NEWSLETTER



St Andrew's Church, Marks Tey www.marksteychurch.org.uk

1st Tey Rainbows

We started the Autumn term by welcoming ten new girls to the unit and we are always proud and delighted to see how the girls in our unit help the new Rainbows. This term, we are completing our First Aid Skills builder as part of the Be Well theme. The Rainbows have experimented to see how quickly germs spread, learned how to treat minor ailments and injuries as well as what should be in a first aid kit and making their own mini one.

As Christmas approaches, they have been thinking about feelings, kindness and helping others, particularly children who are less fortunate than themselves. They chose to do some cooking and have baked and decorated sweet treats for a bake sale which raised money to buy Christmas presents to donate. We thank all the parents for their generosity in supporting this.

The families of our newest girls enjoyed watching their Enrolment Ceremony just before half term and it was wonderful to see all the girls wearing the new Girlguiding uniform which was unveiled at the end of the summer.

We were offered the opportunity to enjoy a spooky Halloween Sleepover at Jungle Adventure and several girls were able to attend. It was lovely to see our first-time sleepover girls supported by our more seasoned 'campers' and by the Brownies who also attended.

We are looking forward to finishing the term with our usual Presentation Evening at which we will say goodbye to our eldest members and award badges, including 3 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/

1st Marks Tey Scout Group will be attending the **Remembrance Service** at St,Andrew's church on Sunday 8th November with Archdeacon Ruth Patten
Please note the earlier start **10.50am**



November: A Month of Remembering and Hope

November is a special month in the life of our churches, a time for remembering, reflecting and finding hope. It is also the month when, as a priest, I wear my red stole, a colour that reminds us of the fire of the Holy Spirit and the courage and faith of those who have gone before us.

We begin with **All Saints' Day**, giving thanks for the saints who have shaped our faith and whose lives continue to inspire us. We then remember our own loved ones at our **All Souls' service**, making space for our grief, our memories and our gratitude for those who are no longer with us.

On **Remembrance Day, 11 November**, and at our Remembrance services, we pause to honour those who have given their lives in conflict and to pray for all those whose lives are still affected by war. At this time, the words of Jesus offer us a beautiful promise: *"In my Father's house there are many rooms… I go to prepare a place for you."* These words remind us that we are held in God's love, in life and in death, and that our story does not end at the grave.

As the days grow shorter and the evenings darker, November invites us to carry the light of remembrance into our daily lives, showing one another the love and kindness that our world so desperately needs.

A prayer for November

Loving God, hold in your peace all those we remember, comfort those who grieve, and bring hope to those who suffer. May we be people of peace, love and kindness, offering light in dark places and compassion wherever it is needed. **Amen.**

God bless, Reverend Emma

November Worship Services

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

Sunday 1st November

11am Morning Worship - Nicky Sirett

3pm Memorial Service-Revd John Chandler

Sunday 8th November

10.50am Remembrance Service with Archdeacon Ruth Patten

Sunday 15th November

11am Holy Communion -RevdJohn Chandler

Sunday 22nd November

11am Morning Worship- Revd David Beales

Sunday 29th November

10am Combined Holy Communion at Wakes Colne Church.

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.

Memorial Service At 3pm on 1st November we will be holding our annual Memorial Service when we read out the names of loved ones we have lost and light a candle in their memory. This is open to everyone.
The service will be led by Reverend John Chandler and will be followed by tea and refreshments.
Please let me know the name/s you would like to be remembered and come along to give thanks for them.
Andrew Waters copford43@gmail.com

This month we will be praying for all who live or work in **Cornwallis Drive,Kingsbury Close,Proctor Way and Steele Close.**
For further details/prayer requests, please contact us on:
prayer@marksteychurch.org.uk

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!

A Christmas Carol by Candlelight

Join **Christian Youth Outreach** on **Tuesday, 22nd December 2026** at **St Anne's Church Hall** for a wonderful rendition of Charles Dickens' classic,A Christmas Carol. Delivered by Colchester Arts Centre Director Anthony Roberts with musical accompaniment by Jamie Cunliffe.
Doors open at **7:00 PM** **(starts 7:30 PM).**
Tickets are £6 and can be booked online at **cyochristmascarol.eventbrite.co.uk** .
Tea and coffee served, or feel free to bring your own refreshments.
All proceeds support CYO's ministry across local schools and churches.

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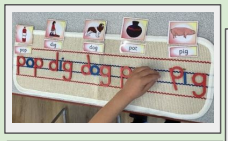
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Community Library and Café
In the Large Hall
at the Parish Hall Marks Tey
The next one is on Saturday 7th November

Come and have a look at the wonderful selection of books we have for you to borrow. If you have a favourite author, please ask as we may have more in our cupboards. There isn't any fee to join the Community Library, and you can borrow up to 4 books at a time, per person.
There will the usual delicious homemade cakes to have with a cuppa and it's all donations.
Sue with be there with her beautiful homemade cards, Jo with her diamond cut gifts and Corinne with her plants at £1 per pot. All the jigsaws will also be out at £2 each.
The new craft table is proving popular where you can either bring your own craft to do or learn a new one.
So, come down to the Parish Hall on November 7th to borrow a great book, have a coffee/tea, delicious cake, and have a chat with people you may not have seen for a while.
You'll be sure of a warm welcome. Look forward to seeing you.

Yvonne 907709064599

Marks Tey Heritage

Now the summer has passed a small team have been hard at work enhancing and adding fresh material to the **marksteyheritage.org** website. There will be a modest display at the **Craft Fayre** in the **Parish Hall** on **15 November.** We will be very happy to answer questions, be offered any material to add to the collection and hopefully have access to the internet to show what is visible on line.

Andrew Waters

This month's **Colchester Early Music** presents a show with a local theme: "Firestarter". Live-looping Medieval musician Lizzie Gutteridge (aka Consort of 1) accompanies award-winning storyteller Clare Goodall as she tells the tale of the Great Revolt and radical preacher John Ball. Born near Colchester (maybe?). Ball preached in English (shocking!) and claimed that everyone was created equal (scandalous!!). He was excommunicated and would have languished in jail had he not been released by the Rebels as they took London, burnt the Savoy, and went on to parley with the King. The future hung in the balance... 2.30-3.30pm, St Andrew's Church Marks Tey, tickets are £16/11 from **www.colchesterearlymusic.org.uk** or for cash on the door, accompanied under 18s FREE
The series continues through the winter months:
6th December, Essex Voices:"O Come,Emmanuel"



Community Events – November Update 🍂

What a fantastic few months we've had in Marks Tey!

We are delighted to share that our Community Library, Young at Heart group and St Andrew's Church collectively raised an incredible **£560 for Macmillan Cancer Support!** A huge well done and heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in making this wonderful achievement possible.

Our October **Young at Heart** gathering was a real treat! We welcomed guest speakers Heather and Larry, who gave a fascinating talk about the wonderful work of Guide Dogs. Of course, the star of the afternoon was the gorgeous Quincy, a fox red Labrador**,** who certainly stole a few hearts! A huge thank you to our guests for such an enjoyable and informative afternoon.

We also held our **very first Family Skate Night,** and what an amazing evening it was! A fantastic 42 skaters, both adults and children, enjoyed two hours of disco favourites, skating and refreshments. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces!

Our annual **Halloween Party** was another spooktacular success! Over 40 little ghosts and ghouls partied the afternoon away, enjoying music, prizes, gooey games, mummy wrapping and plenty of spooky fun!

With Halloween behind us, we're now looking forward to some festive cheer at our **Christmas Party on Sunday 13th December!** 🎄

There'll be lots of festive fun, and every child attending will receive a special gift from Santa himself!

Tickets are available via the QR code on our Christmas Party Poster or by emailing maureencallenpc@gmail.com.

Could You Be Our Next Volunteer? ❤️

We're thrilled to have welcomed some wonderful new volunteers to our team!

Volunteering is a fantastic way to meet new people, get involved and make a real difference in your community. It can even count towards your Duke of Edinburgh's Award!

Whether you have a few spare hours a year, would like to help at an event or have a brilliant idea for something new, we'd love to hear from you.

Big ideas or small contributions – every helping hand makes a difference!

Get in touch at **cllr.c.english@marksteyparish.gov.uk** and let's have a chat about how you could get involved.

Dates for Your Diary 📅

November

Wednesday 4th – **Young at Heart** - Contact: **Mo 07928810404**
Saturday 7th - **Community Library** - Contact: **Yvonne 07709064599**
Sunday 15th – **Christmas Craft Fair** - Contact: **Mo 07928810404**

December

Wednesday 2nd – **Young at Heart** - Contact: **Mo 07928810404**
Saturday 5th – **Community Library** - Contact: **Yvonne 07709064599**
Sunday 13th – **Christmas Party** 🎅 - Contact: **Mo 07928810404**

Coming in January 2027!

Saturday 16th January – Our First Family Film Afternoon! 🎬

We're excited to introduce a brand-new community event! Keep an eye out for further details or email **cllr.c.english@marksteyparish.gov.uk** for more information.

All events take place at **Marks Tey Parish Hall, Old London Road, CO6 1EJ,** unless otherwise advertised.

Thank you all for your continued support. Whether you attend, volunteer, donate or simply spread the word, you help make our community events possible.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Charlene English
Community Events Chair Marks Tey Parish Council.



The Deadline for Contributions for the December/January Edition of the St Andrew's Church Newsletter is 15th November 2026



Please have a look for any suitable prizes for the Tombola Stall and give them to Yvonne.









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