

KELVEDON & FEERING, COPFORD & EASTHORPE CHURCHES NEWSLETTER

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SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST to SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST – The 11TH SUNDAY after TRINITY

10.30 am St Michael's Copford 'Four All' Holy Communion Service

NB1 – this is the only service in all our four churches this Sunday.

We return to our regular service-times on Sunday 7th September (see the Diary on pg 3).

NB 2 – a temporary return this week to the old Newsletter format, as Fleur is on leave until next week and I don't have the tech skills to operate the new one! Apologies, Simon Garwood

***IMPORTANT NOTICE* – NATIONAL TEST of the EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM** **On SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER at 3.00 pm**

Some of you may already know that the UK Government will be conducting a national test of the Emergency Alert system on Sunday 7th September at 3.00 pm. During this test, mobile phones may emit a loud alert sound and display a message, even if on silent. This is part of a nationwide initiative to ensure the alert system is functioning correctly in case of future emergencies. **Please be aware of this, especially if you're working or attending any events at that time.** For further details please visit the official government pages: [Emergency Alerts Overview](#) [Emergency Alert Test – FAQs](#)



"FOUR ALL" SERVICE – ST MICHAEL'S COPFORD, THIS SUNDAY, 31ST AUGUST at 10.30 am

You'll know by now of our new 'cluster' of four churches, and we mark our new group for the second time (the first was at St Mary's in July) with a **'Four all' Holy Communion Service for our Cluster this Sunday, 31st August at 10.30 am in St Michael's.** We look forward to seeing you. St Michael's address: Church Road/Aldercar Road, Copford CO6 1DG.

DONATIONS FOR NATASHA – CLOSING SOON!

Thank you very much to everyone who has generously donated to Tasha's leaving gifts. If you still wish to, **please do so by Monday 1st September**, so we have time to purchase the gifts we will be giving her. *Thank you.*

NATASHA'S FINAL DAY, SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

After St Mary's 11 a.m. service on Sunday 14th, there will be refreshments and an opportunity to say our goodbyes to Natasha for those who won't be attending Feeringbury later in the day. If you would like to contribute a small plate of finger-food savouries that would be ideal. There will be a list at the back of the Church or you can contact [Geraldine](#). *Thank you.*



Everyone from all four of our churches is warmly invited to **Feeringbury Manor, Coggeshall Road, Feering CO5 9RB, on Sunday 14th September at 5.00 pm** for Pimm's, nice things to eat and to say final goodbyes to Tasha before she and the family move to Fulham.

HERITAGE EXHIBITION & CREAM TEAS – ALL SAINTS', SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2.30-4 pm

Come and enjoy the last cream tea in our lovely churchyard (in church if wet) and view a fascinating collection of Feering memorabilia, old photographs and mystery objects displayed in church. On Saturday 6th members of Kelvedon & Feering Heritage Society & the Local History Museum will be on hand to answer questions. Cream teas are £5 per person, with free juice and biscuits for children. **The Exhibition will also be open 1.30-4.00 pm on Sunday 7th September.** Please note that on Sunday tea and coffee will be available but there'll be no cream teas. There is no entrance fee for the Exhibition, but all donations will be very gratefully accepted.

NATASHA'S WELCOME SERVICE at ALL SAINTS' FULHAM, SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 4 pm

We've booked a 49-seater coach for anyone who'd like to come to Tasha's welcome service at All Saints' Fulham. The coach will leave Feering Community Centre at 9.30 am, stop opposite Kelvedon Post Office, then arrive in Fulham at about 1.00 pm, giving people time for lunch and to explore the area before the service, which will be sung a Choral Evensong including a special welcome for Tasha. The coach will leave Fulham at 6.00-6.30 pm so we should be home in good time. Seats will cost between £20-25 – the more who come, the cheaper it will be!! There are still some seats left: to book one please sign one of the sheets in All Saints' or St Mary's, or contact either [Adrienne Copsey](#) or [Simon Garwood](#). Do please note that seats are going rather fast...

K & F HARVEST FESTIVAL LUNCH, SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER, 12.45 for 1.00 pm

This year's annual K & F Benefice Harvest Lunch will be in All Saints' on **Sunday 28th September**, following our usual 9.30 & 11.00 am Harvest Festival Services with the blessing of the Harvest gifts. It will be a Ploughman's Lunch, with tea & coffee served afterwards. We would be very grateful for donations of puddings. Cost: £15 adults, £5 children. Sign-up sheets will be available soon in both All Saints' and St Mary's.

St Mary's Easthorpe's Harvest Supper will be on Sunday 5th October, following the 6.00 pm Harvest Festival Evensong – cost £12.50. **St Michael's Copford's Harvest Festival** will be on Sunday 12th October – more details to follow later.



TIPTREE FOOD BANK – [Tiptree Food Bank](#) | [Tiptree](#) | [Facebook](#)

Our Food Bank needs: tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, baked beans, long-life fruit juice, long-life milk, tinned meat, laundry powder/liquid, razors, dry cat & dog food. We would also be grateful for donations of strong carrier bags. All donations of these and other items will be very gratefully received. The Food Bank's general list is on the left so you have it to hand when you're next shopping. Thanks once again to Jill & Betty, who collect all K & F donations and take them to Tiptree.

KEEPING UP WITH K & F

For this Newsletter, please send items to [Fleur Harris](#) by Wednesday please for that week.

Keep up to date with service times, events & info about K & F via our **United Benefice website**: kelvedonandfeeringchurches.co.uk. For the **Website**, please send church info, photos & events on both parishes to [Sarah Openshaw](#). Thank you.

CLUSTER DIARY: SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST to SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY 31 ST AUGUST	10.30 am	St Michael's Copford	"Four All" Holy Communion Service
TRINITY 11	4.00 pm	The Vicarage	Adult Confirmation Group

NB Natasha is taking a Holy Communion service at St Bartholomew's Wickham Bishops at 10.30 am this Sunday, 31st August, after which she will be on leave, returning on Monday 8th September.

Tuesday 2 nd September	7.30 pm	The Angel pub	Angels Group
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Wednesday 3 rd September	2.30 pm	St Dominics	Holy Communion Service
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Sorry, there is no Night Prayer today: Simon has a 7.30 pm meeting that he must attend and Tasha is away. The next Night Prayer will be on Wednesday 1st October.

Thursday 4 th September	8.30 am	St Mary's	Morning Prayer
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Friday 5 th September	3.30 pm	Feering Cemetery	Burial of Ashes of Barry Cobbold
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SATURDAY 6 TH SEPTEMBER	2.30-4.00 pm	ALL SAINTS'	HERITAGE EXHIBITION & CREAM TEAS
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SUNDAY 7 TH SEPTEMBER	8.00 am	St Mary's	Said Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
TRINITY 12	9.30 am	All Saints'	Sung Holy Communion
All services taken by Simon	11.00 am	St Mary's	Worship for All Service
	1.30-4.00 pm	All Saints'	Heritage Exhibition
	6.00 pm	St Mary's Easthorpe	Sung Evensong (Prayer Book)

ADVANCED NOTICE

SUNDAY 14 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30 at ALL SAINTS & 11.00 at ST MARY'S: NATASHA'S LAST SERVICES		
	<i>Please see above for arrangements for Tasha's farewell events on Sunday 14th</i>		

Sunday 28 th September	12.45 for 1.00 pm	All Saints'	Harvest Lunch for Kelvedon & Feering
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