we have freedom of expression and can worship without fear.

## Village hall Plant Sale

Another successful plant sale, with lots of plants donated by generous gardeners. The kitchen was busy dispensing restorative hot beverages and home made cakes, also kindly donated. Thank you to the fund raising team for an enjoyable afternoon. Approximately £1100 was raised and is being shared between the village hall and *The East Anglian Children's Hospice*.



Deadline for Aug/Sept  
 Newsletter  
**22 JULY**

To: Coral Wingate

## The Churchyard

Our churchyard is a peaceful, green space for our loved ones to rest and for their friends and relatives to come to pay their respects. The upkeep and care of the churchyard is the responsibility of the PCC under the auspices of Church of England. Steve Jennings oversees the volunteers who maintain the churchyard and is desperately in need of more help, email details below. It is with the safety of the volunteers, visitors and the wildlife that we have rules set by the diocese governing the churchyard, respect our churchyard and others by following the rules, please.

**URGENT REQUEST**  
**Volunteers Needed**  
**Grass Cutting at Aldham Church**

We are currently seeking additional volunteers to help maintain the church grounds in Aldham.

**What's involved?**

- Joining a rota for one month during the growing season
- Cutting either the front or back half of the church grounds
- 2-3 sessions per month
- Approximately 1 hour per visit

**No experience? No problem.**  
 Full instruction will be provided on how to fill and operate the motor mower if needed.

**Can you help?**  
 Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Please get in touch via email:  
 Peter Vestey - vestey1321@gmail.com  
 Steve Jennings - shk.jennings@gmail.com

**Aldham PCC**  
 Thank you for helping care for our church grounds.

**Messy Church**

**When: Saturday 18th July 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**

## New Church Noticeboard

Our new noticeboard may be in place by the time this newsletter has been delivered. The noticeboard has been funded by the Colchester Deanery Mission Fund and the Friends of Aldham Church. It was designed and erected by Trevor Scott. It is a third larger than the old board and facing the street where it is much easier to read. We are very grateful to our generous donors and Trevor's hard work. If you would like to help raise funds for your church please consider joining the Friends, just a yearly subscription of £15 and no strings attached because without the Friends we would not be able to maintain your beautiful church and church yard.