

# NEWSLETTER



St Andrew's Church, Marks Tey

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## Church Tower Renovations Update

Photos of Church Spire with new shingles and new oak beams and joints.

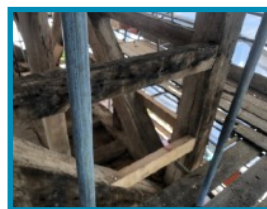
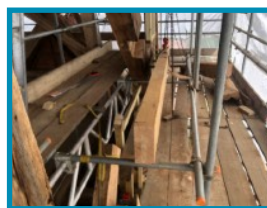
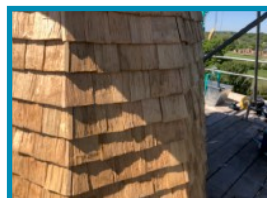
A golden spire is now clearly visible from the A120. The skilled work of carrying out the repairs on the frame by cutting out defective elements and using block and tackle to lower into place heavy sections with intricate joints should be finished before the end of May.

**Hard Hat Tours** Saturday 7 June between 8.30am and 12.30pm

An opportunity to see the detailed repairs to the frame before it is covered with the new oak planks.

Those who went on the tours in March enjoyed the experience and were amazed at the construction.

Spaces are limited, to book a place email Andrew Waters on [copford43@gmail.com](mailto:copford43@gmail.com) [Andrew Waters](mailto:Andrew Waters).



## 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.

**1st June, 11.00am Morning Worship**

**8th June, 11.00am Morning Worship**

**15th June, 11.00am Holy Communion**

**22nd June, 11.00am Morning Worship**

**29th June, 10.00am Combined Service at Aldham Church**

The Church is always open so if you would like a time of quiet reflection or just 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 and work in **Mill Road, The Rookeries, Old London Road, The Crescent and Dobbie's Lane**. For further details/prayer requests, please contact us on: [prayer@marksteychurch.org.uk](mailto:prayer@marksteychurch.org.uk)

## Marks Tey Heritage Project



Some material drawn from the Project collection was displayed at the Community Library's VE Celebrations drawing considerable interest and the offering of a number of previously unseen photographs that have now been scanned. The display will be in the school for a short period.

The premature arrival of the baby of one of our consultants has held back a few matters but work continues on scanning and creating the stories to go along with the material. [Andrew Waters](mailto:Andrew Waters)

## HIRING OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL

Now that the church hall at St Andrew's has been redecorated and been fitted with acoustic boards (thanks to Peter Hurcomb), it is available to hire again.

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](mailto:Yvonne Norman) 07709064599.



**On your marks...** On the second Saturday in September each year, 30 counties across the UK 'Ride and Stride' to raise money to help preserve and improve our historic church buildings **Get set...** ■ Add Saturday 13 September 2025 to your diary ■ Source sponsorship from friends and family ■

[www.friendsofsexchurches.org.uk/ride-stride](http://www.friendsofsexchurches.org.uk/ride-stride) for further information or speak to Pauline Standen. **Go!** ■ Explore villages and parish churches by bike or on foot ■ Enjoy the exercise, meet new people and raise much needed funds for your church. Charity number 236033

## Dear Friends,

Patience is listed as one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit and patience is regarded as a virtue. In an age of next day deliveries patience seems now to be a constant necessity.

Students have already taken many of their GCSE and A level papers with a three month wait for the results. Many are waiting over a year for medical procedures such as knee and hip operations. Waiting time for appointments, test results and even driving tests seems to be lengthening.

At Marks Tey the Church tower project has had delays waiting for decisions and materials.

On May 9th there was an interview of a candidate who responded to the advert to be the new priest in charge/Rector of our Parishes. However, the interview panel led by an Archdeacon concluded unanimously that the person was not the right fit. It has been decided that to get the timing right in having all the key parties available along with receipt of references the next round of interviews will not be until 1 October. Accordingly the earliest a new Rector would be in post is January 2026.

Christians have just celebrated the feast of Ascension when the risen Jesus was taken up to heaven. Two angels watching beside the disciples told them the same Jesus will come back in the same way. Some of the early believers literally put aspects of their lives on hold. I am pleased to say this is not happening at St Andrew's. There is plenty going on. Many prayers have been answered. We have been blessed with visiting Clergy assisting on Sundays, officiating at funerals and forthcoming marriages.

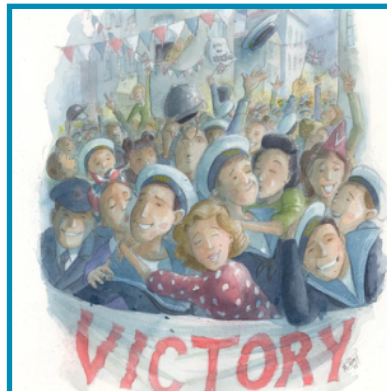
I have learnt over the years that so often the end result is far better because I waited to get things right.

With Best Wishes

Andrew Waters Churchwarden

### DONATING TO ST ANDREW'S CHURCH VIA QR CODE

We have now had a QR developed for donations to St Andrew's church to help with our mission and ministry. If you would like to help us it is very easy to use. The QR code will take you straight to the give-a-little giving page. Tap the link and it will take you to our donating page where you have the chance to choose how much you would like to donate and then you just enter your card details. Anything up to £30 can have gift aid added to it under the small donations scheme, regardless of whether you pay tax or not. Every amount is a great help to us so, thank you in advance.



Picture taken from [blindveterans.org.uk](https://www.blindveterans.org.uk) which was shown on the One Show on BBC1. To commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, they worked with renowned illustrator, Martin Impey, to bring their VE Day veterans' memories to life. The illustrations depict the individual memories of 13 blind veterans, transporting them back to VE Day 80 years ago, and providing a window into what they experienced. Alongside each illustration, you can read a detailed image description to find out more about the veteran's story. <https://www.blindveterans.org.uk/news-stories/ve-day-80-after-the-darkness/ve-day-80-special-exhibition/>



### St. Andrew's Church of England Primary Academy

Since my last entry we have held our now annual St Andrew's Wellbeing Day.

This year, our fantastic PTA completely funded a visit from a Petting Zoo, which was a real treat for the pupils and went down incredibly well. On the day we also had a Yoga instructor and Reflexologist deliver sessions, for free, to the children. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to not only relax, but learn something new that they could use themselves if and when they feel they need to. At lunchtime we had a picnic followed by a disco on the field, as the weather was kind to us on the day. In the afternoon, adults ran a range of activities including sensory experiences, mindfulness colouring, calm jar making and sporting fun and forest schools.

The whole purpose of this was to educate children on how to support their own and others' wellbeing. In school we have also had Soul Space the week after our Wellbeing Day. This event allows pupils to explore their own spirituality and discuss and reflect on some 'Big Questions' and world issues. This event is always popular with many of our children and is organised and run by members of the St Andrew's church and Open the Book team.

Still to come this year we have several class assemblies, Sports Day, this year's production and of course the Summer Fair, on Friday 4th July from 3.30pm.

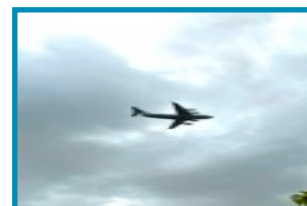
Best wishes,

Mr. Keith Birbeck Head of School

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The VE Day 80 Flyover on the 5th of May flew right over our house.



## Community News.

### 1st Tey Rainbows

So far this term the Rainbows have been making the most of the recent good weather by spending time outside working on activities from the 'Have Adventures' and 'Express Myself' themes. They have taken part in science experiments and explored nature - making arrows from natural materials to lead each other to their camouflaged items.

Our newest members are enjoying making new friends and are looking forward to making their promise before half term.

We have many exciting crafts and activities planned for the rest of the term which will finish by celebrating the girls' achievements at our termly Badge Presentation. We are also looking forward to the opportunity to have fun while helping the environment by taking part in a district Litter Pick-nic at the beach with other Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers from the area.

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



**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 11th of June. Come and join us at the Parish Hall, Old London Road for tea, coffee, home made cake.

All welcome.

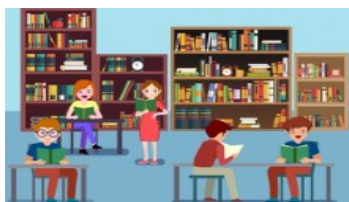


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### Community Library and Café Next one is Saturday 7th June.

Come down to the Parish Hall to 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 cake. The café will have all the usual lovely homemade cakes. We can always do with more though if you are baking.

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 than we can put out on the bookcases so please ask. There isn't any fee 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.

Corinne will bring more plants for you to buy at £1 per pot. She also gives great advice on how to look after them. Always a great selection from her. Sue will also be there with her beautifully made homemade cards for £1 each. She has a lovely selection so whether it is a birthday, birth of a baby, new home or just a thank you she will have something you'll like. We always have a lot of jigsaws to buy at £2 if you like doing them.

At our July and August Community Library we will be having a visit from Colchester City Council's Digital Access Support Team who will be able to help navigate you around a computer if you need it. If you would like to know more about finding your way around a computer then this is for you.

Come down and see what it is all about at our Community Library and Café on 7th June and enjoy a cuppa and a cake and chat with friends whilst browsing all our books.

You'll be sure of a warm welcome.

Look forward to seeing you.

Yvonne 07709064599



**QUIZ NIGHT**  
Hosted by Tracey & Martin Stonely  
**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
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