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KELVEDON & FEERING CHURCHES NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 14TH to SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2024

SUNDAY 14TH APRIL: The THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER9.30 amALL SAINTS'11.00 amST MARY'SSung Parish Eucharist



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SUNDAY 21st APRIL – *Please note the following changes in times & types of services:* Just to give you some advance warning about our services on Sunday 21st April, when both churches have a very different service pattern.

All Saints' will be holding its Family Service at 10.00 am. It's a short (30-35 minute), informal non-Communion Service for families held at a

slightly later time than the usual 9.30 am Holy Communion service.

St Mary's will be holding its annual St George's Day service, also at 10.00 am, an hour earlier than normal. This is a non-Communion service for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, to which everyone is welcome, not just those involved with these uniformed groups. There will also be **a short, said Holy Communion in St Mary's at 11.00 am**, following the St George's Day Service.

Simon will lead the All Saints' Family Service; Natasha, the St George's Day service; and Simon the said Communion at St Mary's. Our normal service pattern returns on Sunday 27th April.

ST MARY'S NOW OPEN AGAIN EVERY DAY

Sadly following a theft from St Mary's (a metal plaque was removed from the Bell Tower), we had to close for two weeks. It's now reopened, so do come into the church again approximately 9.00 am–5.00 pm. If you're passing it would be good if you could pop in and check that all is in order. We thought we had removed anything that could be stolen, but obviously not!

ECO FLOWER-ARRANGING & GROWING: All Saints', Saturday 20 April, 2.00pm Eco-friendly floristry demonstration/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.



FRIENDS of ST MARY'S: *"THE THURSDAYS"* play PORTERS FARM BARN Local group The Thursdays play in the Barn at Porters Farm, Hollow Road, **Kelvedon, CO5 9DD, on Saturday 20th April at 7.30pm**, to raise funds for the fabric of St Mary's via 'The Friends'. Some of you will know band member David Maclean via his other group, 'Glass Onion', the Beatles tribute band, which (rightly!) has a loyal local following. *The Thursdays* play a wide variety of music from Madonna to the Corrs, ELO to 10CC, in two 45 minute sets with a half-an-hour break in between. **Tickets £10.00 each, including one drink.** There's a wine & beer bar with nibbles & canapes; seating is available. Please

pay on the door; we have a card reader, though cash is preferred. For more info & to reserve tickets, please email Friends Secretary <u>Xandie Nutting</u>. *NB the Barn is filling up...*

TIME TO TIDY UP THE TOOLSHED for the All Saints' Charity Tool Collection

Bring your old tools to All Saints' for Christian charity <u>TWAM</u>, '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 items to Feering Church on **Saturday 27th April, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm**.



ELECTORAL ROLLS for our ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Both our churches hold their annual parochial church meetings in May. One item will be the review of the Electoral Roll (essentially the 'church membership list'). Being on the Electoral Roll doesn't give you a lot of responsibilities or rights, mainly the opportunity to vote at the annual meeting in case there are elections for PCC/church officer posts! But it does make you more part of the church. If you're not on the electoral roll but would like to be, please email <u>Naomi</u> <u>Buttery</u> (St Mary's) by 23rd April or <u>Jean Yems</u> (All Saints') and they'll be happy to help.



TIPTREE FOODBANK

The Foodbank needs **long-life milk, shampoo (his and hers) and tinned meat.** 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.

AND FINALLY...

Keep up to date with information, service times, events and information about both churches at **our United Benefice website** – <u>kelvedonandfeeringchurches.co.uk</u>

Please send church information/photos/events for both parishes to me, <u>Sarah Openshaw</u>, by Wednesday, for inclusion in that week's newsletter.

BENEFICE DIARY			IDAY 14 TH to SUNDAY 21 ST APRIL
SUNDAY 14 TH APRIL <i>Easter 3</i>	9.30 am 11.00 am	All Saints' St Mary's	Sung Holy Communion Sung Parish Eucharist
Monday 15 th		Natasha retur	rns from her post-Easter break.
Tuesday 16 th	11.00 am	The Vicarage	Feering PCC
Wednesday 17 th	9.30 am 3.30 pm		ub returns after the Easter holidays slie George Jenkins at Three Counties Crematorium
Thursday 18 th	8.15 pm	•	Worship Group meets in the Church Rooms ies to group members for giving the wrong date last week!]
Saturday 20 th	10.00 am-3.00 2.00 pm 7.30 pm) pm St Luko All Saints' Porters Farm	e's Tiptree: Marriage Preparation Day for new wedding Eco Flower-growing & Arranging Talk/Demo //couples Barn "The Thursdays" in Concert
SUNDAY 21 st APRIL <i>Easter 4</i>	10.00 am 10.00 am 11.00 am	All Saints' St Mary's St Mary's	Family Service taken by Simon Scouts' St George's Day Service taken by Natasha Said Holy Communion for Easter 4 taken by Simon

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