

## KELVEDON & FEERING NEWSLETTER

PALM SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH – EASTER DAY, SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024

### SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH: PALM SUNDAY – *Holy Week begins*

9.30 am	ALL SAINTS'	Sung Holy Communion
11.00 am	ST MARY'S	Sung Parish Eucharist
6.00 pm	ST MARY'S	Reflective Evening Service <i>with St Mary's Choir</i> <i>Palm Crosses will be given out at all these services</i>

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

<b>Maundy Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	6.30 pm – Reflective Holy Communion Service	<b>St Mary's</b>
<b>Good Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	10.00 am – Worship for All with children's crafts	<b>St Mary's</b>
<b>Good Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	1.30 pm – Stations of the Cross	<b>All Saints'</b>
<b>Easter Day, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March:</b>	8.00 am – Said Holy Communion ( <i>Prayer Book</i> )	<b>St Mary's</b>
<b>Easter Day, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March:</b>	9.30 am – Sung Holy Communion	<b>All Saints'</b>
<b>Easter Day, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March:</b>	11.00 am – Sung Parish Eucharist	<b>St Mary's</b>

**PLEASE NOTE: OUR NEW BENEFICE WEBSITE GOES LIVE ON MAUNDY THURSDAY**



### THANK YOU FOR COMING TO ALL SAINTS' COMMUNITY EVENT

Thank you for coming to our Community Event last Saturday. Many came and we hope you've found some new interests or revived old ones, and that the groups have found new members. Special thank-yous go to all who provided the delicious refreshments and Natasha & Ruth of St Mary's Teddy Bear Club for the children's play area. A good time was had by all – including this pantomime dame from Kelvedon Players!

### YEAR 3 HOLY COMMUNION at ST MARY'S PRIMARY ACADEMY

A church school inspection some years ago recommended that St Mary's Academy should hold Holy Communion services in school, so children get a clear idea of what this key church service is like. Now Holy Communion services are held annually for both Years 3 and 6. Parents, carers and the church community are invited. This week was Year 3's turn: they were prepared by Natasha and Simon, who explained the service, why we do it etc. They joined in with an actual service in the school hall, acting out the Gospel story and saying their own prayers. The children really enjoyed it, and each received a blessing; confirmed adults also received Communion.



### THE BEGINNING OF THE EASTER GARDEN in ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD

The Payback Team has made a great start on the Easter Garden. Here are the bare bones, looking very "Good Friday" at present: bare, empty and rather bleak. By the time you see it on Sunday, the Team will have worked their magic, and it'll be full of the lovely flowers you've so kindly donated. Thank you so much. Look carefully and you'll see they've used lots of recycled material. We're so grateful for their hard work and their very creative interpretation of how it should look.



## PALM SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE at ST MARY'S at 6.00 pm

This year Caroline Strange and the choir have made a change to our previous Palm Sunday evening worship. This reflective and meditative service, devised by Caroline, Natasha and Simon has devotional music, Bible readings, poems and anthems, plus hymns for everyone to sing. As Holy Week begins you're warmly invited to come for an opportunity to reflect on the time from Passion Sunday until Good Friday.

## FIFTH AND LAST WEEK OF OUR LENT COURSES

Our Benefice Lent courses continue: **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** at St Mary's, 7.30 pm and **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** at the home of Andrew and Sue Howard, 'Redlands', 94 Feering Hill, Feering at 2.30 pm. If you didn't manage to make the other sessions, you can join at any time, even for the last one!

As this is the last one, thank you so much all who came and to Natasha for leading us.



Kelvedon & Feering Cricket Club  
Saturday 23rd March 3-4.30pm



Do you have questions about death, dying and funerals? Come and join us at 'Grave Talk' - a friendly and relaxed safe space to chat with others about all those topics we find hard to discuss. For people of all faiths and doubts.

For more info contact Natasha:  
kandjcurate@gmail.com

## 'GRAVE TALK' with NATASHA, THIS SATURDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH, 3-4.30 pm

Natasha is tackling the tricky subjects of death, dying and bereavement on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 3.00–4.30 pm in Kelvedon and Feering Cricket Club.**

Few of us like talking about death, either our own or of those we care for, but it's something we'll all face. Join Natasha for this informal chat about death – there'll be time for your questions too. It may sound a bit macabre, but no doubt Natasha will make it relevant, interesting and useful. For all faiths and doubts, and everything in between – with lots of cake!

## ECO FLOWER-ARRANGING & GROWING: All Saints', Saturday 20 April, 2pm

An eco-friendly floristry demonstration plus a talk on flower farming with local businesses **The Freckled Foxglove**, [Jordan's Farm](#) and **Rebecca Avery Flowers**. £10 entry includes the chance to win the demonstration flower arrangement & refreshments too. All are very welcome – please pay on the door.



## TIME TO TIDY UP THE TOOLSHED – bring your unwanted items to Feering!

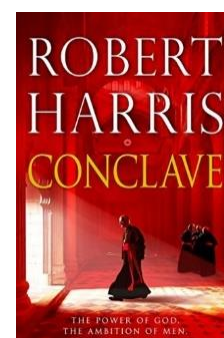
Bring your old tools to All Saints' for Christian charity [TWAM](#), 'Tools with a Mission'. TWAM collects and refurbishes usable tools, puts them in trade toolkits, and sends them to the developing world as aids for training and setting up small businesses. Computers/laptops & sewing machines are also needed. Please bring all items to Feering Church on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April between 10.00 am & 3.00 pm.**

## ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP – TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL at 7.30 pm

In April our Book Group will be looking at the novel **Conclave** by Robert Harris.

*The Guardian* says about the book: "The Pope has died and the cardinals are gathering to elect his successor: basically, powerful men are coming together to make some really big decisions. What could possibly go wrong?"

We'll meet in the Church Rooms as usual.





## TIPTREE FOODBANK

No more Easter Eggs are required, thank you – the Foodbank Team needs time to get them to families before Easter. But the Team does need **long-life milk, shampoo and tinned meat**. Please leave all your donations at either church and our volunteers will take them to Tiptree. Very many thanks for your support and generosity.

### **BENEFICE DIARY HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT A GLANCE**

**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: PALM SUNDAY**

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<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30-9.30 pm	St Mary's	Evening Lent Group in Church first, then Church Rooms
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 am	St Mary's	Teddy Bear Club <i>(last one before the Easter holidays)</i>
	2.30-4.00 pm	Feering	Afternoon Lent Group at 'Redlands', 94 Feering Hill, Feering CO5 9PX (Andrew & Sue Howard's home)
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	6.30 pm	St Mary's	Reflective Service with a simple Holy Communion
<b>Good Friday</b>	10.00 am	St Mary's	'Worship for All' Good Friday service, using crafts to tell the Easter Story
	1.30 pm	All Saints'	Stations of the Cross <i>with hymns, readings &amp; reflections</i>
<b>SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH EASTER DAY</b>	8.00 am	St Mary's	<b>Said Holy Communion</b> <i>(Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	9.30 am	All Saints'	<b>Sung Holy Communion</b> <i>with lighting of the Easter Candle</i>
	11.00 am	St Mary's	<b>Sung Parish Eucharist</b> <i>with lighting of the Easter Candle and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows</i>
<b><u>ADVANCE NOTICE:</u></b>			
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	2.30 pm	St Mary's	Funeral of Stewart Grenfell, followed by burial
<b>SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL The Second Sunday of Easter</b>	8.00 am	St Mary's	<b>Said Holy Communion</b> <i>(Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	9.30 am	All Saints'	<b>Sung Holy Communion</b>
	11.00 am	St Mary's	<b>Worship for All Service:</b> <i>an informal service without Holy Communion, with children's craft bags to take home afterwards</i>

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