

NEWSLETTER



St Andrew's Church, Marks Tey

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Norjam We arrived at Norjam in the early afternoon at the northern gate of the Norfolk show ground where the jamboree was held. Our troop all turned up and we set off to put our camp site up ready for the seven days ahead of us. It took us about half an hour to set up camp and after that we got ready for the opening ceremony. The opening ceremony was an amazing experience. All of our sub camps got introduced and we met people from around the world and then we slept for the first time in our tent. The rest of the week was fantastic. We had various activities to do including bungee jumping, axe throwing, caving and many more. In the week there was a talent show going on and two of our explorers made it into the finals and did very well. We had festival nights where we had to dress up in costumes like mardi gras, disco and others. The closing ceremony was a blast. After saying goodbye to our chief who was running the event, they hosted the best disco ever with all types of songs. On the last night we slept outside, under the stars, in our sleeping bags. We saw some shooting stars cross the sky as well. Overall this was the best jamboree I have ever been to and I would highly recommend it to others all over the world. **Wilson**



Our scout group had 12 members attending including 4 leaders. Around 4000 Scouts, Explorers and Guides attended the jamboree from around the world. Thanks to **Wilson** for a great report. **Richard Hayes Scout Leader**

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

2nd November 11.00am Morning Worship
9th November Remembrance Sunday with the Scout Troop 10.50am Morning Worship
16th November 11.00am Holy Communion
23rd November 11.00am Morning Worship
30th November 10.00am Combined Service at Great Tey Church

You are very welcome to join us on a Sunday morning and afterwards to stay for a drink and refreshments. The Church is always open so if you would like a time of quiet reflection or just want to look around, do drop in.

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 or work in **Cornwallis Drive, Kingsbury Close, Proctor Way and Steele Close**. For further details/prayer requests, please contact us on: prayer@marksteychurch.org.uk

Leyfield Playfield Consultation

A **Public Consultation** has been launched to shape the future of 37 playgrounds in Colchester. **Leyfield** is one of 12 set for a full upgrade. Residents are now invited to take part in the consultation which **closes at 9am on Monday, 3 November 2025** and share their views on the design and features of the playground. You can visit the council's website to complete a short survey to share your views. The survey is available at <https://www.colchester.gov.uk/playparks-refurbishment/>.



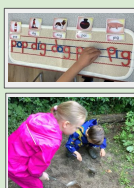
St Andrew's CofE Primary Academy
Marks Tey

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2025/2026

Tours scheduled for:
20th October at 9am
3rd November at 9am
4th November at 9am
12th November at 9am
19th November at 9am

You are welcome to book a tour at another date or time. To book onto the above or a separate tour contact us using the information below:

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View our approach to the Reception year on our website:
<https://www.st-andrews.academy/early-years/reception-class>

Together we flourish. Together, we make a difference.

Academic results put us above National average for a Good Level of Development in the Early Years again in 2025 - 11% above in fact!



Tes Schools Awards 2025 Winner
Trust of the Year - 9 schools or fewer

Phonics Scores (Early Reading)
10% above National in 2025!

Our school:
→ Is aspirational and inclusive.
→ Nurtures children, creating confident and independent learners.
→ Offers Wraparound Provision from 7:30am until 6pm
→ Has forest school on site.



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH AND MARKS TEY
PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY EVENTS

BRING YOU...

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE
Get Ready to Sparkle and Shop!

SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

11:00AM - 15:00PM

OUR EVENT

Our community Christmas Craft Fayre is taking place in St Andrew's Church Hall, offering unique handmade gifts and much more.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Artisan gifts & decor
- Tea Room with festive treats including mulled wine
- A Church Heritage display
- Tombola

All proceeds will be split between the Church Tower Fund and Marks Tey Parish Council Community Events.

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Dear Friends,

A year has now passed since Reverend Ian Scott-Thompson retired and we moved into vacancy. We have had disappointments and challenges. It has been a busy year with much successfully achieved, plenty coming up, and so much to be thankful for.

There was no successful candidate from the first round of interviews. The interview of a more promising and experienced candidate has been put on hold due to a knee injury needing medical treatment.

We had challenging periods during the tower restoration when the repairs and costs were rising and adequate funds were uncertain. It now looks fabulous and we should be able to cover the final bill.

During the year our website was rebuilt www.marksteychurch.org.uk, new energy efficiency lighting was installed, the Church Hall was improved by redecoration and new furnishings. We had two mornings of hard hat tower tours, an on-going major heritage project and exhibition, and there is a range of events planned for the next few weeks.

Our Open the Book team continue to have a joyous time going into the school. We have been blessed by retired priests and others helping us with some excellent services and our congregation is growing.

There are many deserving thanks. I am constantly amazed at the number of people from near and far who are praying for St Andrew's. As the old hymn goes **take everything to God in prayer**.

Best Wishes,

Andrew Waters Churchwarden

HIRING OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL

The church hall at St Andrew's has been redecorated and been fitted with new acoustic boards and new curtains.



It is available to hire during the daytime during the week. It is ideal for any groups who meet regularly or perhaps a Toddler Group who is looking to either start up or looking for new premises.

It is also available most weekends for parties, both children and adults, and general get-togethers.

The size of the hall is 24ft x 35ft.9ins or 7.3m x 10.9m but the height is only 7ft 6ins with a maximum of 16ft or 2.2m x 4.8m. There is also another small hall which is 18ft 10ins x 10ft 8ins or 5.75m x 3.5m.

The use of Kitchen is included with plenty of crockery & cutlery together with oven, hob & microwave. There are toilets including one disabled toilet. Parking available. Good access for wheelchairs. Good venue for seminars and meetings.

Tables and Chairs for about 70 people. The hire fee for private hire is currently £55 for 3 hours, then £16 per hour after or £8 for 30 minutes. For regular hire charges & to hire the Hall please contact

Yvonne Norman 07709064599.

St Andrew's Church of England Primary Academy

As the season of autumn unfolds, we are delighted to share exciting updates from our school community. Our recent Harvest assembly was a resounding success, with the children's singing described as nothing short of sensational. Their heartfelt performances truly captured the spirit of gratitude and togetherness that this time of year embodies.

In addition to our assembly, we have successfully booked class trips for each year group, offering rich and engaging experiences. The children will have the opportunity to explore Duxford, visit Jimmy's Farm, delve into history at Mount Fitchet Castle and the Toy Museum, visit Danbury, and discover the historic wonders of Colchester Castle. These excursions promise to enrich our curriculum and deepen our children's understanding of the world around them.

Furthermore, we recently held a Courageous Advocate Art Week, during which each class created inspiring art pieces now displayed throughout the school. It is wonderful to see the creativity of our children showcased in such a vibrant manner.

Lastly, I would like to commend Year 6 for their exemplary behaviour during their recent Residential trip. They were a credit to our school, demonstrating respect and camaraderie throughout the experience.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and school activities.

Best wishes, **Mr. Keith Birbeck Headteacher**

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11th November -An Evening of Living History.

At St Andrew's Church starting at 7pm.

Join us for a night filled with fascinating stories, music and historical dance.

Step back in time as we re-tell forgotten tales of Marks Tey and the people who lived there. With music and entertainment from Colchester Historical Dance Group. Don't miss this unique opportunity to witness history in action.

The Event is free, click on the QR Code to obtain tickets. Run by the Marks Tey Heritage Project.



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8PM

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Evening Celebration

St. Andrew's Church

Marks Tey

Wednesday 26th November

8pm-9.45pm

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1st Marks Tey Brownies We are a group of 22 7–10 year olds that meet in the Church Hall once a week.

Over the past few months, we have taken part in a Badgefest day where girls earned badges including one of the newly released badges! We have visited the Air Ambulance at Earls Colne and were lucky enough for it to land just after we arrived, so we got to have a look round the inside – there's not a lot of room!! We have also had a visit from the North Essex Astronomical Society that told us all about the stars and planets. We all earned our Space badge at the end! By the time you read this we will have spent an evening at the Pumpkin Patch at Eight Ash Green as an alternative to a Halloween party!

The girls have worked on a wide selection of badges, and we are excited by the 18 new badges that were launched in July! If you are aged between 7 and 10 years old and would like to join us please go to www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the links to join us!

1st Tey Rainbows The Rainbows have returned after the long summer break ready for a fun-packed term. They have welcomed our newest girls by finding out about each other and making Welcome Footprints to use later in the term.

We are working on our Make Change badge from the Take Action theme, a section of which includes finding out about charities and doing something to support one. The girls wanted to do some cooking so we made and baked cupcakes and brownies and held a Bake Sale at the end of the session. They raised £56 which will be spent on items for the Food Bank on our upcoming visit to a local supermarket. Each group of girls will be given a list of things to find with their adult and the money to pay for them.

We enjoyed our District Halloween Event, where over 100 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers visited the Pumpkin Patch who ran an evening solely for us. They had great fun in the play field, especially bouncing on the inflatable pumpkin pillows, then chose their own pumpkin to take home before tackling the maize maze by torchlight. We are looking forward to the rest of the term which will include crafts and games, our usual Promise Ceremony and Badge Presentation evening and finish with a Girlguiding only cinema showing and a Christmas Sleepover.

If you feel your daughter (or granddaughter) would be interested in becoming a Rainbow, Brownie, Guide or Ranger, please register at: <https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-member/>

Thursford Christmas Spectacular Friday, 14th November 8:15am to 8:00pm.

A group, mainly from **Young at Heart**, will be travelling to Thursford by coach to watch the afternoon performance of the "extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety" that is the Christmas Spectacular. There are just a few tickets left (£80 to include coach travel and show ticket) so text Trish on 07815 125261 if you'd like to snap one up.



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. From January we are switching to the first Wednesday each month. We have a variety of activities including guest speakers, quizzes, bingo and games or just come for a chat and to meet and make friends.

At the October meeting Andrew Waters gave an interesting talk and brought lots of photos about Marks Tey during WWII.

Our next meeting is on **12th November**. Come and join us at the Parish Hall, Old London Road for tea, coffee, homemade cake and a chat.

All welcome.



For more information contact
Trish on 07815 125261



www.facebook.com/marksteyparishcouncil

**COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND CAFÉ**

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

The next one is on **Saturday 1st November**

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, please ask as we may have more in our cupboards. There isn't any fee to come to the Community Library nor to join, and you can borrow up to 4 books at a time, per person, for a month and renew them 3 times if you haven't quite finished reading them. This month as well as the amazing homemade cakes we'll also be having hot soup and sausage rolls as the days are getting colder. We'll also be serving these throughout the winter months so worth coming down to warm up.

Sue will be there with her beautiful homemade cards and hopefully so will Corinne with her plants at £1 per pot. All the jigsaws will also be out at £2 each.

So, come down to the **Parish Hall on November 1st** to borrow a great book, have a coffee/tea, cake, sausage roll and hot soup and catch up with people you may not have seen for a while.

You'll be sure of a warm welcome. Look forward to seeing you. Yvonne 07709064599



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING. A VERY BIG THANK YOU We had a wonderful turnout at the Community Library and Café in October and people were very generous with their donations to **Macmillan Cancer Care** this year. Together with Young at Heart, donations at the church service on the Sunday and Corinne selling her plants, we sent a terrific **£480** to them. Absolutely amazing... So I want to say a very big thank you to everyone who baked cakes for us, helped out, sold plants and especially donated.



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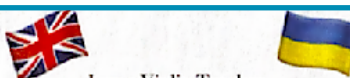
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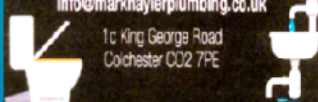
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