

NEWSLETTER



St Andrew's Church, Marks Tey

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Tower Project - Hard Hat Tours

When we are further into the project we are hoping to arrange with the contractors an opportunity for some hard hat tours. Numbers will be limited so if you are interested drop me an email copford43@gmail.com

Worship Services 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.

2nd February, 11.00am Morning Worship

9th February, 11.00am Morning Worship

9th February, 3.00pm Memorial Service

16th February, 11.00am Holy Communion

23rd February, 11.00am Morning Worship

2nd March, 11.00am 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.

Colchester Early Music

Glorious Early music at St Andrew's Church, Marks Tey

2nd February 2.30-3.30pm: Blondel, "Cover Story"



With their signature trios of shawms, bagpipes and recorders, Colchester Early Music regulars Blondel trace connections between pieces and demonstrate the evolution of melodies as they were repeatedly copied, rearranged and disseminated across Europe. Includes works by Machaut & Wolkenstein, Bedyngham and Binchois.

9th March 2.30-4.30pm: Clare Goodall & Lizzie Gutteridge "Iliad the musical"

A brand new collaboration between award-winning storyteller Clare Goodall and local musician and series organiser Lizzie Gutteridge with punchy narrative, aulos (ancient double pipes) and lyres.



Tickets £15/10 available online & on the door (cash please).
Under 18s free, when accompanied by a paying adult.

Please note: We will sell tickets at the concessionary rate to anyone who asks for one – and we don't need to know why. You might be a pensioner, a student or unwaged, or you may just be waiting for pay day. We'd rather that you come and hear the music without stress than that you struggle to pay or fret about the cost.

www.colchesterearlymusic.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!

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

Danbury Close, Jays Lane and A120 Coggeshall Road

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

prayer@marksteychurch.org.uk

Community Library & Café

WarmSpace

Dates for 2025

1st February

1st March

5th April

3rd May

7th June

5th July

2nd August

6th September,

4th October

1st November

6th December

10am - 12.30pm



Come to the Community Library in the Main Parish Hall. Look at over 2000 books fiction & non fiction plus plenty of children's books. Borrow up to 4 books per month no joining fee. This month we will have sausage rolls and mugs of soup as well as coffee, tea and our usual selection of delicious homemade cakes. Donations for refreshments goes towards future community events. Meet up with others and let the children try crafts. There are homemade cards to buy and a large selection of jigsaws at £2 or just catch up with neighbours. Look forward to seeing you.

Memorial Service

At 3pm on Sunday 9th February we will be holding our annual Memorial Service when we read out the names of loved ones we have lost and light a candle in their memory. This is open to everyone. The service will be led by the Reverends Graham and Julia Lewis and will be followed by tea and refreshments.

Please let me know the name/s you would like to be remembered and come along to give thanks for them.

Andrew Waters copford43@gmail.com

Andrew Waters writes...

Dear Friends,

At the door of the year and in January and February we are drawn to look ahead, from noticing the lengthening daylight, the swelling of buds on trees and shrubs, to the visible growth of bulbs. The year ahead often promises change and new beginnings such as a family wedding, a new baby in the family, a child going to school for the first time, a new job, a new season in life, or even for us organising the steps to find a new Rector.

Fortunately a natural human trait is wanting to make a beneficial difference in whatever we do wherever we are.

A profound and challenging command of Jesus was to Love Thy Neighbour As Oneself. This can be acted upon and interpreted in a variety of different ways.

Perhaps lay aside any unfilled New Year Resolutions and instead offer some help and assistance to a neighbour, a family member or a work colleague in need. Consider how you might be able to make a difference in the community by volunteering for a charity or organisation that is in urgent need of more help. In the famous Holman Hunt's Pre-Raphaelite painting 'The Light of the World' Jesus is outside knocking on a door but the handle is on the inside. Don't ignore nudges on your heart as they and opportunities may not come again.

Be a blessing in bringing light to others is a wonderful thing to do. Enjoy the year ahead.

With Best Wishes

Andrew



St Andrew's Church of England Primary Academy

A very Happy 2025 to all in the community from us at St Andrew's Primary Academy. At the end of the Autumn term, St Andrew's was subject to a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). The inspection findings of our SIAMS indicate that the school is living up to its foundation as a Church school, and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish. We are incredibly proud of this report and I would like to thank the staff, governors, parents/carers and Open the Book team for helping to create an inclusive, engaging, supportive, patient and happy environment for the pupils of St Andrew's to flourish in. You can read the full report on our website <https://www.st-andrews.academy/key-information/ofsted-and-siams>

All of the classes have begun their learning across the curriculum and are already enthused by their new topics. Sycamore and Juniper have started their 'Beautiful Britain' topic, Chestnut and Maple are thinking about where their food comes from in 'Farm to Fork' and Oak class have just been to Stansted Airport to help inspire them for their 'Transport' topic.

Across the next few weeks we have Numbers Day, Safer Internet Day, Science week and World Book Day as well as many other plans to look forward to alongside our curriculum learning.

Best wishes,

Mr. Keith Birbeck Head of School



1st Marks Tey & Copford Scout Group



Exciting Opportunities & Events for Our Young Adventurers!

Happy New Year from all of us at the Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts!

Volunteers Needed - Your Help Makes a Difference!

We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our team and help lead our Thursday evening sessions. Whether you're interested in supporting our Beavers, Cubs, or Scouts, your time and expertise would be greatly appreciated. If you're interested or would like more information, please get in touch - we'd love to have you on board!

Christmas Fun - Tobogganing Adventure!

We ended 2024 with a thrilling Christmas outing - a tobogganing adventure! Our Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a fantastic time speeding down the slopes and enjoying some wintry fun together.

Spaces Available in Cubs & Scouts!

We currently have spaces available for new members in both our Cub and Scout sections! If your child is looking to join an exciting group where they can make new friends, learn valuable life skills, and take part in adventurous activities, now is the perfect time to get involved. Whether your child is 8 years old and ready to join Cubs, or 10 and eager to become a Scout, there's room for them to explore, learn, and grow with us. Don't miss out on the fun - get in touch with us to find out more!

With best wishes, **Emily Rooney 07917 851337**
Akela / Group Lead Volunteer

Community News



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party held on Sunday, 14th December at the Parish Hall was festive fun for all the family with a DJ, games, prizes, party food and a visit from Santa with a gift for every child.

Community Picnic 19th February

We will be holding Community Picnics again this year but it has been necessary to introduce a small charge of £2 per child over the age of 2; no charge for adults.

The next one is at half term on Wednesday, 19th February. There will be a bouncy castle, board games, and planting seeds to take home to grow on as well as the usual crafts, dress up clothes, games and toys.

Bring your own picnic and we supply hot drinks, squash, fruit and biscuits for which we don't charge but do ask for a donation to cover costs.



Young at



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. We have a variety of activities including quizzes, bingo and games or just come for a chat and to meet and make friends.

Our next meeting is 2pm on 12th February. Come and join us at the Parish Hall, Old London Road where we'll be a 'warm space' during the colder months serving hot sausage rolls as well as the usual tea, coffee, home made cake. All welcome.



For more information contact
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The St Andrew's Church Hall is available for private hire.

All details on church website

<https://www.marksteychurch.org.uk/marks-tey-church-hall>

Please contact Yvonne Norman.

Thursford Spectacular 2025 - Date for your diary

Following the success of the coach trip to Sherringham in November to ride the North Norfolk Lights Express The Parish Council have organised a trip to 'the biggest Christmas show in Europe'. The coach has been booked and tickets are reserved for **Friday, 14th November 2025**. Tickets will go on sale in August.

THROUGH THE DECADES

60's 70's 80's 90's 2000's

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