

NEWSLETTER



St Andrew's Church, Marks Tey

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St Andrew's Church of England Primary Academy

As we embark upon another academic year at St Andrew's, we reflect on the considerable successes of the previous year. Our students achieved results that surpassed national averages in Reception, Year 1 phonics, the Year 4 multiplication check, and across all areas of the Key Stage 2 assessments. This outstanding performance serves as a testament to the dedication and hard work of both our staff and pupils, and we are poised to build upon this success as we move forward into the new school year.

We are pleased to report that Oak class has settled in remarkably well, demonstrating enthusiasm and eagerness to engage with their learning. Each class has commenced the year with exciting topics that inspire creativity and critical thinking. In Maple class, students are exploring changes in toys while designing and constructing their very own puppets. Chestnut class delves into the historical events surrounding the Titanic, with a new science project involving the creation of solar ovens. Meanwhile, Juniper class is investigating Roman history and the complexities of the digestive system, and Sycamore class have begun their studies of World War II, coupled with electricity in science.

As we continue through this autumn term, we eagerly anticipate welcoming parents and carers to our Harvest celebration, parents' evening, Nativity and Christmas Fair.

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

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

5th October 11.00am Morning Worship

12th October 11.00am Morning Worship

19th October 11.00am Holy Communion

26th October 11.00am Morning Worship

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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!

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: Community Library & Café
Date: Saturday 4th October
Time: 10.00am-12.30pm
Contact: Yvonne Norman
07709064599
At The Parish Hall,
Old London Road,
Marks Tey



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MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

This month we will be praying for all who attend or work at **St. Andrew's Primary Academy, Marks Tey Parish Council and Local Businesses.**

For further details/prayer requests, please contact us on:
prayer@marksteychurch.org.uk

Colchester Foodbank is regularly short of food.

Items in high demand at the moment are tins of fish, meat, fruit, and vegetables, plus toiletries such as deodorants and shampoo. Please remember them when shopping.

Marks Tey Heritage Project Exhibition In the Church and Church Hall With Refreshments Saturday 25th Oct 11am-5pm and Sunday 26th October 1pm-5pm.

An ideal opportunity to learn more of the history and heritage of Marks Tey and surrounding area from a range of displays of local finds, artefacts, maps, photographs and documents. We are always looking for potential fresh material to borrow, scan and add to our record. Tell us your stories. Refreshments. For further information contact **Andrew Waters 07774 709989.**

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,

We are in the season of celebrating the harvest. Some may ask is this still relevant? Currently a surprisingly small percentage of people are involved directly or indirectly in Agriculture. Whereas a look at the 1939 register survey shows that the majority of men in what was a rural village were so employed. Further back school log books reveal children kept from school, before it was compulsory, to work in the fields.

My answer is a resounding yes.

Firstly food is the most basic need of life. We owe a big thank you to our farmers, often unappreciated, who face so many uncertainties with the weather which affects yields, from diseases to livestock or crops, and uncertain prices. For those with livestock it is literally 365 days a year, often long hours and in all weathers.

Secondly, it reminds us of the bountiful nature of the earth and the importance of caring for it.

Thirdly a recognition and appreciation of the blessings we have received. In the Old Testament of the Bible we read that the Jews had several celebrations of God's provision including the receipt of Manna in the desert in the exodus story from Egypt and for the first wheat Harvest.

Also a Harvest Festival encourages us to celebrate the principle of sharing, expressing generosity and practising kindness to those in need. Many Churches and Schools accordingly take in donations for their local Foodbanks.

Aldham Church's Harvest Festival is on 5th October and donations can be brought to the service or left in the church.

Marks Tey Church's Harvest Festival was on 14 September. Thank you to all who helped us deliver 70 kg to the local Colchester Foodbank

Best wishes **Andrew Waters** Churchwarden

Colchester Early Music

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

5th October 2.30-3.30pm

Blondel "Cover Story (part 2)"



With their signature trios of shawms, bagpipes and recorders, Colchester Early Music regulars Blondel trace more connections between pieces and demonstrate the evolution of melodies as they were repeatedly copied, rearranged and disseminated across Europe.

19th October 2.30-3.30pm

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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

Thank you to all who helped raise the money needed for the tower renovations. It is lovely to see the renovated tower and spire shining like a beacon on the landscape.



AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL THURSDAYS 10-11AM

Open the pages of imagination as we explore books and stories through singing, performance storytelling, phonics, British Sign Language, and a HUGE range of weekly play activities such as messy play, mark making, sensory play, small world, numeracy and SO much more! We explore a new theme and book every week. Our classes are perfect for individuals or siblings, we have something for everyone! We are a fun, interactive, educational book themed class for under 5s. The class is run by an experienced primary teacher.

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HIRING OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL

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

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.

Community News.**1st Tey Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Rangers**

Guides (ages 10-14yrs) & **Rangers** (ages 14-18yrs) meet on Wednesday evenings at St Andrews Church Hall. Recent activities have included a summer festival camp, fund raising for the local food bank and the monopoly run in London. This term we have planned a weekend residential, fire safety, friendship and Christmas activities. Please contact markstey.guides@yahoo.co.uk for further information.

Community Picnics.

Our Final Community Picnic for the year will be on **Wednesday, 29th October 12:00 to 3pm** so join us for some spooky Halloween fun at the Parish Hall with all the usual games, crafting and bouncy castle.



HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS DISCO

October 25th
4:30pm - 7pm
Marks Tey Parish Hall,
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£5 per person (under 2s free)
Please bring your own food and drink.
Tea and coffee available.
Games to be played throughout the evening.
prizes for the best dressed kids and adults

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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.

Our next meeting is on 8th October. Come and join us at the Parish Hall, Old London Road for tea, coffee and home made cake.

All welcome.

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.

Should we get any cancellations tickets will be advertised via the Marks Tey Parish Council and Parish Halls Facebook sites.

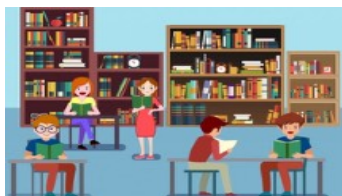


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**COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND CAFÉ**

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

The next one is on Saturday 4th October

And it will be our annual

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING.

We're hoping for another wonderful turnout and an even bigger total for Macmillan this year. There will be plenty of tea, coffee, and a tempting array of homemade cakes—every slice you buy helps raise funds.

If you are be able to make us a cake that would wonderful please.

Whether you're a regular or it's your first time, everyone is welcome.

Bring your friends, spread the word, and let's make this coffee morning a celebration of community spirit and generosity.

As well as this please 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.

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 **October 4th** to borrow a great book, have a coffee/tea, cake and catch up with people you may not have seen for a while and help us raise a lot of money for Macmillan

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

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