# KELVEDON & FEERING CHURCHES NEWSLETTER WITH COPFORD & EASTHORPE

**Benefice Website** 

#### **SUNDAY 13TH. JULY 2025 to SUNDAY 20TH JULY 2025**

	Services for Sunday 13th July 2025	
10.00 a.m.	Informal Worship	All Saints', Feering
10.30 a.m.	Pet Service	St Michaels & All Angels, Copford
11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Kelvedon

#### News from our four Churches...

#### AND THE RAIN STAYED AWAY...ST MARY'S FETE, KELVEDON

Thank you to everyone who came and made our Summer Fete such a great success! Everyone seemed to have a good time enjoying games such as the Welly Toss, Hang out the Vicar's laundry and of course the popular Splat the Rat game. As usual, the plant and cake stalls were popular as was the afternoon teas and beer tent. At last count, £4700 had been raised which was a significant increase on last year's total. Once again, thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who do an amazing job each year.



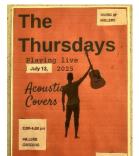
#### PET SERVICE AT ST MICHAELS & ALL ANGELS, COPFORD ON SUNDAY 13TH JULY 10.30AM

Join us at what is sure to be a lively service! At our first pet service this summer, Wendy and Ruth are looking forward to meeting and blessing your beloved animals. In previous years a horse and tortoise both attended, though thankfully not at the same time! The naughty puppy known as Freddie (see picture) will of course be in attendance so please do come and say hi to him! It will make his day!



#### 'THE THURSDAYS' PLAYING on SUNDAY 13тн JULY in CHURCH STREET...

Local acoustic band THE THURSDAYS will be playing two 30-35 minute acoustic sets on Sunday, 13th July between 2-4 pm in the relaxed setting of the courtyard of Miller's Gardens, Church Street, Kelvedon CO5 9AH. It promises to be a relaxed summer Sunday afternoon (possibly needed after the Pet Service above!). Please bring your own chairs, drinks & nibbles. All donations in aid of St Mary's Church.



COFFEE & CHAT AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EASTHORPE - THURSDAY 17TH JULY Join us for tea, coffee, homemade cake and a chat - catch up with friends old and new in the church hall (or outside if fine) on Thursday 17th July from 10 a.m. to Noon. All are welcome.



#### 'A PILGRIMAGE OF SONG' – SATURDAY 19<sub>TH</sub> JULY, FEERING TO TIPTREE

Join the CANTUS FIRMUS CHOIR and their friends for a musical walking tour, singing a short service in every church they visit. The day includes a break for lunch (bring your own) and a fish and chip supper. If the walk of six miles seems daunting, you can walk just part of it, making your own arrangements to drive between churches (e.g. by sharing a car with a friend). Full details of the day are on the Cantus Firmus website here: <u>Pilgrimage of Song Tiptree</u>.



#### ORTHODOX MONASTERY 'OPEN DOOR' - Saturday 19th July from 2.00 pm

The Monastery of Saint John the Baptist, (also known as Community of Saint John the Baptist) is a monastic community which was founded in 1959 and belongs to the Eastern Orthodox Christian Church under the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople. This normally closed community is opening their doors to allow visitors to see their art and literature and learn a little about the life of this cloister. If you would like a lift, please contact Simon as he is intending to go. Further information can be found here: About Us | Monastery of St John the Baptist.



Kelvedon Institute (small hall) Saturday 26th July 3-4.30pm

#### 'GRAVE TALK' - SATURDAY 26TH JULY, 3.00-4.30 pm

Following on from last years very well received Grave Talk, Natasha will be leading another session. This time in the Small Hall of Kelvedon Institute. Do you have questions or concerns about death, dying and funerals that you'd like to explore, but know how to start? Come and join us at 'Grave Talk' – a friendly and relaxed café space to chat with others about all those topics we find hard to discuss. For people of all faiths and doubts. Do contact <a href="Natasha">Natasha</a> if you'd like to know more.



### TIPTREE FOOD BANK - Tiptree Food Bank | Tiptree | Facebook

Our Food Bank needs: Soap, bathroom cleaner, kitchen cleaner, shower gel, breakfast cereal, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit. All donations of these and other items are gratefully received. The Food Bank's general list is on the right if you'd like it to hand. You can also click on the above link for their Facebook page. Thanks once again to Jill & Betty, who collect all your donations and take them to Tiptree.



#### SERVICE FOR ALL FOUR CHURCHES – ST MARY'S KELVEDON, SUNDAY 20TH JULY, 10.00 am

You will know by now that changes are happening for all our parishes, and to mark this we will be having a Holy Communion service for all four churches in our 'Cluster' on Sunday 20th July at 10 am in St Mary's Kelvedon. We hope the full 'new clergy team' will be there as we begin a new period in the life of our four churches.



Keep up to date with service times, events & info about K & F via our United Benefice website: <u>kelvedonandfeeringchurches.co.uk</u>. Information for the <u>Website should be sent to Sarah</u>. Thank you.

Please let Fleur have any items for this Newsletter by Tuesday p.m.

If you no longer wish to received this newsletter, please let Fleur, know.

## Church Diary at a glance..

	Week of Sunday 13th July 2025 & Coming up		
Sunday 13th July @ 2-4pm	The Thursdays	Miller's Gardens, Kelvedon	
Wednesday 16th July @ 9.30 a.m.	Teddy Bear Club	St Mary's, Kelvedon	
Wednesday 16th July @ 9.30 a.m.	Junior Christian Club	St Mary's, Kelvedon	
Thursday 17th July @ 8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer with Simon	St Mary's, Kelvedon	
Thursday 17th July @ 10.00 a.m.	Monthly Coffee & Chat	St Mary's Church Hall, Easthorpe	
Thursday 17th July @ 10.30 a.m.	Kelvedon St Mary's Primary Academy Presentations for Year 6	St Mary's, Kelvedon	
Thursday 17th July @ 7.30 p.m.	Easthorpe PCC Meeting	St Mary's Church Hall, Easthorpe	
Saturday 19th July @ 9.45 a.m.	Pilgrimage of Song	All Saints', Feering	
Saturday 19th July @ 2 p.m.	Orthodox Ministry Open Door	Monastery of Saint John the Baptist, Essex	
Sunday 20th July @ 10.00 a.m.	Sung Holy Communion for all Four Churches	St Mary's, Kelvedon	
Sunday 20th July @ 3 p.m.	Baptism of Edward Witherington	St Mary's, Kelvedon	
Sunday 20th July @ 6.p.m	Prayer Book Holy Communion	St Mary's, Easthorpe	