

f St Andrew's Church, Marks Tey

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Andrew Waters writes

Dear Friends,

We often talk about the changing seasons. Actually nature is always in a state of transition even if we don't see the wheat grains splitting open and new growth or the slowly fattening tree buds. The final farewells to lan and Jane's afternoon tea in the Church Hall on Saturday 26th October, is the end of an era, not a season.

The witness and work of the church continues. The Open the Book Team will continue engaging with the children at St Andrew's Primary School, a retired vicar is booked to officiate at communions through to March, the plans for the Christmas Crib and Carol Service are being finalised, Bishop Roger Morris and other clergy are being booked for several services in the New Year, the Reverend Anthony Bushell of Stanway is looking after the Internment of some ashes in the next few days, clergy are in place for Weddings in 2025.

As reported the building works on the Church building are going ahead as planned. On 16th November members of Aldham and Marks Tey Churches are having an away day at Assington Hall reflecting on how our churches might evolve to be better witnesses to the hope we have in Jesus and the giftings of the next Rector to meet this vision. A few days later there is a meeting with the Bishop, Archdeacons and representatives of lan's various Churches where we may learn more of the steps ahead. Following this will begin the work of preparing a profile of the post which will includes details on the characteristics of the village.

You will have read of the sycamore gap tree by Hadrians Wall famed for its inclusion in the film Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves and the outcry over its illegal felling and apparent death. You may have read that saplings have been raised from it which are going to be planted around the country. It has been pointed out to me the similarity with the Easter Story. The despair and anguish on Good Friday followed by the joy of new life on Easter Sunday.

Andrew Waters Churchwarden

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

You are very welcome to join us on a Sunday morning and afterwards to stay for a drink and refreshments.

Services

3rd November, 11am Morning Worship 10th November, 10:50am Remembrance Service 17th November, 11am Holy Communion with the Rev. John Chandler

24th November, 11am Morning Worship

1st December, 11am Morning Worship

The Church is always open so if you would like a time of quiet reflection or just to look around, do drop in.

Remembrance Sunday Service 10.50am

The Scout Group have accepted an invitation to be on Parade and obviously is open to all in the community. The service will commence around the War Memorial before moving inside. The address will be from former Officer Christopher Ley.

> Tea and refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards.

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

Cornwallis Drive, Kingsbury Close, Proctor Way and Steele Close

For further details/prayer requests, please contact us on:

prayer@marksteychurch.org.uk



Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals for your family can take place in St Andrew's Church. You don't need to be a regular Sunday worshipper. We are your church, Please ask and we'll do our best for you!



St Andrew's Church of England Primary School

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'Inspiring children to achieve their 'Personal Best within a Caring Christian community.'

One of the highlights this half term has certainly been our Art Project. This year, each class created art inspired by our Christian Vision 'Together we flourish, Together, we make a difference' and the artwork produced was of a really high standard. This was coordinated by our Art Lead Mrs Shirt and can be seen all around the school. Harvest Festival was also celebrated this half term and the generous donations from the community were all gratefully received by Colchester Food-bank. We have been pleased to welcome Caterpillars Pre-school on to our site since September and it has been wonderful working alongside them so far. I am looking forward to working with them more closely as the year progresses. FOSTAPS (our PTA) are continuing to run successful events and the funds they raise have a real impact on the children of St Andrew's. The Summer Fair raised £2050 and the recent Quiz night raised close to £700. Thank you to all members and to the community for supporting these events. Already this year they are putting close to £7 per child towards our whole school trip to the Pantomime at the Mercury Theatre. With this in mind, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cash pot. If any members of the community shop in Asda and would be kind enough to select us as their chosen school, this would be very much appreciated.

Finally, this half term we have also launched a new website (https://www.st-andrews.academy/welcome) which showcases the education

and personal development we offer, why not click on the link and take a look.

Best wishes

Head of School Mr. Keith Birbeck

St. Andrew's C of E Primary School



Community Library and Café



Next one is Saturday 2nd November

In the large hall at the Parish Hall Marks Tey **10am to 12:30pm**.



The last one for 2024 is 7th December.

If you are a crafter and would like to have a table at either the November or December Community Library or both, then please let me know. We don't make a charge but just ask for a donation to Community Funds. It's always good to have home-made crafts for people to buy for Christmas.

Come and have a look at the wonderful selection of books we have for you to borrow. We have over 2000 books, fiction and non-fiction across all genres and a very big children's section for all ages, with a craft table for them too. If you have a favourite author then we may have more books of theirs in our stock cupboards as we can't put them all out on the bookcases at once, so please ask. There isn't any fee to join and you can borrow up to 4 books per person for a month and renew them if you haven't guite finished reading them. Natalie Wardrop will be there with her Utility Warehouse stand. Have a word with her as she can possibly help you to save on your monthly bills for your gas and Electricity, Broadband, Mobile and Boiler Insurance, Worth a chat. Jo Golby will also have her craft table and she has been making a lot more crafts as Christmas is now on the horizon, Worth a look. We always have a lot of jigsaws to buy at £2 if you like doing them. Come down to the Parish Hall on November 2nd and see what it is all about. Borrow a great book, have a coffee/tea, cake and chat. It is a good place to catch up with people you may not have seen for a while and have a chat over a drink and great home-made cakes.

Look forward to seeing you. Yvonne 07709064599

The Young at Heart group for the over 50's living in the Marks

Tey area meets on the second Wednesday of the month from

2pm to 4pm. In October Ian and Jane Scott-Thompson talked about their move and what's happening with the Church then

Allan Walker and John Wood gave a presentation on potential

changes in Marks Tey with the Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Plan. Our next meeting is 2pm on 13th November. Come and join us at the Parish Hall, Old London Road for

tea, coffee, home made cake and a chat.

All welcome.



Heart

IAN AND JANE FINAL SERVICE AT MARKS TEY

We said goodbye as a congregation to lan and Jane on October 20^{th} and to thank them for the service they have given us for the past fourteen and a half years. They will be a hard act to follow. We wished them every blessing for their retirement and the move to their new home in Hampshire. May they find peace and rest and enjoyment in all that they do now. We presented them with a replica of the church as a 3D bird box, a

picture of St Andrew's and a voucher from Dunelm which they can spend at their leisure.

God bless you both.
From all your congregation at St Andrew's



Church Tower Project

We are please to report the work on the Tower will commence in December with the work scheduled to be completed by the end of April. Whilst in November our electrical contractors will be installing lower energy lighting inside and outside of the Church buildings.



It is probable that training in recording oral histories will be undertaken in November and the first recordings of memories about the village. The slow process of scanning thousands of pages of documents and photographs continues. If you might be interested in participating or helping in any way contact Andrew Waters 07774 709989.

Thanks again Andrew

A VERY BIG THANK YOU WE RAISED £335 for MacMillan COFFEE

at the Community Library and café and Young at Heart in October. We had a great time at the Library as the photos show.















CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday December 15th 2.00 to 5.00

Disco, Food, and a visit from Santa, with a present for every child!

Tickets £5 each, under 2's free



For tickets phone Mo 07928 810404

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AN EDITOR FOR THE ST ANDREW'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

Our editor Graham Stein has decided to retire after 6 years of creating excellent newsletters. He will be looking after the November and the December/January issues. So, we are looking for someone to take over this role so that we can continue to produce a monthly newsletter for the Parish from St Andrew's church with all the news and events that are going on within the Parish. The role is basically positioning submitted material in an attractive way. Andrew Waters reminds and chases our regular contributors and Yvonne Norman looks after the advertising and billing. Graham has offered to make available all his templates and advice. "I use an Apple Mac and the programme is Pages, the equivalent to Word on Windows Microsoft. The vast majority of the artwork/Logos/pictures are Tiff or Jpeg and some eps so they should be able to be imported into Word. I will put everything onto a USB Flash drive. Whoever takes over the role of Editor they can contact me if they need help, until they settle into the swing of it."

If you want to know more as to how to put the Newsletter together, email Graham graencs@icloud.com. Or if you would like to know more about the role please

contact Andrew Waters copford43@gmail.com.

Colchester Early Music



Colchester Early Music return to St Andrews Church Marks Tey on 10th November 2.30-3.30pm with something a bit different. Local professional violinist Jorge Jimenez brings us his solo arrangements of Bach's Goldberg Variations. Then on 24th November "Sepia Dragon" – Belinda Paul and Louise Strickland will bring us A Shepherd in the Drawing Room – A chance to hear the unusual combination of 17th century French bagpipes and chalumeau (early clarinet) playing music from the court and the countryside. We want to bring our music to as many people as possible and so, as well as tickets for accompanied under-18s being free of charge, Adults have a structured "pay as you feel" system where tickets are either full price at £12 or concessions at £8, with concessions being available to anyone who wants them, no questions asked. We also run a loyalty scheme where you can present the ticket from any concert in the series to claim a £1 on the next one you attend. There will be more coming up throughout the winter.

Please keep an eye on <u>www.colchesterearlymusic.org.uk</u> or the Colchester Early Music facebook page for details.

North Norfolk Railway Lights Express **SOLD OUT**

Thursday, 28th November 12:00 noon to 9:30pm.

A group, mainly from Young at Heart, will be travelling to Sherringham by coach to catch the 5pm steam train to Holt and back. There will be lights, music and festive scenes.

To avoid being scammed please do not be tempted to buy tickets directly through Facebook. Should we get any cancellations tickets will be advertised via the Marks Tey Parish Council and Parish Halls Facebook sites.



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