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LETTER FROM MARKS TEY

Amongst my mother's most treasured items were a series of professionally taken photographs of her and me as a baby 'on the day the old King died'. The vast majority of us have never known any other sovereign other than Queen Elizabeth II. One whose life has been so remarkable that the like of which is probably never to be seen again.

The most renowned characteristic is that of service. In a radio broadcast on her 21st birthday she said: 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service. But I shall not have this strength alone in it unless you join in it with me. God help me to make good my vow.'

In her first Christmas broadcast as Queen in 1952 she re-emphasised her dedication: 'At my Coronation next June I shall dedicate myself anew to your service... Pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making and that I may faithfully serve him and you, all the days of my life.'

In preparation for her Coronation, the then Archbishop of Canterbury gave the Queen a small book he had specially written for her of short daily meditations, Bible Readings and prayers which included 'I have not chosen this office for myself: he had appointed me to it, and

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*PLATINUM JUBILEE
CELEBRATION*

Thursday, 2 June 2022

2.30 pm

**Thanksgiving Service
in the Church**

followed by

3.15 pm

**Strawberry Tea in the
Churchyard**

Gazebo provided!

Everyone welcome!

because he leads I may follow in complete trust'.

On numerous occasions the Queen has said that her faith has been her strength and an anchor in her life. The life of Jesus has been her role model for reconciliation and forgiving, and has taught her to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none.

It is right that our nation celebrates and

We exist to honour God and to enable people in our community discover Jesus

gives thanks for Queen Elizabeth's long reign and for all the numerous blessings her selfless service has brought to the character of our nation and many areas of the world. Do come and join us in Aldham for the Celebrations on June 2: a brief Service of Thanksgiving at 2.30 pm followed by Strawberry Tea at 3.15 pm.

Andrew Waters, Churchwarden

BOOK EXCHANGE

Our next book exchange is on 4 June, the first Saturday of June, 10.00 am till 12.00. We are now able to offer some refreshments.

Ken Thompson

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning:

June Barbara and Keith Rush

Flowers:

May 39, June 5 Julie Orpen

June 12,19,26 Lindsay Gough

Churchyard: Arran Innard

Peter Vestey

DIARY DATES

June 2 Platinum Jubilee tea

June 4 10.00 am Book Exchange

June 8 7.30 pm PCC in the church

June 23 Archdeacon's visitation
(churchwardens only)

June 29 Licensing of Revd Ian Scott-
Thompson at Great Tey

WORSHIP IN CHURCH

Your Church is open for worship on Sundays, with precautions. Of course, please don't come to church if you have tested positive or have Covid symptoms.

Ian Scott-Thompson

JESUS' LETTERS TO THE CHURCHES

During May and June, in Morning Worship, we are looking at the Letters to the Seven Churches in the Bible's famous Book of Revelation. It's the last book in our Bibles, and features a vision of Jesus, risen from the dead, giving a message to Christians living under persecution in ancient Turkey. Our culture may be different, but each message has important things to say to us, today! The series concludes this month with the letters to Laodicea and Smyrna.

OPEN CHURCH

Continues every Tuesday from 10.00 to 11.30 am, when Coffee and Cake will be available. As it always has been, Open Church is for all the village. The church is also open on Thursdays for private prayer.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Baptisms, weddings and funerals can happen again now, with sensible precautions. You don't need to be a regular Sunday worshipper. We are your church – please ask, and we'll do our best for you!

W.I.

The next meeting of W.I. will be on Thursday 16 June, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. A representative from the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance will be telling us about their work. Visitors are always welcome.

Jean Jennings

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THE QUEEN'S PLATINIUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The beefburgers and sausages are on order from Wilshires. We are getting ready to fire the BBQ, and put up the flags and bunting for 4 June at the Village Hall. We are all praying for fine weather and the celebration will start at 12.00pm. Live music during the afternoon, games for the children, fancy dress with prizes - now all we need is your support. We do hope we can fill the village hall car park with lots and lots of people. The Social Club bar is also open from 12.00pm.

We also need lots of residents to come along to the evening celebrations too. Eat (you can bring your own nibbles), drink (the Social Club Bar will be serving drinks all evening) and dance the night away to our live band "Durango". Should be lots of fun.

We all look forward to seeing as many as possible on this Special Day.

Anne Fulcher, Village Hall Management

MARGARET (MAGS) CONSTABLE

Mags Constable of 26 Hines Close died on Easter Sunday, 17 April after a long period of illness. Her funeral is on 17 June in Newport, South Wales.

Because she had been a regular worshipper at Aldham, and a friend of many, there will be a Thanksgiving as part of our normal Communion Service at 9.15 am on 26 June.

ADDED ROLE FOR THE RECTOR

Ian Scott- Thompson is currently Rector for the parishes of Aldham and Marks Tey and on 29 June he will be licensed to also be the rector of the adjoining Benefice, the parishes of Great Tey, Little Tey, Wakes Colne and Chappel. Our neighbouring Churches have been without a Rector since the retirement of the Revd John Richardson two years ago.

CHURCH HEATING

For a few years, Ken Thompson has been thinking about Aldham Church's Carbon Footprint. The General Synod of the Church of England has voted to aim at achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions for its operations by 2030, strengthening an original proposal to reach that target by 2045.

Most of our greenhouse gas emissions come from the oil boiler. After that, there is the electricity we use. By paying more for electricity we could use only the power from renewable sources such as wind power and solar power. We haven't gone down that road yet.

Ken has looked in detail at Solar Panels on the south face of the nave where they would be effectively hidden by the roof of the South Aisle. There could be structural problems but we think an architect should be able to resolve these. However, the main problem with Solar Panels is that the income you get for the electricity you put back into the National Grid is very low unless you are using the electricity when the sun is shining! Solar Panels may be a winner for your house, but probably not for a low occupancy building such as our church.

Which takes us back to heating. Our present boiler and hot water pipes do a reasonable job. The question is, could we replace the oil boiler and retain the pipework, or do we go for under pew heating, powered by electricity.

Loughton Methodist Church (in Essex) has installed a Ground Sourced Heat Pump to warm the church. It uses only electricity but installation in our church would be likely to be expensive (even with a government grant).

Deadline for July/August Newsletter

22 June

To: Iain MacCallum or
Jane Smith, 7 Church Grove

WORSHIP AT ALDHAM

You are warmly invited to our services.



**5 June 9.15 am PENTECOST
MORNING WORSHIP**

**12 June 9.15 am TRINITY SUNDAY
MORNING WORSHIP**

19 June 9.15 am MORNING WORSHIP

26 June 9.15 am HOLY COMMUNION
*and Thanksgiving for the
life of Megs Constable*



*Refreshments are now being 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 11.00 am Morning Worship

Repent!

**Here I am! I stand at the door
and knock. If anyone hears
my voice and opens the door,
I will come in and eat with
him, and he with me.**

Revelation 3: 19,20

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