

KELVEDON & FEERING NEWSLETTER

EASTER DAY, SUNDAY 31ST MARCH to SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH: EASTER DAY – *Alleluia. Christ is risen!*

8.00 am ST MARY'S Said Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)
9.30 am ALL SAINTS' Sung Holy Communion
11.00 am ST MARY'S Sung Parish Eucharist

Many apologies that this Newsletter didn't come out in time to advertise our Good Friday Services – blame the Vicar!

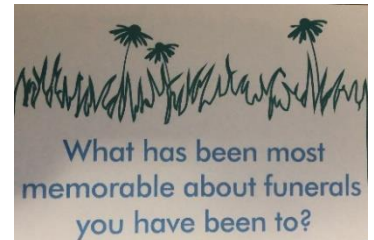


ST MARY'S PALM SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Simon, Caroline and our Choir led a reflective and at times meditative Palm Sunday service at the start of Holy Week. There were Bible readings, poems, anthems, hymns and prayers in preparation for Holy Week and the lead-up to Easter Day. The choir pieces were very varied and often challenging, and our relatively small choir sung superbly. Many thanks to them, to all who read and to everyone who came. A lovely, thoughtful way to start to Holy Week.

'GRAVE TALK', SATURDAY 23RD MARCH

There was a good turnout at the Cricket Club for Natasha's Grave Talk event. We sat at tables in small groups discussing questions that were on cards. There were plenty of interesting ideas and thoughts, which made us all think about our lives as much as about death. We all went home more determined to ensure our families knew where our wills are and what hymns we might like at our funerals. Sounds depressing? Far from it! There were lots of stories and lots of laughter too – and we hope to put on another similar event before too long.



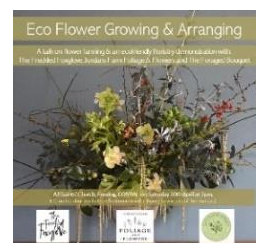
PAYBACK EASTER GARDEN AT ST MARY'S

We hope you've had a chance to see St Mary's Easter Garden. Our Payback Team has done a wonderful job: its new position by the gate means it's very easily seen. Two of the Team took on full responsibility for the garden. Before they started, they didn't even know the Easter story. They took so much care; everything was done with great reverence. Other Team members ensured the grass round it was cut and the church path swept so it all

looked neat and tidy for Easter. Thanks so much to all who generously donated plants: we had a huge amount – the men were really impressed that so many people wanted to give flowers.

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 refreshments and a chance to win the demonstration flower arrangement. All very welcome – please pay on the door.



NEW UNITED BENEFICE WEBSITE

For several months I've been working with James Cottis, the designer with the company Digital Spirit, on our new United Benefice website. Our current one hasn't been redesigned for many years and it urgently needed updating. We've been able to do this with funding from the Hay Fund, so through this St Mary's is paying for the new website without any extra money needed from the main accounts of either of our churches. The new site went live on Maundy Thursday: there's no change to how you access the site: it's still www.kelvedonandfeeringchurches.co.uk. From now on, please email dates of events etc that need to go on the website to me, [Sarah Openshaw](mailto:Sarah.Openshaw@kelvedonandfeeringchurches.co.uk). I have taken over the updating and responsibility for the site from our Administrator Fleur. Very many thanks to Fleur for keeping our previous site going. *Sarah Openshaw*

CHURCH CLOSURE at ST MARY'S

We are very sorry for locking the church at this special time of year, due to the recent theft of a metal wall-plaque. We hope to re-open soon, once we are as sure as we can be that no further thefts or damage will take place. We have contacted both the Police and the Archdeacon.



TIME TO TIDY UP THE TOOLSHED – bring your unwanted items to Feering!
Bring your old tools to All Saints' for Christian charity [TWAM](http://www.twam.org.uk), '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 27th April between 10.00 am & 3.00 pm.**

TIPTREE FOODBANK

The Foodbank needs **long-life milk, biscuits, toilet cleaner, shampoo and bathroom cleaner.** Please leave all Foodbank donations at either of our churches, and our volunteers will take the items to Tiptree. Very many thanks for your support and generosity.



BENEFICE DIARY EASTER DAY TO SUNDAY 7TH APRIL

SUNDAY 31st MARCH	8.00 am	St Mary's	Said Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
EASTER DAY	9.30 am	All Saints'	Sung Holy Communion <i>with lighting of the Easter Candle</i>
	11.00 am	St Mary's	Sung Parish Eucharist <i>with lighting of the Easter Candle and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows</i>
Wednesday	<i>No Teddy Bear Club – Easter holidays</i>		
3rd April	2.30 pm	St Dominic's	Holy Communion Service for Easter
	8.30 pm	Zoom	Night Prayer – <i>a 10-15 minute quiet, reflective service for the end of the day. Please use this link to join:</i>
			https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83398813389?pwd=UitzYjRnQzh5ZXJCRlgyMStyTU8ydz09
Friday 5th April	2.30 pm	St Mary's	Funeral of Stewart Grenfell, followed by burial
SUNDAY 7th APRIL	8.00 am	St Mary's	Said Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
The Second Sunday of Easter	9.30 am	All Saints'	Sung Holy Communion
	11.00 am	St Mary's	Worship for All Service: <i>an informal service for all ages without Holy Communion, with children's craft bags to take home afterwards</i>

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