

# NEWSLETTER



 St Andrew's Church, Marks Tey

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Ian Scott-Thompson *writes...*

## Dear Friends,

September is the month when we expect the summer break is over, and normal service should resume. The trouble is, Covid is still out there and so we have to maintain some of the precautions of the summer. That's not easy. Some people want to be brave about it all – *'doesn't worry me!'* Others are frankly terrified of the risk – *'I would certainly not survive catching Covid.'* Some are outraged at other people's attitudes and it has not made relationships easier. On the other hand, we have seen good qualities of bravery and community care emerge.

An article recently spoke of doctors experiencing *'Moral Injury'*, when they have to participate in something against their principles. Perhaps they have to forbid families to visit or choose who gets limited resources. I found this a fascinating phrase! It is subtly different to PTSD, which usually involves stress in the heat of the moment. We can understand *'Physical Injury'*, due perhaps to a wound or Covid, *'Mental Injury'*, due to stroke or dementia and *'Emotional Injury'*, due to rejection or abuse. *'Moral Injury'* could occur in any marriage, team, or democracy, where we have to work with and live with a decision that we may not agree with.

Have you perhaps suffered *'Moral Injury'*? Maybe you were asked to do something at work, which was offensive or immoral or perhaps you wanted to be kind to someone, but were prevented? Have you been forced into immoral actions, against your better judgement? These things can leave scars on the conscience, not visible to others. Did Jesus suffer *'Moral Injury'*? No, I think he was always in control of his actions, perhaps this is close to what we mean by sin. But I think he did experience *'Spiritual Injury'*, when he was rejected by his own people the Jews, suffered on the Cross and was cut off from relationship with God the Father. If these injuries have happened to you, it must be good to acknowledge them, bring them before God and seek healing for yourself.

*Ian*

### Worship at St Andrew's Church, Church Lane, Marks Tey

During the present crisis, the Church of England has not been gathering together for public worship for months. However, we are able now to open for worship on Sundays at the usual times, but with Covid-safe precautions. Please follow health and safety notices.

Please also make full use of televised church services, websites, social media, smart speakers etc., which all offer worship in different forms. We are holding a morning service every Sunday on Zoom ([ask for details](#)).

It's also a good opportunity to read your Bible at home, pray, and phone a friend to encourage one another.



# NewWine

## *Local churches changing nations*

Instead of driving to Peterborough for the New Wine Christian conference, it was all online this year (of course - everything is, in 2020!) Best of all, the excellent talks are all available to watch for free anytime you want to!

Have a look at: <https://breaksout.new-wine.org/programme/> for the full list.

I can recommend especially [Gary Haugen](#), [Jill Duff 1](#), [2](#), and [3](#), and [Paul Harcourt](#) and [Justin Welby](#) but there's loads of good content to soak up.

Ian Scott-Thompson

## NEW HORIZONS

Thanks to the technical skills of Andrew Dance and his efforts on two Saturdays the Church now has broadband and the first streamed service via Zoom will take place on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. This will be followed by further explorations as to the scope and benefits available from this new facility.



'This summer the Messy Church team at St Andrew's Church, Marks Tey have put their first ever Messy Church Online.

We have not been able to meet since Messy Church on 15<sup>th</sup> February so have missed meeting and seeing everyone at Messy Church.'

Messy Church Online can be found at

<http://www.marksteychurch.org.uk/index.php/messy-church/>

## Coronavirus Volunteers in Marks Tey

The Parish Council are asking anyone who needs support during the Coronavirus crisis, or anyone who would like to volunteer, to contact Maureen Callen or Kate Evans. They have had a great response with lots of village volunteers and loads of people helped at least once and many multiple times. This is in addition to all the support people are already giving to friends and neighbours - which shows, once again, what a brilliant, caring community we live in. Thanks to all those kind and friendly people who are making a difference and if you know of anyone who needs help, please let us know!

Maureen Callen - 07928 810404 or

Kate Evans - 07850 695154

## Stanway Foodbank

There's now a Foodbank satellite open 11am to 1pm on Tuesdays in the Hall by St Albright's Church Stanway, organised by Revd Wendy Pagden (who was Curate in Marks Tey, and is now Pioneer Minister in Stanway)

<https://colchester.foodbank.org.uk/>

This month we will be praying for all who live and work in

**Motts Lane, Church Lane inc.  
The Rectory, Station Road inc.  
Old Rectory Court and The Laurels and North Lane**

and pray for those who feel lonely or separated from a loved one by circumstances beyond their control.

For further details/prayer

requests,

please contact:

Peter Strode on

**01206 212917**



## WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Weddings and funerals can still happen, but on a small scale and with careful hygiene. We are your church – please ask and we'll do our best for you!



Caterpillars Pre-School based at St Andrew's Church Hall formally restarted on June 15. They have restricted themselves to just 6 children per day and taken those preparing to move into main education in September.

In January the Pre-School received its third successive Ofsted Rating of outstanding and this included assessment on areas such as quality of education, behaviour, attitudes and personal development.

Subject to some normality there are places available in September. Email address:

[markstey@caterpillarspreschool.org](mailto:markstey@caterpillarspreschool.org)

or phone 07891 169883



## 1ST MARKS TEY & COPFORD SCOUT GROUP

Hello and welcome from 1st Marks Tey & Copford Scout Group. Sorry we haven't been reporting to the Parish recently but like everyone else things haven't been normal!!

During lockdown we have run several virtual meetings, via Zoom, to keep both our Leaders and Young People active. We have also recently been posting various videos and activities on our Members Only Facebook page.

Our Executive Committee has met recently and decided that we will not be returning to face-to-face meetings at the beginning of this term, whilst we consider risk assessments to ensure we are satisfied that all Members of our Scout Group can meet in a safe and welcoming environment.

We are hoping to re-commence Scouting for all sections at the beginning of this term virtually and will report back in future Newsletters in due course. We are hoping to be back in the Hall at the beginning of November, but this will be assessed during October and will only be considered once we are completely satisfied that it is safe to do so.

If you would like to know more about 1st Marks Tey & Copford Scout Group or would like to put your son or daughter on our waiting list (they are never too young to be added) then please visit our website [www.1stmarkstey.org](http://www.1stmarkstey.org) and complete the New Member Enquiry Form.



## St Andrew's Church of England Primary School

[www.st-andrewscofe.essex.sch.uk](http://www.st-andrewscofe.essex.sch.uk)

Over the last few months we have all been through some unprecedented and challenging times with most children unable to attend school since March. At St. Andrew's Primary school we were delighted to welcome back Early Years, Year 1 and Year 6 near the end of the summer term.

The Government has announced that all schools will re-open in September and we are looking forward to seeing all our pupils back at school so that they can continue with their educational journey. A huge amount of work and effort has gone into creating a safe working environment by the Headteacher and her team for the children and staff, where we have been following the latest guidance from the Department for Education and the County Council. All these measures will be under constant review and we will adapt very quickly to any changes that we are asked to make to the school.

Our thanks go to Mrs Berkeley and her dedicated team and we wish them all the best for a prosperous and successful 2020- 2021 academic year.



## Who's Who in the Church [www.marksteychurch.org.uk](http://www.marksteychurch.org.uk)

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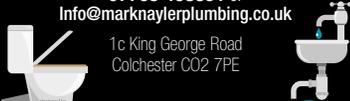
  
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