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ALDHAM

JULY/AUGUST 2010

'GOD SPEAKS' Holiday Club 2010

St Andrew's will be running their Holiday Club on 22 and 23 July for 5 - 11 year olds and they invite Aldham children to join them. From 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. Registration is essential for this very popular club. To obtain a booking form for your child/children contact Jean North 01206 212408.

IAN SCOTT-THOMPSON WRITES

Dear Friends

Imagine for a moment that you work for a large organisation: well, perhaps you do anyway, so it may not be too difficult to imagine! Imagine that you are not very high up: you know colleagues and a few managers, but not many people in other divisions, let alone the foreign subsidiaries in other countries. Your work is technically good, quite satisfying in its own way, but you'd never describe it as changing the world. You have annual reviews, which always make you nervous beforehand. What on earth do colleagues think of you? Might you get the sack for something? If they wanted, they could probably put in a bad report on you, and mess things up for you big-time. You're aware that not everybody likes you (well, that's not unusual!), but each year you seem to come out OK and muddle on.

Then, one day you have a chance encounter on the train, and you find yourself talking to a gent who seems genuinely interested in you, and seems to understand your organisation and the way you think. After an hour, it gradually dawns on you that the person opposite you is actually the Big Man, the person at the top of the whole organisation. You've discovered that he actually lives in your village, and that you share a lot of interests. Over the next few days, as you reflect on that conversation, you smile to yourself. You just know that you share his values, you think the way he thinks, and that he's on your side too. If

you needed to, you could even call on him.

You go back to work with renewed drive and excitement. You are no longer so worried about the review coming up, or about what colleagues think of you. You find you don't even mind much whether you get promoted, or a salary increase. Those worries, which gnawed away at you for weeks beforehand, seem to have faded in your mind. Now it seems more important to do your work well, as the Boss would want. Once or twice, friends say you seem to have gained in confidence: you are more capable and even creative at your work. Thinking about it, you know exactly why that is. You know Him, that's all; but it is also everything.

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning:

July Mrs d'Angibau Mrs Ashton
August Mrs Robey Miss Raven

Flowers:

Jul 4, 11 Mrs Ashton
Jul 18, 25 Mrs Koczian
Jul 31 WEDDING
Aug 7, 15 WEDDING
Aug 22, 29 Miss A. Green
Miss V. Green

Churchyard:

July Martyn Drain; Peter Vestey
August Mike Chapman; John
Ashton

ST. HELENA HOSPICE

The Open Garden at Old Hill House on 30 May raised £400 for general hospice funds, and £431.35 from the sale of Plants for Hospice Garden Funds. Many thanks to all who came and those who helped to make it run smoothly.

Angela d'Angibau

A HALF DAY AWAY

At the beginning of the interregnum, when preparing the job spec for our new Rector (properly called the 'Profile') we spent quite some time trying to answer the question: "Where does Aldham go from here?"

Now that we have our new Rector, Ian, he wishes to give the whole church an opportunity to think again about this important question. It was agreed at the PCC to set aside Saturday morning, 9 October from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm to air and share views on this. Please put the date in your diary now. Mid-morning drinks will be provided.

DIARY DATES

7 Jul 7.30 pm Home Group in the Tower Room
17 Jul 10.00 am to 4.30 pm All Day Bric-a-brac sale in the village hall.
19 Jul Open Gardens follow-up meeting at 7.30 pm Tile House
21 Jul 7.30 pm Home Group at Rosedale
24 Jul Another Church Walk
18 Aug 7.30 pm AAW meeting at Bridge House
2 Sep 10.00 am In the Church - the first 'Thursday at Ten'
2 Oct 10.00 am Chelmsford Anglican Bible Conference at Chelmsford Baptist Church.
9 Oct 9.00 am to 1.00 pm 'Half Day Away' to air and share your thoughts.

AUGUST BOOK EXCHANGE

There will be a wedding in the church on 7 August at 1.30 pm. It has been agreed with the wedding party that we will have a short book exchange on this Saturday and be packed up by 11.30 pm. There will be fewer book on offer than usual in the limited space because of pew side flowers etc. So please come early! It starts at 10.00 am and clearing away will begin at 11.00 am.

Ken Thompson

POTHOLES

After many years, Anne Fulcher has handed over the responsibility for reporting Aldham's potholes to Peter Vestey, 15 Hines Close (01206 210 924). Many thanks to Anne. Good luck to Peter!

WHO'S WHO

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CYO

Christian Youth Outreach is the major home mission that Aldham Church supports. It works with young people in Colchester, mainly through schools where it has been welcomed for taking assemblies, lessons, lunchtime and after-school groups, pastoral support and many other activities.

Tim Abbott, who heads up CYO hasn't visited us for some time, but he is coming to Aldham Church on Sunday, 19 September to bring us right up to date with their work and plans for the future.

You may have seen a banner announcing a Flower Festival at **St Leonards, Lexden** on 29 to 31 May. This was in aid of CYO for which it raised about £4,000.

Iain MacCallum

THURSDAY AT TEN

At the PCC, Ian said he would like to start a mid week informal service, based on Common Worship and including bible reading with discussion and prayer. The PCC agreed, and as a trial, this will be weekly at 10.00 am, starting on Thursday 2 September.

OPEN GARDENS DAY 13 JUNE

Perfect weather, 500 and more visitors, very nearly £4,400 profit and a beautiful service of Choral Evensong to end the day - that was Open Gardens Day 2010. But that was not the whole story. There was also a wonderfully happy atmosphere and a real 'buzz' of enjoyment and cooperation which was ample reward for all the hard work put into the day by so many folk.

Thank you to everyone! Work on the spire should now be able to take place in September.

Anyone who was involved with Open Gardens is welcome to come to the follow-up meeting at 7.30 pm on 19 July at Tile House.

Jennifer MacCallum (571070)

SPONSORED 'RIDE & STRIDE'

Saturday 11 September

This annual fund-raiser for the Friends of Essex Churches Trust provides for repairs to Essex churches and chapels. It relies on riders, walkers and their sponsors who are invited to base their response on the number of churches visited. Half the proceeds go to the Friends and half come back to the rider's church. Aldham has benefited several times from grants for repair: they gave us £8,000 towards the repair of internal cracks in 2008, and hopefully they will make a contribution to the cost of repairing the spire.. Please support this event as generously as you can.

Angela Green

W.I.

The next meeting will be on 15 July at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall, Frances Boardman will be speaking on the history of make-up. The following meeting will be at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall on 19 August, when a representative from Wilkin & Son will be telling us about the history of jam.

Jean Jennings

BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD

Bishop Stephen Cottrell, who has been named the next Bishop of Chelmsford, will be confirmed in office at a ceremony in London on 2 September, when he legally becomes the bishop.

He will be permitted to start with the Diocese of Chelmsford once he has been welcomed by Her Majesty The Queen.

He can then be installed in Chelmsford Cathedral and begin his public ministry at a date yet to be announced.

**Deadline for September Newsletter
22 August
To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove**

LOCAL TRADERS

Ever since I took over the Newsletter from Brian Snelling, and for quite some time before, Levett and Ward have had an advert or a Trader Line in the newsletter. When I heard that they had stopped trading, I felt quite sad, for they had a very good reputation in the area and were always willing to help the technically challenged to get a good picture. We wish them a good retirement.

Coming in on the back page for the first time is another local icon of long standing, John Austin, the independent VW and Audi service agent, located on the Marks Tey roundabout. He has now extended his services to include all makes of cars.

Please note that builder, Ottley & Whitehouse has a new telephone number.

ALDHAM VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

If you read your "Grapevine" magazine, you would have seen an article from me on behalf of the Fund Raising Committee, updating you all on the amount of money we have raised for the new Village Hall over the past two and a half years.

My article included a plea for more volunteers to either come onto the Fund Raising Committee or help to organise an event - we have a long list of ideas. I hope you will all take note of the remarks made regarding the future of the village hall. Without your help which is **URGENTLY NEEDED, IN FIVE YEARS TIME THERE WILL BE NO VILLAGE HALL.**

Meantime, please make a note in your diaries. All Day Bric-a-brac sale in the Village Hall Saturday 17 July, 10.00 am to 4.30 pm. Entrance 50p for adults, children free. Refreshments will be available throughout the day. Many bargains at cheap prices. All stock must go!!

Anne Fulcher

ALDHAM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ...

... are looking for a new cleaner for the Village Hall following the resignation of our cleaner earlier this year. At the moment, volunteers from the Management and Fund Raising Committees are cleaning the hall.

There is no heavy lifting involved. 2 hours per week. Cleaning of the main hall, committee room, toilets, hall and kitchen. All equipment provided. If you are interested, please contact Ray Pratt on 240682 or Jackie Daines on 242538 for more information. The work can be done on either a Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning to suit the successful applicant. This position is open to male or female applicants.

SPRING HARVEST

At the PCC on 21 June, the possibility of a group going to Spring Harvest was raised. This is a Christian Conference which takes place in April at Skegness. It's for people of all ages and church backgrounds and features inspirational Bible teaching, seminars, and lively worship. Richard and Lindsay Gough went this year, and Anne Matthews and the MacCallums went a few years back. Marks Tey usually go as a church group. The accommodation, in various grades, is provided by Butlins. The 'gold apartment' is of a high standard. There are full details on the website

<http://www.springharvest.org/>

The theme of the teaching in 2011 is the Bible itself! The prospectus says:

In 2011, the 400th anniversary of the 'Authorised Version', we'll find out just why the Bible is the most contemporary collection of stories in any time and place.

The 'week' that Rector Ian and Marks Tey are thinking about is 9 - 14 April 2011.

If anyone is interested in Spring Harvest in 2011, please contact Ian or talk it over with one of those who have already been.

BANNATYNE ALMSHOUSES UPDATE

The front paths and the back of the Bannatyne Cottages has been made much nicer for the residents and the neighbours.

We now need to decide the most appropriate use of the areas of garden at the back of the Bannatyne Cottages which are surplus to the requirements of some of the current residents.

One idea which has been discussed is to create some allotments. This would require the organisation of allotment agreements, paths, fences, and water supplies.

Please let one of the trustees know if you are willing to organise these, or would be interested in an allotment (unless you have already expressed an interest), or have any other ideas for the benefit of the community.

Lee Bartrip, Sally Green, Tom Holme, Pippa Holme, Adam Scott, Ruth Wheeler

FREEDOM

Some years ago there was a Marxist orator at Speakers' Corner in London's Hyde Park, who gave long speeches on how Marxism would liberate the masses of Britain.

'When you get freedom (by which he meant a Marxist government), you will be able to drive cars like that', he said, pointing to an impressive Mercedes cornering Marble Arch.

'I prefer my bike', shouted a heckler.

'When you get freedom', continued the Marxist, 'you'll be able to smoke cigars like that', pointing to an opulent gentleman with a Havana cigar.

'I prefer my fag', retorted the same heckler, as he blew cigarette smoke towards the speaker. And so it went on until the Marxist could bear his tormentor no longer:

'When we get freedom', he said, turning to the heckler, 'you'll do as you're told!'

CHILDREN IN CHURCH

Children of all ages are welcome at Aldham Church at all Sunday Services.

Ever since the Tower Room became available, it has been possible for a parent, who might otherwise feel uncomfortable in the body of the church, to take a young child up to the room where toys are available, and be able to listen to the service on the extension speaker. This facility is available whether Junior Church is operating or not.

Children aged 3 to 11 are catered for by Junior Church on most 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays. Children at Junior Church can keep an eye on their parents through the glass screen! All our teachers are CRB checked.

On the first Sunday of the month, our All-Age Worship service is intended to have something for all ages from 3 to 101.

Junior Church team

WEDDINGS

There will be two summer weddings in Aldham Church. We wish the couples every blessing on their special day.

Saturday 31 July 2010

Diane Broderick and Mark Adam Baxter.. Diane is the granddaughter of Dr and Mrs Brady who lived at Bridge House, Ford Street.

Saturday 7 August 2010

Sara Byford and James Rees. Sarah is the daughter of Neil and Wendy Byford of Tile House, Aldham.



Thanks to *The Times*

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to all our services.



Worship at Marks Tey

<i>1st Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Morning Worship
<i>2nd Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Morning Worship
<i>3rd Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Holy Communion
<i>4th Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Morning Worship
<i>5th Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Morning Worship

4 Jul	9.15 am	ALL-AGE WORSHIP
11 Jul	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
18 Jul	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
25 Jul	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
1 Aug	9.15 am	ALL-AGE WORSHIP
8 Aug	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
15 Aug	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP
22 Aug	9.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
29 Aug	9.15 am	MORNING WORSHIP

JUNIOR CHURCH - 11 July then 12 September

CRECHE facilities in Tower Room every Sunday



*Fairly traded Coffee is served after all
9.15 am Sunday Services.*

**Without faith it is
impossible to please God,
because anyone who comes
to him must believe that he
exists and that he rewards
those who earnestly seek
him.**

Hebrews ch. 11 v. 6

Please support your local traders

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