

KELVEDON & FEERING CHURCHES NEWSLETTER WITH COPFORD & EASTHORPE

SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER to SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

8 am	St Mary's Kelvedon	Said Holy Communion	(1662 Prayer Book)
9.30 am	All Saints' Feering	Sung Holy Communion	(Patronal Festival)
11 am	St Mary's Kelvedon	Worship for All Service	
6 pm	St Mary's Easthorpe	Choral Evensong	with Cantus Firmus Choir



FEERING 'IN LOVING MEMORY' SERVICE THIS SATURDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER

After last Saturday's well-received service at Kelvedon, we look forward to welcoming people to Feering's 'In Loving Memory' service this coming Saturday, 1st November. The service has familiar hymns and times for quiet reflection; everyone then has the chance to light a candle (or candles plural) in memory of their loved ones. There'll be some delicious home-made refreshments after the service too.

ST MARY'S WORSHIP FOR ALL SERVICE, THIS SUNDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 11.00 am

This Sunday members of St Mary's Junior Christian Club (JCC) are taking leading roles in our service, acting out the story of the tax collector Zacchaeus meeting Jesus while hiding in a tree! Everyone is welcome at this friendly, informal act of worship, plus there'll be the usual delicious refreshments after the service, and (of course) **craft bags** provided by [Geraldine](#). **Please let her know if your child would like a bag at the service. It's really important that Geraldine knows please, as she doesn't want to make too many or to have too few. Thank you.**



ST MARY'S EASTHORPE – CHORAL EVENSONG with CANTUS FIRMUS CHOIR THIS SUNDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER 6 p.m.



You are warmly invited to a very special Choral Evensong on Sunday 2nd November at St Mary's, Easthorpe; the theme is All Saints/All Souls. Simon will lead the service, with Norman Eastbrook as conductor and Clive Eastbrook as organist. There will be a retiring collection. Come and worship on All Saints' Day (& All Soul's Day) and hear some lovely music.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES, SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

The full list of Remembrance Sunday services is in the Church Diary on **page 3** - it's good to see that all four of our churches are offering services of Remembrance on this significant day. The Royal British Legion will join St Mary's Kelvedon for its annual Remembrance Sunday service next Sunday, 9th November, at 10.45 am in the Churchyard: the uniformed groups and others will lay wreaths and plant crosses around the War Memorial. We then go into church for the Remembrance Service. Details of the various Armistice Day services (on Tuesday 11th November) for all three of our church schools in our cluster are also in the Diary on page 3.





ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL (CTF), 6th–7th DECEMBER

It will soon be time for the **16th St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival**. If you'd like to decorate a tree for CTF please contact [Geraldine Kennedy](#). This year's Festival is on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December, and at the moment we're looking for people, groups and businesses to take part and produce a tree. Could you help by encouraging anyone you know, particularly if you have contact with a business, to participate? For further information or to take part, please email [Geraldine](#).

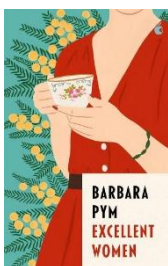
FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S KELVEDON – 'THE SAS IN ESSEX', Saturday 15th November at 7 pm

Join the Friends of St Mary's for a fascinating insight into the SAS in Essex. During World War 2, Essex was the launch-pad for SAS and other clandestine military groups. Gordon Brown, former Army Officer and Chair of Earls Colne Heritage Museum, has done extensive research to give us exclusive insights into these secret operations.

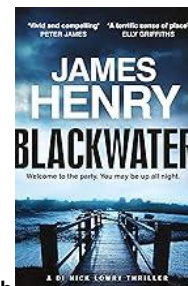
At St Mary's Kelvedon, Saturday 15th November at 7 p.m. Drinks and canapes will be served, with a **suggested donation of £20** on the night – all proceeds to the Friends of St Mary's. To find out more go to friendsofstmaryskelvedon@gmail.com.



ST MARY'S KELVEDON BOOK GROUP



Last Tuesday (28 October) we enjoyed discussing **Blackwater** by James Henry, a crime thriller set in Colchester and surrounding areas in January 1983. It created a good sense of time and place, highlighting differing practices in police procedures and the military police in the garrison town at that time. The Strood provided the bleak freezing backdrop for the scene of the crime. The Essex coastline with its tidal smelly mudflats and marshes paired with the thick fog and snow created a



suitably eerie atmosphere for the darker parts of the novel. We next meet on **Tuesday 25th**

November at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church Rooms, when we discuss **Excellent Women** by Barbara Pym. All who enjoy reading and discussing books are warmly invited to come! *Sue Barham*

CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING CLASSES AT ST MARY'S KELVEDON

Two opportunities to learn how to make a Christmas wreath – all materials provided, just bring your secateurs! **Cost = £25 each**, including mince pie and tea/coffee. **Dates: Wednesday 26th November at 7 pm, & Thursday 27th November at 4.30 pm in St Mary's Church Rooms**. To book please contact [Geraldine Kennedy](#). **All proceeds to St Mary's Church.**

*ADVANCE NOTICE FOR ADVENT SUNDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER:

'FOUR-ALL' HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE in ALL SAINTS' FEERING at 10.00 am

Come and join us for our third 'Four-All' Service, as we seek to draw our 4 churches closer to each other. After services at St Mary's Kelvedon in July and St Michael's Copford at the end of August, it's now Feering's turn. We look forward to seeing you as we start a new church year working together, sharing our resources, experiences and ideas. Easthorpe's turn will be next year! *Simon*

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

The Food Bank needs: washing powder/liquid, long-life fruit juice, washing up liquid, kitchen/bathroom cleaner & toilet cleaner. Please leave donations at either church and our volunteers will deliver them to the Foodbank.

Many thanks for your donations and to Betty & Jill for taking them to Tiptree.



KEEPING UP WITH K & F & C & E

Information for the Kelvedon & Feering website: www.kelvedonandfeeringchurches.co.uk should be sent to [Sarah](#), while information for the Copford Website or Easthorpe ACNY page should be sent to [Fleur](#). Please let [Fleur](#) have any items for this Newsletter by **Tuesday 5 p.m.** If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please tell [Fleur](#). *Thank you.*

BENEFICE DIARY SATURDAY 1ST to TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Saturday 1st Nov.	8.30am-3.30pm	St Mary's Kelvedon	Payback Team in the Churchyard & Burial Ground
All Saints' Day	12.00 noon	St Mary's Kelvedon	Burial of Ashes of the late Joan Fallows
	4.00 pm	All Saints' Feering	'In Loving Memory' Bereavement Service
Sunday 2nd Nov.	8.00 am	St Mary's Kelvedon	Said Holy Communion (1662 Prayer Book)
ALL SAINTS'	9.30 am	All Saints' Feering	Sung Holy Communion – Patronal Festival
SUNDAY	11.00 am	St Mary's Kelvedon	Worship for All Service
	6.00 pm	St Mary's Easthorpe	Choral Evensong with Cantus Firmus Choir
Tuesday 4th	2.30 pm	St Dominic's Care Home	Remembrance Service with Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye – Installation of the Revd. Jo Wood as the new priest for LDLH, Salcott, Tollesbury, Tolleshunt D'Arcy & Tolleshunt Major <i>Everyone is invited to this service as we welcome Jo to the new benefice we are forming.</i>	
Wednesday 5th	9.30 am	St Mary's Kelvedon	Teddy Bear Club (first after half term)
	4.45 pm	St Mary's Kelvedon	Junior Christian Club (first after half term)
	8.30 pm	Zoom	Night Prayer/Compline – please use this link to join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85057162870?pwd=Nxq8wtn6jumgfBMvK8UVijYVAPPoEb.1
Thursday 6th	8.30 am	St Mary's Kelvedon	Morning Prayer
	2.00 pm	Feering Cemetery	Burial of Ashes of the late Christine Blake
	7.30 pm	Kelvedon URC	Public meeting about the Kings Dene development
Friday 7th	2.00 pm	St Mary's Kelvedon	Funeral of the late Robert (Bob) Knight
Sunday 9th Nov.	9.15 am*	All Saints' Feering	Sung Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance
REMEMBRANCE	9.30 am	St Mary's Easthorpe	Remembrance Service <i>Archdeacon Ruth Patten</i>
SUNDAY	10.50 am	St Michael's Copford	Remembrance Service <i>Revd. Wendy Pagden</i>
	10.45 am*	St Mary's Kelvedon	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
	11.00 am	St Mary's Kelvedon	Remembrance Service (NB no Holy Communion)

**Please note the slightly earlier times for these services.*

ADVANCE NOTICE

Tuesday 11th Nov.	10.00 am	Copford Primary School	Remembrance Service in St Michael's Church
ARMISTICE DAY	10.45 am	Kelvedon St Mary's Primary Academy	Year 6 Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in St Mary's Churchyard
Annual School Services	11.00 am	All Saints' Feering C of E Primary School	Act of Remembrance with the Royal British Legion in Feering Cemetery
Sunday 16th Nov.	10.00 am	All Saints'	Informal Worship Service (NB No Communion)
2nd Sunday before Advent	11.00 am	St Mary's	Sung Holy Communion
	3.00 pm	All Saints'	Holy Baptism

NB there are no services at St Michael's Copford or St Mary's Easthorpe on this Sunday.

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