

SUNDAY 14th JANUARY – SUNDAY 21st JANUARY 2024

**Sunday 14th January: 10.00 am Communion Service at All Saints'
(No services at St Mary's)**

THE JOURNEY OF THE POSADA



Thanks to Church School Governor, Simon Gibbs, our Posada (knitted crib) completed its journey around Kelvedon for the first time since before Lockdown. The Posada being given a home each night throughout Advent, is something we have done for many years in Kelvedon, but sadly we lost the momentum during the Lockdowns and were unable to gather up enough families after that. Simon's idea was for it to be organised through the school and Year 2 were the hosts for 2023.

Natasha writes; "The church Posada had a great adventure this year as it travelled round the homes of St Mary's School's year 2 students throughout December. I asked the children if they would write about which character was their favourite and why. When the Posada returned to church on Christmas Eve, I read out some of their fabulous responses:

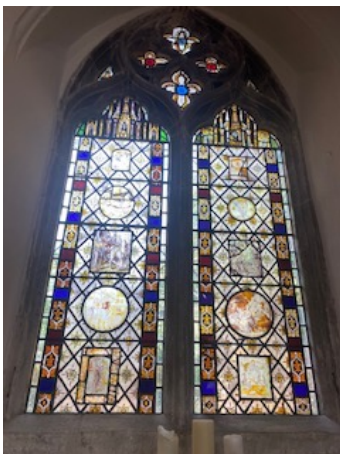
The sheep. Because it is fluffy.

Shepherds. Because they trusted the angel.

Mary. Because she gave birth to Jesus and he made Christmas

King Herod?! Because he does something 'rood'!!!

They loved hosting the Holy family. A wonderful way to introduce the Christmas story.



ALL SAINTS' THANK YOU EVENT – SUNDAY 21st JANUARY AT 3.00 PM

All Saints' are hosting a 'Thank you event on Sunday 21st January for all the volunteers who work so hard and give up their time to support the church. There will be a live band: 'Three's Company', to shake the January 'blues' away and refreshments served.

PROPOSED NEW WEBSITE - New website for the United Benefice of Kelvedon and Feering. We will soon have a brand new website for our benefice; James Cottis of 'Digital Spirit' has agreed to set it up. We need some lovely new photos of our churches to populate the website. If anyone has any recent photos of All Saints' could you please send them to Sarah. (sarahopenshaw22@gmail.com) Thank you.



TIPTREE FOODBANK

The Foodbank are running short of washing up liquid, shower gel (unisex or female) and toilet cleaner. Please leave donations to the Foodbank at either church and our volunteers will take the items to Tiptree. Very many thanks.



FALLEN TREE IN ST MARY'S BURIAL GROUND

You may have seen the poplar tree that fell during the recent storms, it has blocked the path by the ashes area. Hopefully by the time this newsletter is published the tree surgeon will have removed it.

DIARY *Sunday 14th -21st January 2024*

(NB Simon is away for his post-Christmas break until Monday 15th January inclusive.)

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| Sunday 14th Epiphany 2 | 10.00 a.m. | All Saints' | Sung Holy Communion for both churches <i>(NB no service at St Mary's on this Sunday)</i> |
| Tuesday 16th | 11.00 a.m. | Vicarage | All Saints' Events Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday 17th | 9.30 a.m. | St Mary's | Teddy Bear Club |
| Thursday 18th | 8.00 p.m. | St Mary's | Worship Group in the Vicarage |
| Sunday 21st Epiphany 3 | 10.00 a.m. | St Mary's | Sung Holy Communion for both churches <i>(NB no service at All Saints' on this Sunday)</i> |
| | 3.00 p.m. | All Saints' | Thank-you Tea for All Church Volunteers |

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