

NEWSLETTER



St Andrew's Church, Marks Tey

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Blessing of the Church Tower

On the 20th of July we had a visit from Bishop Roger Morris. The Bishop officiated at our Holy Communion Service and then donned a hard hat to climb to the top of the tower to bless the tower. He was accompanied by the architect Nicholas Jacob, Punch Construction contracts manager Aiden Fothergill, Andrew Waters and Robert Robinson.

The spire was topped with the new weather vane and then the Bishop blessed the tower. What a delight to be able to see the fully beautifully restored tower. Work took longer than we had expected at greater expense. A big thank you to all who made it feasible. Do come and have a closer look. The colour of the new shingles will soon weather.



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.



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

31st August 10.00am Combined Worship Marks Tey.

7th September 11.00am Morning Worship

14th September 11.00am **Harvest Festival**

21st September 11.00am Holy Communion

28th September 11.00am Morning Worship

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 to look around, do drop in.

Colchester Foodbank

are 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.

Donations can be left at the Church ahead of the **Harvest Festival** on **Sunday 14th September.**



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 **Motts Lane, Church Lane, Station Road including Old Rectory Court, the Laurels and North Lane.**

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

Marks Tey Heritage Project

The mammoth task of detailed cataloguing of more than 10000 digitised files is underway. We are about to appoint a Community Engagement Officer to help promote a better appreciation and understanding of the heritage of the village and that of the Church.

The short term post is thanks to the Heritage Fund.

Andrew Waters

Dear Friends,

Although writing this in the fourth heatwave of the year we are entering a season of new doors.

Some farmers have already drilled seed for next year's harvest and more crops will be planted in the coming weeks.

September is the start of a new academic year with many children beginning school for the very first time, others moving from the small pond of primary to the large pond of secondary school. There will be some new teachers at our village school. Whilst this year's A level students will be moving either into work or going off to College, many will be leaving home – a new chapter and season in their lives, but also for the whole family.

The evenings have noticeably drawn in and the colour of the leaves on the trees is changing. Although we may get what is known as an Indian Summer it will be increasingly apparent a new season beckons.

I like the Pre-Raphaelite painting by William Holman Hunt depicting Jesus Christ knocking at a door where the handle is on the inside. We have been praying that the person God wants will have responded to the further round of advertising for the post of Rector of Marks Tey. By September the interview panel will know whether there are any suitable candidates. Interviewing is scheduled for early October but a successful candidate is unlikely to be in post until the new year.

Whatever doors of opportunity we face we have to first open the door.

Best wishes **Andrew Waters** Churchwarden



'Ride and Stride' takes place on **Saturday 13 September 2025**

'Ride and Stride' is run by Friends of Essex Churches a charity which helps to raise money to help preserve and improve our historic church buildings. Riders and Walkers are sponsored to visit churches between 9.00am and 4.00pm. Our church has benefitted from a grant from Friends of Essex Churches for our church tower renovations.

For further information speak to Pauline Standen.

www.friendsof Essex churches.org.uk/ride-stride Charity number 236033

Guided Church Tours

To coincide with 'Ride and Stride' there will be **Guided Church Tours** On **Saturday 13th September** between **9.30am - 1 pm**

Photos of Tower Restoration and Refreshments.

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.



SUMMER BEACH PARTY
Saturday 20th September 2025
7pm – Midnight
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Please scan QR to purchase tickets

<https://marks-tey-parish-council.sumupstore.com/product/summer-beach-party>

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

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

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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Marks Tey Heritage Exhibition *Saturday 25 & Sunday-26th October* In the Church and Church Hall with Refreshments.

Large display of photographs, documents, artefacts, access to the evolving website. Opportunity to pass on material for digitising and adding to the collection.

Community News.

1st Tey Rainbows

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/>

1st Marks Tey & Copford Scout Group



If your child is looking to join an exciting group of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts where they can make new friends, learn valuable life skills, and take part in adventurous activities, now is the perfect time to get involved.

Don't miss out on the fun, get in touch with us to find out more.

Emily Rooney Akela 07917851337

Community Picnics.

We were blessed with warm sunny weather for our Summer Holiday picnics so were able to make use of our outside space as well as the air conditioned hall. These events were well attended with lots of fun, games, crafting and bouncing.

Our next Community Picnic will be on Wednesday, 29th October 12:00 to 3pm so join us for some spooky Halloween fun at the Parish Hall.



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 guest speakers, quizzes, bingo and games or just come for a chat and to meet and make friends.

Our next meeting is on 10th September. Come and join us at the Parish Hall, Old London Road for tea, coffee and home made cake.

All welcome.



For more information contact
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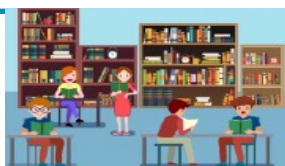
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Save The Date Christmas Craft Fair Saturday November 22nd 2025 from 11am to 3pm at St Andrew's Church Hall.

Over 20 Tables and Tombola, great cakes and refreshments Plenty of parking. Marks Tey Parish Council and St Andrew's Church



COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND CAFÉ

The Next One is on Saturday 6th September.

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



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. Unfortunately, because we have so many, we aren't able to take any more books at the moment. We only have 4 cupboards in our stock and they are all full up.

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. The café will have all the usual lovely homemade cakes. We can always do with more though if you are baking. Please think of us.

Advance Notice....Our Community Library and Café on **Saturday 4th OCTOBER** will be our annual **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

So please come along then, with a cake if you would like to bake us one, and help us raise as much as we can for this great cause.

Sue will be at both sessions 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 to 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. You'll be sure of a warm welcome.

Look forward to seeing you.

Yvonne 07709064599



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