

THE UNITED BENEFICE OF KELVEDON AND FEERING  
**NEWSLETTER**  
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**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY – SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> at All Saints': 10.00 am Holy Communion Service**

***NB No service at St Mary's on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January***

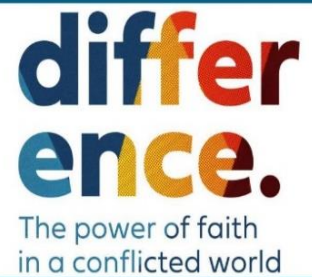


**ALL SAINTS' THANK-YOU EVENT, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY**

Lots of the volunteers who make All Saints' run smoothly, came to the "thank you" tea last Sunday. Apart from the delicious tea of home-made cakes, they were entertained by Cheryl, a very fine singer from Southend, who serenaded us with lots of 60's pop hits and had everyone singing along, and dancing too! We were very grateful to Cheryl for stepping in at the last minute when the original band were struck down with Covid.

**UNITED BENEFICE LENT COURSE STARTS SOON**

We're using the Archbishop of Canterbury's Course, *Difference: The Power of Faith in a Conflicted World*. This will be a United Benefice [Lent Course](#) – please click this link to find out more. The course explores how we can follow Jesus better in our complex and divided world, seeing transformation through our everyday encounters with other people. The evening sessions will be at St Mary's on Mondays from 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30-9.30 pm. There'll also be daytime sessions in Feering, with day, time and venue to be arranged. Please let Simon or Natasha know if you'd like to come or would like to know more.



**ST MARY'S WORSHIP FOR ALL SERVICE, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am**



Our next Worship for All service at St Mary's is on 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00 am. As usual this is a non Communion service, aimed at people who prefer a more informal service. We are delighted that these monthly services are becoming very popular and the congregation is growing. Geraldine provides craft bags in the service for any children who would like one.

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child would like a craft bag, we don't want anyone to be disappointed if they run out. The theme will be Candlemas, although it is just past the official Candlemas date, it fits in well for a Worship for All Service.

**ST MARY'S 'EPIPHANY TO CANDLEMAS' SERVICE, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 4.00pm**

You're warmly invited to this special afternoon service celebrating the season from Epiphany to Candlemas, from 6<sup>th</sup> January–2<sup>nd</sup> February. Caroline Strange & St Mary's Choir have put together a creative service full of fine music, readings, poems, choir anthems and popular carols and hymns, celebrating the key events of the season, starting with the Star and the Wise Men and ending with the Candlemas story, when Mary & Joseph bring the 40-day-old Jesus into the great Temple in Jerusalem.

From Epiphany to Candlemas  
All welcome



4th February 2024  
4pm

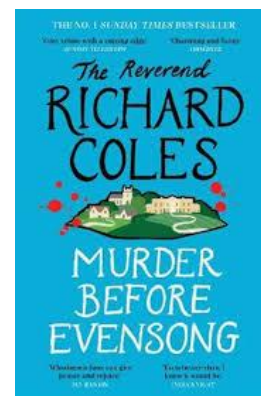
Service of carols, hymns and readings,  
celebrating the journey of the three  
wise men, and ending with the  
presentation of Christ in the Temple.



## ST MARY'S BOOK CLUB

Our next Book Club meeting is in **St Mary's Church Rooms next Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm**. This month we've been reading not one but two books – Richard Coles' *Murder Before Evensong* and Stephen Cottrell's *Do Nothing to Change Your Life*.

You still have time to read at least one of them – the Stephen Cottrell one is very short indeed, so come and discuss them both and enjoy a glass of wine and a few (or more) crisps with us. We look forward to some lively discussion.

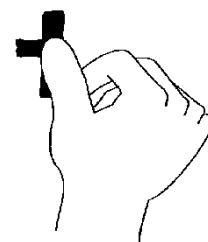


## PANCAKE PARTY – A FLIPPING GOOD EVENING...

Pre-Covid there was always a Pancake Party at St Mary's, but we have rather got out of the habit, so... we're not just havng a Pancake Party, it will be a Pancake Party for everyone, not just the children. Why should they have all the fun? So do join us on **Shrove Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, at 6.30 pm**, starting in church with some games, then moving into the Church Rooms for the pancakes. All ages are invited and will be welcomed!

## ASH WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Every 6-7 years Ash Wednesday unfortunately (or fortunately?) coincides with St Valentine's Day. We usually have a Benefice Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes in All Saints' at 11.00 am. However Simon has another commitment during the morning/early afternoon on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>, so this year our Benefice Service for Ash Wednesday will be **in All Saints' at 4.00 pm**.



## TIPTREE FOODBANK

The Foodbank is running short of long-life fruit juice, gluten-free biscuits and strong carrier bags. **It's particularly short of strong carrier bags** in which they put the shopping for those coming to the Food Bank. Please leave donations to the Foodbank at either church and our volunteers will take the items to Tiptree. Very many thanks.

## BENEFICE DIARY Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Sung Holy Communion for both churches NB no service at St Mary's on this Sunday</b>
			<i>NB 2: Simon is not at this service – he is away on Area Dean duties</i>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	St Mary's	Book Group in the Church Rooms
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 a.m.	St Mary's	Teddy Bear Club
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February CANDLEMAS (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)</b>	<b>8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.</b>	<b>St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's</b>	<b>Said Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Worship for All Service for Candlemas 'From Epiphany to Candlemas' A Service of Reflection and Celebration</b>
			<b>NB <u>no service</u> at All Saints' on this Sunday</b>

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