

KELVEDON & FEERING CHURCHES NEWSLETTER WITH COPFORD & EASTHORPE

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025 - SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2025

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Services for Sunday 14th December The Third Sunday of Advent

10.00 a.m.	All Saints', Feering	Holy Communion Service for Kelvedon & Feering
4.00 p.m.	All Saints', Feering	Christingle Service in aid of the Children Society
6.00 p.m.	St Michael & All Angels, Copford	Carols by Candlelight



***All of the Sunday Services are being taken by Simon Garwood**

News from our four Churches...



ST MARY'S KELVEDON, CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - WHAT A WEEKEND!!

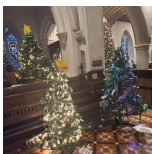
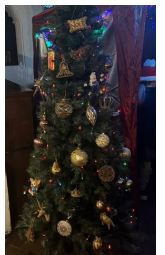
Thank you to everyone who attended St Mary's Annual Christmas Tree Festival and to the businesses and organisations that decorated and exhibited their own take on a Christmas tree - Old Wooden Ladder or Sleeping Bags anyone? The event made over £3000, with a whopping £1000 spent on refreshments. We have also been able to make a substantial donation to the Alzheimers Society.

If you were one of nearly 800 people who came through our doors over the weekend to admire the 44 Christmas Trees you might not have realised the massive amount of work that goes on behind the scenes. Thanks go to:

- George, John R and Simon P
- The Bell Family and Pat B
- St Mary's Choir and Carol Taylor
- All the stewards who helped over the weekend
- Santa Claus in his grotto and his elves
- Robert Lines, our kitchen angels & those who supplied soup and cakes.
 - Betty Andrews
- Terling Handbell ringers & the East Anglian Reed Choir
 - St Mary's Academy Choir & the Feering Singers
 - Jack Linstead
 - Viv Slater & Loretta
 - Sarah Openshaw

A big thank you! - Geraldine Kennedy

On behalf of everyone involved over the Festival weekend, I would like to say a huge THANK YOU from the refreshments team. Thanks for all of you who baked cakes, savouries and supplied a lovely range of homemade soups. Amongst our stalwarts in the kitchen we were joined by some new faces who coped brilliantly, especially on Saturday which was quite manic at times. Finally a big thank you to all of you who return year after year to partake of the amazing food we have to offer. We made the astonishing amount of just over £1000, an impressive record total. Thanks for supporting our team. - Robert Lines



WHAT CAN I DO THIS WEEKEND?



- **All Saints', Feering** is holding its popular **Christingle Service** on **Sunday 14th December at 4.00. p.m.** This is a service suitable for families and raises money for the Children's Society. Each person is given a Christingle and we sing carols. It is a lovely festive event for children.
- **St Michael & All Angels, Copford** will be having **Carols by Candlelight** on **Sunday 14th December at 6.00 p.m.** Enjoy singing Carols in this beautiful Church with festive fayre and mulled wine to enjoy afterwards.



THE GRUMPY OWL AND THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS - THE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY STORY FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Something wonderful is about to happen. The Saviour of the world is going to be born. But the grumpy owl who lives in the barn just wants to be left alone...

Be the first to watch this beautiful animated version of The Grumpy Owl and the Joy of Christmas, the bestselling book from Church House Publishing at the heart of this year's Advent and Christmas theme – and find out whether the animals in this story help our owl to discover the Joy of Christmas.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS ACROSS ALL FOUR CHURCHES

Printed leaflets listing all of the services and events across our four Churches this Christmas will be available in all of the Churches in our Cluster. If you would like to receive a copy of the paper version, please contact [Fleur](#). Information regarding all of these events will also be in this weekly Newsletter.



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR DONATIONS FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

St Mary's, Kelvedon are still collecting, in conjunction with the Children's Society, gift items for young people. Bags are available at the back of Church or you can use your own. Suggested donations are Hand Cream, Period Pants, Bath/Shower Gel, Shampoo, Tooth Brushes, Toothpaste, Fidget Toys, Face Masks, Cotton Wool Pads, Bath Bombs, Hair Brushes and Pens. Please return bags before Christmas Eve. Thank you for your support. - *Geraldine Kennedy*



CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you all for your kind Christmas donations. We have now passed the cut off for Christmas donations to our Churches but you can still take your festive contributions either to St Luke's Church, Tiptree, the donation tub in Asda or the Foodbank in Tiptree URC, Chapel Road on Thursdays 2-4 p.m. Donations of Christmas Treats should be made before Thursday 18th December. The Foodbank would particularly appreciate Christmas Cake, Mince Pies and Tinned Ham. Thank you.



From the normal shopping list, the Foodbank would be grateful for donations of Handwash/Bars of Soap, Shampoo and Washing-up Liquid. - Thank you.

Information for the Kelvedon & Feering website should be sent to [Sarah](#), whilst information for the Copford Website, Easthorpe ACNY page or this Newsletter should be sent to [Fleur](#) by Tuesday 5 p.m. If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please tell [Fleur](#).

The Children's Society

Food Bank Shopping List	Pastry tins
Items suitable to be donated:	Tinned tomatoes
Long life milk	Tinned meat
Breakfast cereal	Tinned fish
Fruit (juice)	Tinned potatoes
Tea	Canned beans
Coffee	Crisps (bags)
Alcohol	Sugar
Jam	Toilet roll
Squash	Toilet paper
Tinned vegetables	Laundry detergent
Soap	Cleaning products
Baked beans	Washing up liquid
Tinned custard	Washing up liquid
Tinned rice pudding	Washing up liquid
Tinned fruit	Washing up liquid
Pastry	Washing up liquid
Mince	Washing up liquid

Church Diary at a glance..

Week of Sunday 14th December & Future Events			
Sunday 14th December @ 10.00 a.m.	All Saints', Feering	Holy Communion Service for Kelvedon & Feering	
Sunday 14th December @ 4.00 p.m.	All Saints', Feering	Christingle Service in aid of the Children Society	
Sunday 14th December @ 6.00 p.m.	St Michael & All Angels, Copford	Carols by Candlelight	
Tuesday 16th December @ 1.45 p.m.	All Saints', Feering	Feering Primary School Christmas Service	
Wednesday 17th December @ 9.30 a.m.	St Mary's, Kelvedon	Teddy Bear Club	
Thursday 18th December @ 8.30 a.m.	St Mary's, Kelvedon	Morning Prayer with Simon	
Thursday 18th December @ 10.00 a.m.	St Mary's, Easthorpe	Christmas Coffee Morning	
Thursday 18th December @ 11.00 a.m.	Feering Cemetery	Burial of Ashes of Stan Yems	
Friday 19th December @ Noon	St Mary's, Kelvedon	Funeral of Betty Lampitt followed by burial	
Sunday 21st December @ 10.00 a.m	St Mary's, Kelvedon	Sung Holy Communion Service for Kelvedon & Feering	
Sunday 21st December @ 3.00 p.m.	All Saints', Feering	Crib Service	
Sunday 21st December @ 4.00 p.m.	St Mary's, Easthorpe	Carol Service	
Sunday 21st December @ 6.00 p.m.	St Mary's, Kelvedon	Carol Service	
Monday 22nd December @ 7.00 p.m.	All Saints', Feering	Sing-Along-A-Carol	