



THE ROMAN ROAD PARISHES: COPFORD, EASTHORPE, FEERING & KELVEDON

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SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026 – Trinity 15

ALL SAINTS' FEERING

9.30 am – Sung Holy Communion*

ST MARY'S KELVEDON

11.00 am – Sung Holy Communion

Service taken by the Revd. Christine Newmarch

ST MICHAEL'S COPFORD

**11.00 am – All-Age Service with the Baptism
of Callum Christopher James Walwyn***

ALL SAINTS' FEERING

3.00 pm – Holy Baptism of George Corboy*

** All services except for 11.00 am at St Mary's Kelvedon taken by Simon*

NO SERVICE at ST MARY'S EASTHORPE TODAY

Simon Garwood writes:

I'm guest editor this week while Fleur is away, hence the more basic format, denuded of its attractive layout and pictures. Normal service will resume next week...

EASTHORPE CHURCH MUSIC QUIZ has been POSTPONED

We are sorry that last Friday evening's Music Quiz had to be postponed - sadly there weren't enough teams to make it viable. We will let you know of the new date once it has been set.

A Fantastic Evening with the wonderful *ELECTRO JAZZ ORCHESTRA!*

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER at 7.30 pm

This great 16-piece jazz orchestra is back for its annual, joyful residency! If you haven't heard them yet, then you're in for a treat: jazz classics, arrangements of soul/pop numbers, music from films and TV, and more. Tickets are a snip at £15 – and this includes a free glass of Prosecco (other beverages are available...). More Prosecco will be available during the interval... no need to book, just turn up on the door – cash and card payment available.

HARVEST FESTIVALS IN THE ROMAN ROAD PARISHES – supporting our Food Bank

Next Sunday, 20th September, ST MARY'S KELVEDON is celebrating Harvest Festival at 11.00 a.m.

It will be our usual Holy Communion Service with the blessing of the Harvest gifts. As ever, we are supporting our local Food Bank, so please bring any items to the church next Sunday, or feel free to drop them off during the week. There is a large Food Bank box just inside the main church door.

Our other Harvest Festivals are:

❖ **All Saints' Feering – Sunday 4th October at 9.30 am**

❖ **St Mary's Easthorpe – Sunday 4th October at 6.00 pm, followed by Harvest Supper in Church**

❖ **St Michael & All Angels – Sunday 11th October at 11.00 am**

PILGRIM PLACES, HOLY LIVES – A Short Course on Tuesdays from 15th September

This short evening course follows a new booklet, focusing on a different saint and a different aspect of pilgrimage each week. It starts **this Tuesday, 15th September** and will be in a different venue each week (echoing the pilgrimage theme) throughout our new, enlarged Blackwater Benefice, and led by different members of the ministry team. Each session is from **7.30-9 pm**; dates and venues are:

- 15th September – St Michael's Copford *St Bertha, 'Pilgrimage of the Soul'*
- 22nd September – St Mary's Tollesbury *St Cedd, 'Pilgrimage as Encounter'*
- 29th September – St Mary's Kelvedon *St Cuthbert, 'Pilgrimage as Discipleship'*
- 13th October – St Peter's Great Totham *St Etheldreda, 'Pilgrimage as Mission'*
- 20th October – All Saints' Messing *St Hild (Hilda), 'Living as a Pilgrim'*

There are (or should be!) sign-up sheets in every church – everyone who comes will receive a copy of the booklet. Please do sign up for as many sessions as you like. To find out more about the course, please contact [Simon](#).

LARGE FUNERAL at ST MARY'S KELVEDON, Wednesday 23rd September, 10.30 am

Please note that there will be a large funeral followed by burial at St Mary's Kelvedon on Wednesday 23rd September, so there are likely to be many cars and other vehicles in Church Street and the surrounding streets. The funeral procession will come from Braxted Park Road, over Grey Mills Bridge, across the London Road at St Mary's Square and into Church Street, so the High Street is likely to be largely blocked at that end from around 10.00 am till just before the funeral starts. Vehicles will probably stay in the Church Street area for some time after, so if possible please avoid travelling at that end of Kelvedon village until after 1.00 pm. The police have been informed.

TREVOR WALT'S FINAL SERVICE AS A PRIEST, SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER at 10.00 am

After 40 years' service in priestly ministry, the Revd. Canon Trevor Walt has finally decided to hang up his cassock! Trevor has been a wonderful servant to the church in many and various ways over four decades, and an outstanding, supportive colleague to Simon over these last 12 years. He will be presiding at the Eucharist for the last time at **All Saints' Feering on Sunday 27th September at 10.00 am – for this reason there will be no service at St Mary's Kelvedon that morning**. There will be some delicious refreshments afterwards, so do please come to celebrate with Trevor and his family. Everyone is welcome.

'CELEBRATION OF LIFE' SERVICE for SUE HOWARD

All Saints' Church, Wednesday 30th September at 1.00 pm

Sue's husband Andrew warmly invites you to a 'Celebration of Life' Service for Sue at 1.00 pm in All Saints' Feering on Wednesday 30th September, following a family cremation service at 11.30 am. You are also very welcome to join Andrew and his family at the Blue Anchor afterwards.



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

THE FOOD BANK NEEDS: ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING! THE FOOD BANK IS VERY LOW ON ALL ITS STOCKS SO PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY, ESPECIALLY AT THIS HARVEST TIME. Details available on the Facebook link in the title above.

All donations for Tiptree Food Bank can be left at St Mary's Kelvedon or All

Saints' Feering. Very many thanks.

BENEFICE DIARY: SATURDAY 12TH to SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Saturday 12 th	3.00 pm	St Mary's Kelvedon	Wedding of Karen Welsh & Oliver Firmin
SUNDAY 13TH	<i>DETAILS OF SERVICES AT THE TOP OF PAGE 1</i>		
TRINITY 15	Plus: 5.00 pm	St Michael's Copford	Wedding Rehearsal
Monday 14 th	12.00 noon	St Michael's Copford	Wedding of Matthew Welsh & Nicole Kerins
Tuesday 15th	7.30-9 pm	St Michael's Copford	<i>Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives</i> course starts
Wednesday 16 th	4.45 pm	St Mary's Kelvedon	Junior Christian Club
Thursday 17 th	8.30 am	St Mary's Kelvedon	Morning Prayer with Simon
Saturday 19th	7.30 pm	All Saints' Feering	<i>Electro Jazz Orchestra</i> <i>Tickets £15 on the door</i>
SUNDAY 20TH	8.00 am	St Mary's Kelvedon	Said Holy Communion (1662 Prayer Book)
TRINITY 16	10.00 am	All Saints' Feering	All-Age Service
	11.00 am	St Mary's Kelvedon	Harvest Festival with Holy Communion
<i>No services at Copford or Easthorpe on this Sunday</i>			
<u><i>ADVANCED NOTICE</i></u>			
Tuesday evenings	7.30-9 pm	<i>Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives</i> course continues <i>See item on pg.2 above for details</i>	
Wednesday 23rd	10.30 am	St Mary's Kelvedon	Funeral of John Buckley, followed by burial <i>Please see notice on pg.2 above re. likely congestion at the church end of the village</i>
	2.00 pm	Feering Cemetery	Burial of Ashes of Dorothy Keyes
Thursday 24th	11.00 am	New Copford Place Care Home	Holy Communion Service
SUNDAY 27TH	10.00 am	All Saints' Feering	Holy Communion <i>Taken by Trevor, Simon preaching</i>
TRINITY 17	<i>N.B. NO MORNING SERVICE AT ST MARY'S KELVEDON ON THIS SUNDAY</i>		
	11.00 am	St Michel's Copford	Holy Communion <i>Taken by Wendy</i>
	3.00 pm	St Mary's Kelvedon	Holy Baptism <i>Taken by Simon</i>
Wednesday 30th	1.00 pm	All Saints' Feering	'Celebration of Life' Service for Sue Howard <i>Following a funeral for the family in Three Counties Crematorium at 11.30 am</i> <i>Please join the family after the church service in the Blue Anchor, Feering Hill</i>
Weds 7th October	11.00 am	All Saints' Feering	'Celebration of Life' Service for Tim Pailthorpe

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