

KELVEDON & FEERING CHURCHES NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 7TH to SUNDAY 14TH APRIL 2024

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL: The SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER

8.00 am	ST MARY'S	Said Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
9.30 am	ALL SAINTS'	Sung Holy Communion
11.00 am	ST MARY'S	Worship for All Service – <i>Our Service for All Ages</i>

- ❖ *There will be a full peal of bells at St Mary's this Sunday, 7th April, from 2 pm to about 5 pm. This peal is being attempted in memory of **Tory Toler**, longtime Church Street resident and member of St Mary's. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.*



END OF TERM EASTER SCHOOL SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

Great to see the church full with Kelvedon St Mary's Primary School children on Maundy Thursday morning for their end-of-term Easter services. Many thanks to all those involved. We hope everyone in our school has a very good Easter break and look forward to hearing the results of their recent inspections by OFSTED, and SIAMS (which inspects church schools to ensure they fulfil their Christian ethos).

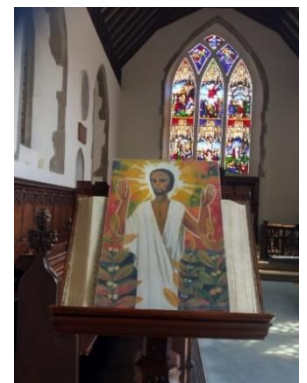


GOOD FRIDAY AT BOTH CHURCHES

We had nearly 30 children at St Mary's Messy Easter Service on Good Friday, and a good time was had by all. Thank you Geraldine, Sally, Steve & Viv for the crafts, and also Ruth & Simon who organised the hot-cross buns. Natasha encouraged the children to use their senses as

they discovered more about the Easter story.

At All Saints' our traditional Stations of the Cross service explored the Passion story in a simple but powerful way, using our striking Stations images.



ST MARY'S AFTER-CHURCH REFRESHMENTS

We had delicious cupcakes after St Mary's Easter Day service, thanks to Nikki. We hugely appreciate all who take a turn providing and serving refreshments at St Mary's, if you think you can do this one Sunday, the list is at the back of the church. You don't have to bake cupcakes... a couple of packets of biscuits is fine, it's just having different people to serve coffee and wash up afterwards. If you'd like to know more about helping please contact [Robert](#). Thank you.

COPY FOR OUR WEEKLY UNITED BENEFICE NEWSLETTER

Do send me, [Sarah Openshaw](#), items for this United Benefice Newsletter please. I'm very aware that sometimes (like this week) it seems to have too much St Mary's news and little from All Saints'. I try hard to keep up with All Saints' activities, but can easily miss things if I'm not told. Please send me photos and information about events, services etc. I need them by Wednesday for that week's newsletter please. Many thanks, *Sarah Openshaw*.

ST MARY'S REOPENS THIS WEEK

Following the theft and damage a while ago, we're pleased to say that St Mary's will reopen this coming week. However we'll need to remain vigilant so if you can, please pop into church during the day just to check things are OK, and let Simon know if there is anything unusual. *Thank you.*



NEW UNITED BENEFICE WEBSITE

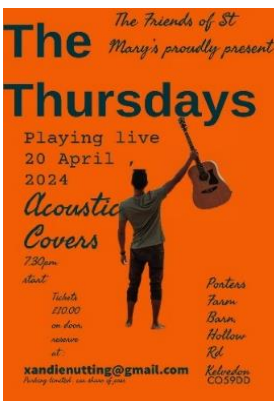
Our new website was launched on Maundy Thursday. Do have a look if you haven't already. We hope it's easy to navigate, with all the information up-to-date and there when you need it. The site name is unchanged: www.kelvedonandfeeringchurches.co.uk. Please email dates of events etc. that need to go on the website to me, [Sarah Openshaw](mailto:Sarah.Openshaw@kelvedonandfeeringchurches.co.uk). *Thank you.*

SIMON to be an HONORARY (non-residentiary) CANON of CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL

Bishop Guli has invited Simon to become a non-residentiary canon of the cathedral after his near-25 years' ministry in this diocese. It's an honorary post that gives Simon a 'seat' in the cathedral, allows him to preach at Evensong and be part of cathedral life through events and meetings. He'll be installed as a canon at Cathedral Evensong on **Sunday 28th April at 3.30 pm**. If you'd like to attend the service **please let him know by this Thursday, 11th April**.

ECO FLOWER-ARRANGING & GROWING: All Saints', Saturday 20 April, 2.00 pm

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** are playing in the Barn at Porters Farm, Hollow Road, Kelvedon, CO5 9DD, on Saturday 20th April at 7.30pm. Very generously they're playing to raise funds for the fabric of St Mary's via 'The Friends'.

The group plays a variety of music from Madonna to the Corrs, ELO to 10CC. Tickets £10.00 per person to include one drink. There will be a bar. Please pay on the door, cash preferred. More details and to reserve your tickets, from [Xandie Nutting](#), Secretary of the Friends of St Mary's.

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 27th April, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm**.



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.

BENEFICE DIARY SUNDAY 7TH to SUNDAY 14TH APRIL

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❖ *Natasha is on her post-Easter break after the 8.00 am on Sunday 7th April, returning on Monday 15th.*

Wednesday 10th *No Teddy Bear Club – Easter holidays (TBC returns Wednesday 17th April)*

Thursday 11th 8.15 pm St Mary's Worship Group meets in the Church Rooms

SUNDAY 14TH APRIL	9.30 am	All Saints'	Sung Holy Communion
<i>Easter 3</i>	11.00 am	St Mary's	Sung Parish Eucharist

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Tuesday 16th 11.00 am The Vicarage Feering PCC

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL	10.00 am	All Saints'	Family Service <i>taken by Simon</i>
<i>Easter 4</i>	10.00 am	St Mary's	Scouts' St George's Day Service <i>taken by Natasha</i>
	11.00 am	St Mary's	Said Holy Communion for Easter 4 <i>taken by Simon</i>

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