

NEWSLETTER



St Andrew's Church, Marks Tey

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Busy Months at 1st Marks Tey and Copford Scouts

It has been a very busy and exciting couple of months for everyone at 1st Marks Tey and Copford Scout group. Our Beavers and Cubs enjoyed a fantastic visit to Abberton Reservoir as part of the District Nature Day. The young people had a brilliant time exploring the outdoors, learning about wildlife, and taking part in a variety of nature-based activities. Each section also held a very fun – and very messy – “Bring a Parent” night. It was wonderful to see so many parents getting involved alongside the young people, with plenty of laughter and teamwork throughout the evenings.



Our Scouts have been developing some excellent life skills too. They worked together to plan menus within a budget before putting their ideas into practice the following week by cooking simple meals themselves. The results were impressive, and everyone enjoyed the challenge.



Meanwhile, the Beavers and Cubs took part in a football coaching session delivered by TMR Football Coaching. The young people loved the opportunity to learn new skills, play games, and stay active. The highlight of the last few months for the whole group was taking part in the St George's Day celebrations in Colchester High Street. It was fantastic to see so many young people proudly representing Scouting, finishing the day by renewing our Scout promises together at Colchester Castle.

A huge thank you goes to all of our volunteers, parents, and supporters who continue to make these opportunities possible for our young people. If you or your young person would like to join us on a Thursday night, we do have space for new volunteers and young people in all sections **Richard Hayes**

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Worship Services at St Andrew's Church,

Church Lane, Marks Tey

(Sunday 31st May 10am Combined Service at Chappel Church)

Sunday 7th June 11am Morning Worship With Nicky Sirett

Sunday 14th June 11am Morning Worship With Rev Paul Greenland

Sunday 21st June 11am Holy Communion With Rev John Chandler

Sunday 28th June 11am Morning Worship With Rev David Beales

Photos of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts having fun at their “Bring A Parent” Night and the recent St. George's Day Parade in Colchester.

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.



Dear Friends,

We nearly always like a birthday party whether we are 7 or 70 unless we don't want to be reminded of the years that have rolled by. When we are young there are presents and nice treats.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian Church.

Jesus was crucified on what we know as Good Friday, rose on Easter Day and before his ascension promised the gift of the Holy Spirit which fell on his believers at Pentecost. This year Pentecost is the 24th of May.

Like at a birthday party there are a range of potential gifts associated with the Holy Spirit including wisdom, knowledge, teaching, serving, faith, healing, miraculous powers, prophecy, and administration. Whatever gift or gifts you have, St Peter encouraged his listeners to use them to serve others. Whilst St Paul used the metaphor of a body to illustrate that every Church or team needed a range of gifts and all are important for the functioning of others.

Paul's letter to the Galatians spelt out what the fruit of a spirit filled life shows - **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control**. One few live up to. Hence one of the oldest Christian prayers is "Come Holy Spirit."

I encourage you to reflect on how you can use your gifts and skills to help your neighbours and/or the community.

If you lack, for example patience, say a prayer over it.

Andrew Waters.

St Andrew's Church of England Primary Academy

It has been another incredibly busy and successful time at school, with much to celebrate across our community. We are especially proud of our Girls' Football Team, who have remained undefeated throughout the season and were deservedly crowned league champions. Their teamwork, determination, resilience and sportsmanship have been outstanding, and they have represented the school brilliantly at every match. We are extremely proud of all they have achieved.

This week, we also held our annual Wellbeing Day – always a highlight of the school year. Thanks to the generous support of our PTA, the children enjoyed a wonderful circus visit alongside a range of enriching activities including therapy dogs, team-building challenges, ballet workshops, sports sessions and much more. At our school, we place great importance on wellbeing because we know that children thrive academically, socially and emotionally when they feel happy, safe and supported. Opportunities such as these help children develop confidence, resilience, positive relationships and an understanding of how to care for their own mental and physical health.

Finally, I would like to say how incredibly proud we are of our Year 6 pupils, who conducted themselves impeccably during SATs week. They approached each day with maturity, positivity and determination, showing excellent attitudes throughout. A huge thank you must also go to our dedicated Year 6 staff team, whose care, encouragement and hard work ensured that the children felt calm, prepared and focused. It has been wonderful to see the children rise to the challenge with such confidence and resilience.

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

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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 **3rd June** for a cream tea and delicious home made cake. All welcome.

For more information contact **Trish** on **07815 125261**

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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**

This month we will be praying for all who live or 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

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

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SET UP - Preparing for the event Saturday morning
CAR PARK - Directing cars
CHECK IN - Checking tickets & handing out wristbands
SELLING TOKENS - For children's games
CHILDREN'S GAMES - Manning bouncy castles, hook-a-duck etc
TEA ROOM - Serving refreshments and clearing away.
LITTER PICKING - During and after the event
TAKE DOWN - Clearing away after the event

This is a 6 hour event so volunteers will be allocated shifts to allow time to enjoy the afternoon.

Tickets Now on Sale Scan the QR Code to Get Yours

Community Picnic
 Our next Community Picnic will be on **Wednesday, 22nd July 12:00 to 3pm** at the Parish Hall. Bring your own picnic and we'll provide the fun with bouncy castle, dress up, crafting, toys and games. Tea, coffee, squash and snacks are available. There is no charge for entry due to Holmes and Hills Solicitors kindly sponsoring these afternoons.



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

The Pride of Marks Tey Awards The first awards took place at the Parish Council's Annual Assembly on 18th May. The Parish Council reported on its activities over the past year (full transcripts available on Marks Tey Parish website). The chairman Cllr. Mark Heard introduced Michael Fitch who was chosen to present the Awards, in honour of his father who was a councillor for Marks Tey Parish Council for fourteen years. Andrew Waters, gave a talk; "What's in a name?"; on the importance of place names and how they celebrate community as a means to identify who we are and where we live. He hoped that when there was development in Marks Tey careful consideration would be given to naming of the roads to preserve that connection with the history of the place.

The Awards were as follows: **Citizen of the Year Award: Corinne Sermons** for her voluntary horticultural work transforming the appearance of Marks Tey railway station. **Carer of the Year Award: Shula Clark** for helping neighbours, particularly the elderly with welfare checks and shopping and looking after so many children and mothers through some challenging years. **Young Achiever of the Year Award: Jaden Fulcher**, who at the age of 14 started washing cars with a bucket and sponge, building up his business over two years. **Educator of the Year Award: Keith Birbeck** for his approach, empathy and encouragement to children and for raising the performance of St Andrews School. **Community Impact Award: Charni Peck**, Brownie Leader, recognized for inspiring young girls, giving them confidence, and arranging days out for them. **Long Service Volunteer Award: Bryan Spencer** for his consistent kindness, fundraising and local activities. **Art & Culture Award: Andrew Waters**, a much respected and much-loved church warden of St Andrews Church, a local historian and restoration campaigner. **Best Business Contribution to the Community Award: Wilshire Butchers**, a 100 year-old business supporting the Hope for Grace Charity and community generally. **Pride of Marks Tey - Special Award: Maureen Callen**, an individual who has gone above and beyond in a way that deserves unique recognition, someone who has shown exceptional commitment to our community, and whose actions have strengthened the fabric of village life.

Thanks to Marks Tey Delta Hotel for the wine, Marks Tey Radio for the sound system, and Poplar Nurseries for subsidising the cheese and biscuits.



COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND CAFÉ
SATURDAY 6th June MARKS TEY PARISH HALL
10am to 12:30pm

Come along and join us for a lovely morning of borrowing books to read, having a cuppa with a delicious piece of homemade cake and chatting to old and hopefully new friends. There isn't a fee to join the library and there are plenty of books to choose from. If you have a favourite author then we may have more books of theirs in our stock cupboards, so please ask.

We don't charge for the drinks or cakes either, just donations which go towards other community events that we like to run.

We are always very pleased to accept any cakes if you are baking.

The children have their own space and there will be a couple of craft tables too where you can buy that special gift and also the card to go with it.

We have started up a Craft Table where you bring your own craft to do but sit and chat with other crafters and you never know, you might learn a new one.

Everyone will be made very welcome so don't be shy, come down and see what it is all about if you haven't been before. Look forward to seeing you. **Yvonne 07709064599**



Knit & Natter **Sip and Sew**

Crafty Corner
Saturday 6th June
10.00 - 12.00
At Community Library
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