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# ALDHAM

## June 2010



### OPEN GARDENS Sunday 13 June

Please give the enclosed  
leaflet to a friend.

**THE ALDHAM OPEN GARDENS DAY**  
**SUNDAY 13 JUNE 2010**  
 11.00 am - 5.30 pm  
 Annual 20 Garden, most open from 11.00 am  
**FREE ENTRY** - Free admission for all  
 OPEN TO ALL AGES AND ABILITIES  
 CIRCULAR TASTING  
 IN THE CHURCH AND LAMBERTS GARDENS  
 EXTENSION with the longest stages of 1.30 pm  
 and in various gardens.  
 Refreshments from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm  
 and in various gardens.  
 BANGLEDAY PRIZES: 1000 to 1000000  
 STAFF: 1000000 to 1000000000  
 THE ALDHAM CHURCH FUND  
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Athens in Acts 17 about “The God who made the world and everything in it,” because Nature is something we all know about. We see beauty, harmony, creativity, generosity; but also sadness, pain, decay and death. These tell us something about the God who made the world; but the message is general, and open to interpretation.

### Jesus the Son

The Bible tells us about God in a much more specific way, through his dealings with people. In particular, the Gospel stories tell us about Jesus of Nazareth, and the way in which his friends and family gradually realised that this was no ordinary man. It took them time to grasp it, because their tradition forbade anybody even to speak God’s name, let alone claim to be divine; but eventually they accepted that, as Jesus put it, “I and the Father are one.” This was the astonishing message of

### IAN SCOTT-THOMPSON WRITES

Dear Friends

Sunday 30 May is Trinity Sunday, the day when we celebrate the nature of God as three Persons in one God. What’s that all about? For many people, Trinity Sunday typifies the mind-boggling aspects of Christian faith, like one of those Sudoku puzzles that just won’t add up. Do we have three gods, or one? Why do we have to make it so complicated? Couldn’t we just keep it simple?

People say the same to me about finding directions around here, especially if you have to cross the A12! Why can’t it be simple? The reason is because you can only simplify the map so far: things are where they are, and directions have to deal with the reality on the ground.

God is like that, too. We didn’t invent him, and we can’t make it all simpler just on a whim. We can improve the ‘map’ a certain amount, but we also have to be true to the way things are.

### Revelation

“But Rector, isn’t that arrogant, to think you have the truth?” Well, it would be arrogant if the claim was based on my hard work or intelligence. But in fact it’s based on God rather than me. He has revealed himself, his nature and character, in the pages of Scripture. If anything, the arrogance is shown when we reject what he has revealed: when we decide we know better.

So, how has God revealed himself? First, in Creation: Genesis, John’s Gospel and Hebrews all start with God’s revelation of himself in Nature. St Paul tells the people of

the early Christians, "Jesus is Lord." To Jews, until that point only God was Lord. To Greeks and Romans, Caesar was Lord. Now Jesus begins to win over the Roman Empire with love rather than force of arms; now the Son takes his place alongside the Father, as the second person of the Trinity.

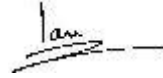
### Holy Spirit

Trinity Sunday falls one week after Pentecost (Whitsun), when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. It was this astonishing Pentecost event that really set them thinking, because Jesus promised that he would not leave them alone, but he would send them another similar Counsellor, the Holy Spirit. Again, it took them a long time to process the idea, but the early Christians after Pentecost realised that the Holy Spirit who filled them with such boldness and love was God's own Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. Whereas Jesus' character was plain to all who knew him, the Spirit was self-effacing and less obvious. Nevertheless, he shares the nature and qualities of God, his love, peace, generosity and so on.

### Pictures

How can we understand this? One God in three Persons? Christians have used various analogies down the centuries, from the three-leaf clover or trefoil to Three-In-One oil. I find water helpful, existing as ice, liquid water or steam: all three are the same 'stuff', they share the same atoms, but we feel them differently. So the Father, the Son and the Spirit are three distinct Persons, but all share the same nature. They are all 'God'. We will never fully grasp all this because God will al-

ways be beyond our human comprehension; but we can accept it, and praise God for who he is, and keep trying to understand more



### CHURCH ROTAS

*Cleaning:* Mrs Smith Mrs Thompson

*Flowers:*

May 30, Jun 6 Mrs Orpen

Jun 13,20 OPEN GARDENS

Mrs Lenton

Jun 27 Mrs Ashton

*Churchyard:* Roger Coppen &  
Bob Wheeler

### DIARY DATES

30 May Old Hill House Garden open

5 Jun 10.00 am Book Exchange

13 Jun Aldham Open Gardens Day

21 Jun 7.30 pm PCC at Old Rectory

### W.I.

**Wendy Byford** has kindly invited us to use her garden at Tile House for our meeting on 17 June at 7.45 pm. There will be a variety of games to try, or you can walk round the garden and contribute to our W.I. triathlon challenge. If it rains, we will meet in the village hall.

A tour of Hylands house has been arranged for Monday 14 June at 2.00 pm. if you would like to attend, please contact me on 01206 211408. *Jean Jennings*

### BIG SKIPS

The next collection is on Saturday 26 June, Hardings Close garage area from 8.00 am to 9.15 am. Please keep garden waste separate.

### WHO'S WHO

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## OPEN GARDENS DAY 13 JUNE

The following will be very glad of help.

Cakes, jams and produce to **Deanna Thompson** 20 Hines Close (210809) and **Ronelle Venter** Threshers (242153).

Cake for teas to **Carole Ashton** Bridge House (240319), **Wendy Byford** Tile House (240425), **Sarah Drain** Green Farm House (212342) and **Wendy Doncaster** (210996).

Plants of all shapes and sizes to **Judith Vestey** 15 Hines Close (210924)

Thank you in anticipation of your help yet again.

*Jennifer MacCallum (571070)*

## RIDE AND STRIDE IN AID OF FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES (FOEC)

is on **11 September** this year. If you are planning to ride or walk, please keep this day free. Remember, half of what you collect comes straight back to Aldham Church Fabric Fund. If your employer has a *Matched Giving Scheme*, this can double the funds you raise!

FOEC have been helping churches to maintain their fabric since 1951. We have been a major supporter for most of that time. We have also benefited on occasions when we have had major fabric repairs.

This year FOEC have introduced *Online Just Giving*, a scheme already familiar to younger generations, so sponsorship money does not have to be collected in person. If you or your sponsors choose to give by this method, please direct them to [www.foect.org.uk](http://www.foect.org.uk). **Make sure that they mention ALDHAM CHURCH in the "personal message box".**

## GLIDING

Thanks to Dick and Barney Skinner for arranging the brilliant afternoon at which 17 members of the church and their families took to the skies. Dick has been asked to organise a repeat next year to enable the chickens to have flights. The afternoon raised over £200 for the church fabric.

## CHURCH KEY

**One of the large cast-iron church keys has gone AWOL! If you, or one of yours, has borrowed a key in recent months, could you check your cars' glove boxes, tool boxes, garages, kitchen drawers, etc. Hint: It won't be on your key-ring!**

*Iain MacCallum*

## GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER

Stadium Global Day of Prayer Event 13 June at 2.00 pm at West Ham United Football Stadium Upton Park. We are at a crossroads in our national life and this public prayer event will be an opportunity to pray with and for our new political leaders. We shall be focussing prayers on youth unemployment, the effects of the recession and the root causes of gun and knife crime. Please find further details on [www.gdoplondon.com](http://www.gdoplondon.com).

*Rt Rev David Hawkins, Chairman*

## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

The Colchester Fundraising Group is inviting people to join them to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. They meet for about 2 hours each month in Coggeshall to plan their calendar of events. For more information, call 01245 345280 or email [lcrowe@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:lcrowe@macmillan.org.uk).

## BLUEBELLS

Considering the bluebells were not really very blue, the weekend of 24, 25 April attracted a good number of visitors and raised £330 for the Hall Rebuild Fund.

**Deadline for Jul/Aug Newsletter**

**22 June**

**To: Iain MacCallum or  
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove**

**WORSHIP THIS MONTH AT ALDHAM**

*You are warmly invited to all our services.*

30 May 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP

6 Jun 9.15 am ALL-AGE WORSHIP

13 Jun OPEN GARDENS DAY  
6.30 pm CHORAL EVENSONG  
with the Vesper Singers

20 Jun 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP

27 Jun 9.15 am HOLY COMMUNION

*JUNIOR CHURCH 3rd and 4th Sundays in June*

*CRECHE facilities in Tower Room every Sunday*



*Fairly traded Coffee is served after all  
9.15 am Sunday 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  
11.00 am Morning Worship

**And what does the  
LORD require of you?  
To act justly and to  
love mercy  
and to walk humbly  
with your God.**

*Micah ch. 6 v. 8*

**Please support your local traders**

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ROOFING SERVICES	Daniel Wicks, 4 Honywood Close, Marks Tey	01206 212032
TELEVISION & HI-FI	Levett & Ward, 227 London Rd., Stanway	01206 210844
TREE SURGEON	Tony Smith, 17 Partridge Drive, Fordham	01206 241812
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