

NEWSLETTER



St Andrew's Church, Marks Tey

www.marksteychurch.org.uk

1st Tey Rainbows This term, for Earth Day, the girls have made seed bombs and thought about items which can be recycled. We have completed our Camp Skills builder as part of the Have Adventures theme. The Rainbows have put up tents and then had an indoor 'campfire', enjoyed outdoor cooking and learned about keeping themselves safe out and about as well as what to pack for a Girlguiding pack holiday. Some of the Rainbows will have the chance to put their packing skills into action when they join Copford Brownies for part of their summer camp!

The unit also took part in Bake 4 Fun - an event organised by Tey District in which the Rainbows' task was to decorate gingerbread people. Congratulations to the winners from each section and good luck to the Brownie and Guide winners who will go forward to the next round against other Districts.

The term ends with our usual Presentation Evening to enrol our newest members, say goodbye to our eldest members and to award badges, including 2 Gold Awards - the highest Award a Rainbow can achieve.

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/>

Thanks and have a lovely summer. **Beth and Ali.**

Worship Services at St Andrew's Church,

Church Lane, Marks Tey July and August

- Sunday 5th July 11am Morning Worship
- Sunday 12th July 11am Morning Worship
With CYO Sam Fowler
- Sunday 19th July 11am Holy Communion
With Rev John Chandler
- Sunday 26th July 11am Morning Worship
With Rev David Beales
- Sunday 2nd August 11am Morning Worship
- Sunday 9th August 11am Morning Worship
- Sunday 16th August 11am Holy Communion
With Rev John Chandler
- Sunday 23rd August 11am Morning Worship
- Sunday 30th August 10am Combined Worship
at Marks Tey
With Rev David Beales

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.

Christian Youth Outreach (CYO)

Sam Fowler of CYO is the visiting speaker on Sunday 12th July. St Andrew's Church has been financially supporting CYO since its inception 35 years ago. CYO provide Chaplains to all the main secondary schools. They designed the Bounce Course, which members of the Open the Book team have delivered to the Year 6 leavers to assist them in their move to Secondary School and into adolescence.



www.marksteyheritage.org has received a photo of a painting by Walter Parkinson, father of Ron Parkinson. Are these Lime Cottages, adjacent to the Limes and a short distance from the Old Methodist Church? The address on the back was 17 London Road. [Andrew Waters copford43@gmail.com](mailto:Andrew.Waters@copford43@gmail.com)



This month we will be praying for all who live or work in **Wellside, Patten Close, Hawlmark End, and Domsey Bank.** For further details/prayer requests, please contact us on: prayer@marksteychurch.org.uk

Hiring of St Andrew's Church Hall. The hire fee for private hire is £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**

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!

URGENT REQUEST Volunteers Needed

Grass Cutting at St Andrew's Church, Marks Tey

We are currently seeking additional volunteers to help maintain the church grounds in Marks Tey

What's Involved?

- Helping the team during the growing season
- Cutting a section of the church grass
- 2-3 sessions per month
- Approximately 1 hour per visit

No experience? No problem. Full instructions will be provided on how to fill and operate the motor mower if needed.



Can you help?

Your support would be greatly appreciated



Please get in touch via email:

Phil Roberts: phil-roberts@live.co.uk
Andrew Waters: copford43@gmail.com



Marks Tey PCC

Thank you for helping care for our church grounds

Dear Friends,

A line in the chorus of a modern hymn we sang recently is "We'll walk by faith and not by sight". Echoing words from the book of Hebrews - 'Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see'.

We have now been without a Rector for 20 months. Our hope and continued prayer is that the God's choice comes forward and is appointed. We may have some news in the September newsletter.

We have not restricted ourselves to 'keeping the show on the road' but instead have looked to clear practical matters and prepare the way so that the new Rector's ministry will be free to flourish.

We have renewed our website, every newsletter is now in colour, the church tower has been restored, low energy lighting has been installed throughout. We have overseen the creation of the heritage website, a redecorated church hall now with acoustic boards, an upgraded sound system and a new projector. Currently we are looking into improving the access path and creating a glazed lobby in the porch.

We are planning to start a 'Bubble Church' – a 30 minute family service for 0-7 year olds later in the year.

There have been challenges-in the recruitment process, in meeting the additional costs of the tower repair, and illness to key people.

We have been blessed-we have had wonderful support from a small group of retired clergy, from members stepping up, support from the community and from much prayer. The Open the Book team get so much joy in delivering the dramatised assemblies. Church numbers have been growing. We are looking forward to the arrival of our new spiritual leader and a new chapter.

Wishing all those departing on holiday a restful time. **Andrew Waters.**

St Andrew's Church of England Primary Academy

As we move towards the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the wonderful events that have taken place at school over recent weeks.

One of the highlights has undoubtedly been our first ever Sports Week, which provided our children with a fantastic range of opportunities to be active, challenge themselves and, most importantly, have fun. The week began with an exciting Pro-Strike Football Event. We were also delighted to welcome Skip 2 B Fit, whose energetic workshop encouraged children to improve their fitness whilst learning new skipping techniques.

Our traditional Sports Day was a wonderful celebration of teamwork, determination and sporting spirit. It was a pleasure to see so many families supporting and cheering on the children as they gave their very best in every event. This day also included a picnic lunch, which was a new addition to the day last year and has proven to be a popular one. Alongside this, we held an Alternative Sports Day, allowing pupils to experience a range of different activities including Kurling, Boccia, Volleyball and Archery. These sessions were hugely popular and gave children the opportunity to discover new talents and interests. To round off the week in spectacular fashion, pupils took part in a vibrant Colour Run. The smiles, laughter and colourful scenes created a truly memorable occasion and provided a fitting finale to a fantastic week of sport and wellbeing.

We were also delighted to welcome fathers and father figures into school for our special Bacon Roll Morning. It was wonderful to see so many enjoying breakfast together and spending quality time with their children. Opportunities such as these help strengthen the important partnership between home and school, and we are grateful to all who attended.

This month we have also been treated to two fantastic class assemblies with the children in Oak and Chestnut sharing their learning with the school and their parents/carers.

As our Year 6 pupils begin preparing for the next stage of their educational journey, we would like to thank Open the Book for leading their 'Bounce' sessions. These thoughtful and engaging workshops are designed to support children as they transition to secondary school, helping them to build confidence, resilience and excitement for the opportunities that lie ahead.

Finally, I have to mention the incredible and continued support of our PTA who organised a wonderful Summer Fair, which raised £1100 for the school. As ever, their continued support, effort and dedication of time is so very appreciated.

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

St Andrew's Church of England Primary Academy

Mandeville Road, Marks Tey, Colchester, Essex. CO6 1HL

Telephone Number: 01206 210638.



MARKS TEY SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL
 In aid of Essex & Herts Air Ambulance
 St Andrew's Church and MTPC Community Events
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY
CANCELLED
SATURDAY, 29TH AUGUST
 12:00 TO 18:00 AT MARKS TEY PARISH HALL
 OLD LONDON ROAD, MARKS TEY, CO6 1EJ
 Tickets: £10 adults, £5 age 5-11, £2 children's
 THE TEXAS TROUPE OF THE BODY BODYS
 THE CHERRY HOTS CLUB BAND
 FOOD TRUCKS, BAR, TEA ROOM, ICE CREAM
 CHILDREN'S GAMES, BOUNCY CASTLE
 QR CODE FOR TICKETS
 More info: Markjhul42@btinternet.com

Summer Community Picnics
 Come and join us for the usual fun. Bring your own picnic and we'll supply the bouncy castle, crafting, games, toys, dress up.
22nd & 29th July and 12th, 19th & 26th August 12 'til 3
 at the Parish Hall, Old London Road, Marks Tey, CO6 1EJ
 Tea, coffee, squash and snacks are available for a donation.
 Thanks to generous sponsorship from Holmes & Hills there is no charge for entry
Holmes & Hills SOLICITORS

The Deadline for Contributions for the September Edition of the St Andrew's Church Newsletter is 15th August 2026.



Marks Tey Parish Council Community Events and St Andrew's Church bring you...
Christmas Craft Fayre
Sunday, 15th November 11:00 - 15:00
 Parish Hall, Old London Road, CO6 1EJ
 All proceeds will be split between the church fund and Parish Council Community Events
 ● Over 30 tables with artisan gifts and decor
 ● Tea room with festive treats including mulled wine
 ● Tombola
 Sponsored by **Holmes & Hills SOLICITORS**

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond the organising committee's control, the **Marks Tey Summer Music Festival** has been cancelled.
 We would like to thank all those who had bought tickets, volunteered for the event and the team who spent many hours putting the event together.

MARKS TEY PARISH COUNCIL
Community Litter Pick
Saturday, 26th September 2026
 Lend a hand and make a difference to your village
 Meet at the Parish Hall at 09:45
 All equipment provided
 Marks Tey Parish Council
 Trish 07815 125261
 Hot refreshments Available at noon

The Young at Heart Group for the over 50's living in the Marks Tey area meets on **the first 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.
 Come and join us at the Parish Hall, Old London Road for our next meeting on **1st July and 5th August** for a cuppa and delicious home made cake. All welcome.
 For more information contact **Trish** on **07815 125261**
www.facebook.com/marksteyparishcouncil

Knit & Natter Sip and Sew
Crafty Corner
Saturday 4th July & 1st August
10.00 - 12.00
At Community Library Parish Hall
Old London Road, CO6 1EJ
Bring Your Own Materials

COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND CAFÉ
SATURDAYS 4th July and 1st August
MARKS TEY PARISH HALL 10am to 12:30pm
 Come down to the Parish Hall on July 4th and August 1st where you can borrow some good books to read, delicious homemade cakes to eat; crafts to make; plants to buy and jigsaws to buy. There's no charge to join the library and the cakes and drinks are by donation only for other community events. We have also started a Craft Corner where you can bring your own crafts, whether it is knitting or crocheting or something else, and sit with others to chat and perhaps learn a new craft. Come and see what it is all about. It is a good place to catch up with people you may not have seen for a while or even make new friends, over a cuppa and a piece of home-made cake, whilst having a good look through the books to see if you would like to borrow one or two. If anyone is a baker we would really appreciate a cake if you would be able to make one for us please. Look forward to seeing you. **Yvonne 07709064599**



Church Website www.marksteychurch.org.uk

Rector: Vacancy (The Rectory, Church Lane CO6 1LW)

Church Warden: Andrew Waters, 43 London Road, Copford, CO6 1LG 07774 709989

Treasurer:+ Church Hall & Bookings: Yvonne Norman 29 Coggeshall Rd Marks Tey CO6 1LL Mob 07709 064599

Newsletter Editor: Julie Briggs, 8 Keable Road, Colchester CO6 1XB email : juliebrig8@gmail.com

CORMAR CARPET CO **LT Carpets & Flooring** **amtico flooring**

Specialists in all types of flooring

Contact us on
Email - info@l flooring.co.uk www.l flooring.co.uk
Unit 14, Angora Business Park, Peartree Road, Colchester, CO3 0AB
01206 575222

Trustpilot Google Reviews

PAWFECT HOUNDS

DOG WALKING AND PET CARE SERVICES

INSURED - DBS CHECKED - CANINE FIRST AID TRAINED

WHATSAPP: 07858965571
FACEBOOK: @PAWFECTHOUNDS

The Blue Geranium

Funeral Flowers

May Cottage, Aldham

07822 003125

APElectrical

A P Electrical are a friendly and reliable electrical company based in Colchester Essex. We strive to provide a quality service at affordable prices.

We work continuously to improve our services so that our customers know they can trust us to carry out our work with little disruption to their daily lives.

T: 01206 332838 M: 07825 224 420
info@apelectrical.co.uk www.apelectrical.co.uk

JB BOILER SERVICES

Oil Boiler Service & Maintenance

Call Jack
07885504036

jbboilerservices@hotmail.com
www.jbboilerservice.com

Registered Oil Firing Technicians

AIMEZ-VOUS

HAIR BEAUTY LASER AESTHETICS

Ultimate Cabin Salon - Over 20 Years Experience

- All Aspects of Hair & Beauty
- Nails - Gel, Biab, Hard gel & Full tips
- Laser - Hair & Tattoo removal
- Advanced Skincare

07895648456 www.aimez-vous.co.uk

A Birkin & Sons FUNERAL DIRECTORS

01376 561316

6 West St, Coggeshall

CHARLOTTE'S HOME HAIR

Ladies, Gents and Children's Cuts, Colours and corrections in your own home

Text/Call: 07791 426634
Email: c.allen2707@outlook.com

Helping you create a lasting relationship with your dog

Best Paw Forward

Positive Dog Trainer

www.bestpawforwarddogs.co.uk
Email: susie@bestpawforwarddogs.co.uk
Phone: 07305 383631

Dee Va Nails AND BEAUTY

When You Look Fabulous... You Feel Fabulous!

Follow us on Facebook/Instagram

Call Dee on 07516699101
DeeVaNails@gmail.com
Marks Tey, Essex

SEAN KETTERIDGE

PAINTING, DECORATING & HOME IMPROVEMENTS

INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR

07847795332

ADVANCED MP

PLUMBING & HEATING LTD

Patrick Hasted

Telephone: 01206 766771
Mobile: 07930 149046
Email: patrickhasted@gmail.com

iphe Established 1993

Computer Assistant

Roger Walker

Computer Problems? Maybe I can Help?

16 Hines Close, Aldham
01206 211143

SJT Gardening & Home Maintenance

59 Keable Rd, Marks Tey

Call us on 07985 386758

FALCON CONTRACTING

Roofing & Building Services

01206 212032
07921914875

4 Honeywood Close, Marks Tey
falconcontractingltd@gmail.com

Mark Naylor Plumbing & Complete Property Services Ltd

Contact us on:
07763 468391 or
info@marknaylorplumbing.co.uk

1c King George Road Colchester CO2 7PE

Gardening/Odd Jobs

Gary Todd

3 London Rd, Marks Tey
01206 212274

R.GWINNELL & SONS

Family Funeral Directors

01206 868585

112 Ipswich Rd, Colchester

TA UK THE AGENCY UK

Mark Quinn
Personal Estate Agent

5★ Reviews

Call for a free valuation
07961 746378
mark.quinn@theagencyuk.com

M J Reeve Plastering

All types of plastering and coving.

Mobile: 07528 149102
Home: 01206 920462
martin_reeve@hotmail.co.uk

5 Ashbury Drive, Marks Tey Colchester CO6 1XW

5 Star Home Boarding for small friendly dogs in Marks Tey.

Contact Mark on 07790087460

swim2swim

- Small group classes
- All ages and abilities
- From first splashes to confident swimmers

www.swim2swim.com
Tel: 01206 212603

AIMEZ-VOUS ACADEMY

- Hair & Beauty Training
- Small Groups - Expert Tutors
- Quiet, Calm, Learning Environment
- Full Qualifications
- Day Courses

07895648456 www.aimez-vousacademy.co.uk

CLARK & BARK

Dog grooming

07598 174 836

Marks Tey

Instagram @clarkandbark
Facebook Clark&Bark
clarkandbark1@gmail.com