

KELVEDON & FEERING CHURCHES NEWSLETTER

Sunday 11th May to Sunday 18th May 2025

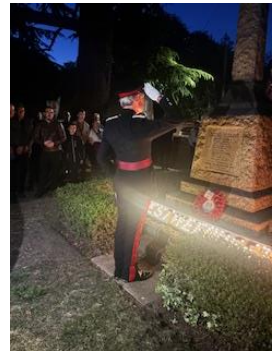
SUNDAY 11TH MAY – The FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

10.00 am	ALL SAINTS'	Informal Morning Service	Natasha & Simon
11.00 am	ST MARY'S	Sung Holy Communion	at both services
		<i>Followed by St Mary's Annual Church Meetings at approx. 12.15 pm</i>	
3.00 pm	ALL SAINTS'	Holy Baptisms	Taken by Simon

VE DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY – LAST THURSDAY 8th MAY, 9.00-9.30 pm

Following a short service at the United Reformed Church, about 100 people walked to the War Memorial led by Lt. Col. Hugh Toler, National President of the Coldstream Guards Association, members of the Royal British Legion, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, along with clergy from St Mary's, All Saints', URC and St Mary Immaculate & the Holy Archangels Catholic Church, to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. Simon Garwood led a moving short Act of Remembrance; Steve Hopper played the Last Post and the names of the fallen in WW2

were read out. Battery votive candles were laid alongside wreaths, spelling out the words: 'Lest we Forget'. It was a very fitting way to mark this special day and very heartening to see people of all ages there, from the very young to the very old.



FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S FUNDRAISING EVENT, last Saturday, 3rd May

The Friends of St Mary's were delighted to host Tim Duke, formerly Clarenceux King of Arms, who gave a fascinating talk on heraldry and his role in recent State Ceremonial events like the funeral of the late Queen and the Coronation. He also explained how you may acquire a coat of arms.

It was the background to the arms in St Mary's that was most revealing. Tim confirmed that the arms on the pillar on the south of the nave were indeed those of Henry V as Prince of Wales; their presence had been recorded in 1605. He also explained that the red hand on the Abdy arms on the wall of the South Aisle have no connection to Ireland. It was due to



James I, who introduced the title of baronet to raise money for his Irish plantations and used the red hand to indicate a baronetcy. The device continued in use for years afterwards.

The real surprise was the revelation that the arms borne by the figure on the south side of the roof nearest the chancel are those of Anglo-Saxon Westminster Abbey. This detail reinforces the historical knowledge that much of the farmland around Kelvedon was owned by Westminster Abbey and that John Marler, who founded the Almshouses in 1419, held an important position in the Abbey. Finally, the good news is that over £500 was raised for the Church. *Hugh Toler*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, SUNDAY 11th– SATURDAY 17th MAY

Please support Adrienne and Jill from All Saints', who are raising funds for Christian Aid by taking part in the sponsored 5-mile Christian Aid London Freedom Walk on 10th May. Christian Aid aims to alleviate poverty and the effects climate change has on communities. This year its appeal focuses on **Guatemala**, which is struggling after a 3-year drought. Sponsor forms are at the back of both churches, or please donate by [clicking here](#). As we have no envelope or door-to-door collections this year, this is an excellent way to support Christian Aid's vital work. *Many thanks.*



ST MARY'S WORSHIP FOR ALL SERVICE, LAST SUNDAY, 4th MAY



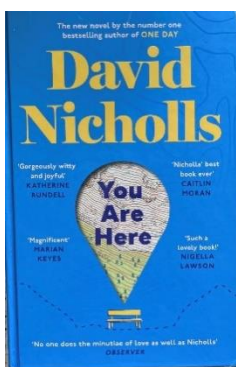
Although numbers were disappointingly lower than usual for our Worship for All Service, our Café Church experiment seemed very popular. Bacon butties and croissants were available from 10.15, eaten at tables in the North Aisle rather than the Church Rooms, which worked really well. The enticing aroma of cooking bacon was so tempting, several people who, on arrival, insisted that they'd already had their breakfast... were later seen thoroughly enjoying one of Nikki's delicious rolls! Everything was eaten up after the service. The Worship Group will be discussing how and when we might do Café Church again. We'll keep you posted, so please [let me know your thoughts](#).



This was a #HomeTeam effort, with no ordained help: Natasha was on leave and Simon was chairing All Saints' APCM. With the momentous new alignment of parishes afoot, we may have to get used to a bit of DIY church in the future. Thanks to all involved: a huge amount of work went into all the parts of the service. Not wishing to single anyone out, I must mention Geraldine, who not only gave the talk (including a beautifully crafted BBQ) but also her very popular craft bags. As soon as the service ended, she had to rush off to work (as did Steve). What dedication! Thanks too to Jack Linstead for his First Aid to the church laptop, which has been playing up recently. *Sarah Openshaw*

TOOLS WITH A MISSION COLLECTION at ALL SAINTS', SATURDAY 17th MAY, 10 am – 4pm

TWAM is a Christian charity which collects, refurbishes and restores old tools etc. to be sent to Africa to be used in training. They'll be very grateful for your old agricultural & gardening tools, builders', carpentry, electricians' and plumbers' tools as well as power tools, sewing and knitting machines, haberdashery and fully working computers. Please take items to Feering Church on Saturday 17th where the charity will collect them on Monday 19th.



ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP

After a break for the Lent Group, St Mary's Book Group restarted last week (a week later than usual as Natasha was on leave). We discussed the novel *Normal People* by Sally Rooney. It was an excellent choice, as the group was definitely divided about whether they liked it or not. We had lots of really interesting themes to pursue and some lively discussions. Our next book is ***You are Here* by David Nicholls**. We meet on **Tuesday 27th May in St Mary's Church Rooms at 7.30 pm**. Please contact [Natasha](#) if you haven't been before but would like to come: you'll be made very welcome.



GREEN POINT

The Diocese is encouraging all churches to become more green, so we're having a "green point" in each week's Newsletter. These come from the C of E's 2025 Environment Days and Key Events calendar. Please see too the poster for the 'Theology and Action for God's Creation' evening in the Cathedral on 17th June sent with this newsletter.

[No Meat May](#) is this week's Green Point. If you eat meat every day of the week, why not check out this website and see why it's good not always to have meat at your main meal? There are recipe ideas too. If you already have a meat-free day or days, why not try to increase it to an extra day in May? If, of course, you're already vegetarian or vegan, well, you're ahead of the game!

THE BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD'S 2025 LENT APPEAL: HOUSING JUSTICE

Bishop Guli's Lent Appeal for Christian charity **Housing Justice** will remain open for donations up to **Tuesday 1st July**. Please support it by bank transfer or online: www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/our-faith-in-action/bishop-of-chelmsfords-lent-appeal-2025.

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

Stocks are very low at the Foodbank: it's very short of long-life milk, tinned fish, baked beans, squash, handwash, laundry detergent & toilet cleaner. Very grateful thanks once again to Jill and Betty, who collect all your donations from both churches and take them to the Foodbank.

KEEPING UP WITH K & F

Keep up to date with service times, events & info about both our churches via our United Benefice website: kelvedonandfeeringchurches.co.uk. Please send church info, photos & events on both parishes to me, [Sarah Openshaw](#), by Wednesday, for inclusion in that week's newsletter. Also the same email address for any church events to go on the Benefice Website. **Thank you.**

BENEFICE DIARY: SUNDAY 11TH MAY to SUNDAY 18TH MAY 2025

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 11-17TH MAY (see item at the top of page 2)

Sunday 11 th May	10.00 am	All Saints'	'Informal Worship' Led by Natasha with Simon
	11.00 am	St Mary's	Sung Holy Communion Led by Simon
	c. 12.15 pm	St Mary's	ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS in the Church Rooms
	3.00 pm	All Saints'	Holy Baptisms Taken by Simon
<i>Simon's day off this week is Tuesday 13th May</i>			
Wednesday 14 th	9.30 am	St Mary's	Teddy Bear Club
	10 am – 12 noon	St Michael's Copford	Monthly Coffee Morning (2 nd Wednesday)
	4.15-6 pm	St Mary's	Junior Christian Club
Thursday 15 th May	8.30 am	St Mary's	Morning Prayer
	10 am – 12 noon	St Mary's Easthorpe	Monthly Coffee Morning (3 rd Thursday)
Saturday 17 th May	10.00 am–4.00 pm	All Saints'	TWAM Collection Day (see page 2)
	11.00 am	St Mary's	Holy Baptism Taken by Natasha
Sunday 18 th May	9.30 am	All Saints'	Sung Holy Communion with Natasha [Simon is taking the 9.00 am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Little Braxted]
	11.00 am	St Mary's	Sung Holy Communion with Simon & Natasha
	6.00 pm	St Mary's Easthorpe	Sung Holy Communion Taken by Simon

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