**THE UNITED BENEFICE OF KELVEDON & FEERING**

***THE PARISH CHURCHES OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, KELVEDON, & ALL SAINTS’, FEERING***

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**NEWSSHEET for THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT - Sunday 7TH FEBRUARY 2021**

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? *Proverbs 8.1*

A MESSAGE FROM SIMON GARWOOD, OUR PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

It’s remarkable how Captain Sir Tom Moore has touched a nation: the England cricket team wore black armbands in his memory on the first day of the First Test against India this week. I like to think Capt. Tom would be tickled pink that England Captain Joe Root scored a double-century in this match. Capt. Tom’s story is a shining example of how little things - in his case, simply walking up and down his garden - can signify so much and inspire so many. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Our Wednesday evening Night Prayer continues to be popular. Unfortunately I can’t join you this week as I must chair Deanery Synod on Zoom at 8.00 pm in my role as Area Dean of Witham. I’m very grateful to Geraldine Kennedy for offering to lead it. Here are the log-in details - they’re also on our website:

Night Prayer (Compline) Day and time: 10th February 2021, at 8:30 pm

 Every Wednesday up to 28th April, all at 8.30 pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86528542261?pwd=NEpQb25OMjRHbnpET09MYXFzNGhpdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 2854 2261 Passcode: 099401

Don’t forget the beautiful snowdrops in St Mary’s Churchyard, but do wear stout, waterproof footwear!

I am aware that this current lockdown puts extra strain on many people, so if you would like to contact me for support, or are in need of prayer, or you know of someone who is, then please contact me on 01376 573701 or at simongarwood@simonliz62.plus.com.

 *With my prayers & best wishes for your continued safety, Simon*

 **A PRAYER FOR GROWTH IN A DIFFICULT TIME**

Lord, as you send rain and flowers even to the wilderness,

renew us by your Holy Spirit, help us to sow good seed in time of adversity,

and to live to rejoice in your good harvest of al creation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*From* Common Worship: Daily Prayer - the closing prayer for Psalm 126*.*

**FOR OUR PRAYERS**

* For all those affected by the current extreme weather, especially for all who have suffered from floods or are in danger of being flooded. For all emergency and environmental services.
* For our NHS, emergency services and all frontline workers; for all staffing intensive care or working directly with Covid-19, who are facing extreme pressures; for all who have been directly affected by the virus, and their loved-ones; for all seeking to provide comfort and help, that they may be cared for too. For the effective roll-out of the new vaccines, and especially for those most in need of them.
* For our villages, especially our Health Centre, local frontline workers, the Coronavirus Support Group, and all who help the vulnerable; for our church primary schools; our parish councils; for St Dominic’s & Drummonds; for our local HomeStart, Foodbank & their volunteers; and for all in need.
* For our churches and for the Church as a whole that, where in physical or digital form, it may be a place of light, peace and hope for all in need.
* For Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Loughborough in the Leicester Diocese, and Bishop-elect of Chelmsford, as she prepares to take up her new and demanding role this year.
* For all who have died recently, especially for Malcolm Cook and Kathleen Bacon, whose funerals took place last week; for Mabel Judge, whose funeral is this Tuesday; and for Peggy Andrews, Martin Armstrong and Erik Trawny, whose funerals will take place in the next few weeks.

**NOTICES**

**WORSHIP IN THE UNITED BENEFICE OF KELVEDON & FEERING - PLEASE NOTE:**

**WE HAVE STOPPED ALL CHURCH SERVICES WHILE THE CURRENT NATIONAL LOCKDOWN LASTS.**

**GUIDELINES WHEN VISITING ST MARY’S**

 **St Mary’s remains open for private prayer during daylight hours on Wednesdays and Sundays.**

**All Saints’ remains closed while the organ is being reconstructed.**

* Please follow Social Distancing Guidelines
* Face coverings must be worn (children under 11 & those with certain medical conditions are exempt)
* Use hand sanitiser provided when arriving and leaving
* Place a ‘Do not sit on this seat’ sign on the pew you have used

If you have any concerns, please get in touch with Simon or with one of the Churchwardens.

**WEEKLY NIGHT PRAYER (COMPLINE) BY ZOOM**

We hope you have been enjoying the Weekly Night Prayer. This is held by Zoom every Wednesday at 8.30 pm. Log on details can be found on our Website here:

<https://www.kelvedonandfeeringchurches.co.uk/>

**CANDLEMAS FAMILY SERVICE AND CRAFTS**

Thank you to everyone who has requested a craft bag for Sunday’s Family Service. We hope you have fun completing the crafts. On our website you can find Candlemas Templates and Activity Sheet that you can print off and complete. The pre-recorded service is now also available.. Both the service and activity sheets can be found on our Website here: <https://www.kelvedonandfeeringchurches.co.uk/what-s-on/>

**ERIK TRAWNY**

Barbara Trawny has asked for her thanks be forwarded to all those who had sent cards and messages of condolences after Erik’s death of on 30th January.  She is very grateful for all your prayers and support. Erik’s funeral will be at St Mary’s but is likely to be somewhat delayed; we will let you know the date when we know it.

**YOUR PICTURES**

I hope you have enjoyed seeing the pictures of both our lovely Churches in the snow. If you have pictures of our Churches or of the Villages you would like to share please email them to me at kandfchurches@gmail.com