

## KELVEDON & FEERING CHURCHES NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER to SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2024

### SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30 am	ALL SAINTS'	SUNG HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
11.00 am	ST MARY'S	SUNG HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
2.30 pm	ALL SAINTS'	CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH

*All Christmas Services & events up to Christmas are on our [Benefice Website](#)*

### CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH at ALL SAINTS' – THIS SUNDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2.30 pm



Come and enjoy pre-Christmas messy fun at All Saints' Messy Church, with festive crafts, stories and delicious refreshments, with a short celebration service just before the close at 4.00 pm. No charge and no need to book, just turn up. We look forward to seeing you! For more info please contact [Lynn](#). Just to add too that Feering had a wonderful turnout for last Sunday's Christingle service – nearly 90 people came (needless to say there weren't quite enough Christingles!) and Feering Primary School Choir sang beautifully.



### ST MARY'S TEDDY BEAR CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Last Saturday St Mary's Teddy Bear Club hosted a Christmas party in the Kelvedon Institute small hall. It was a chance for older brothers and sisters to join in and for others to find out about 'TBC'. We had fun trying to 'Throw the Snowball' through the snowman's tummy! 'Sticking the nose on Rudolph' and 'Musical Christmas Trees' (think musical chairs with trees!!). It all ended with a rousing chorus of the



Hokey Cokey! Teddy Bear Club has finished now till after Christmas – we return on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**. If you'd like to come or need more details, please contact me – [Natasha](#).

### "SING-ALONG-A-CAROL" at ALL SAINTS', MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER at 7.00 pm

Get in the mood for Christmas by singing carols at All Saints' this coming Monday. Our popular organist Keith will be playing well-known carols for you to sing along with. He's more than happy to play your requests too! **Entry is £10 per person, all proceeds going to Feering Church.** Please just pay on the door, no need to book. Entry includes mulled wine and mince pies. **All welcome** – a great way to start your Christmas celebrations.



### NEW CAROL SHEETS AT ST MARY'S

When you next sing carols at St Mary's you'll be using some lovely new carol sheets. We haven't had new sheets for decades, and our old ones were certainly looking very dog-eared. A church member has bought the new sheets anonymously for us – we're very grateful and will enjoy using them. They've already been used at Teddy Bear Club and will be used next at our **Carol Service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.00 pm.**



## COMMUNITY PAYBACK SCHEME – CHRISTMAS FEAST AT ST MARY'S

We're sure that when you have come to St Mary's or visited the Burial Ground over the year, you've noticed the wonderful job the Community Payback Team has done to keep our Churchyard and Burial Ground looking well cared-for. This group of men comes to do unpaid work for our church, to pay back to the community for offences they have committed. With an ageing congregation we can no longer do this work ourselves, so we are very grateful for the hours the men put in on our behalf. Nicki Bartlett made them a feast for their lunch last Friday, as a thank-you. **Thank you, Nicki** – you made the team feel very valued by the church.

*PS Nicki lost her food thermometer in the kitchen at the Christmas Tree Festival. Please could you check your kitchen drawers to see if you have inadvertently picked it up. Thank you.*



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

**The Food Bank is short of baked beans, long life milk and tinned meat.**

Please leave all your Food Bank donations at either church and they will be delivered to the Foodbank by our volunteers. Many thanks for your donations and to Betty, Jill and Fleur for transporting them to Tiptree.

## WITHAM CHORAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT at ST MARY'S LAST SATURDAY (7<sup>TH</sup>)

Last Saturday evening Witham Choral Society gave a very accessible concert with some lovely music – including several favourite carols for the audience to sing – which was much appreciated by those who came on a cold, wet and windy night! The choir and their conductor Ashley Thompson (who is also Director of Music at St Nicolas' Church, Witham) were really grateful that we were able to accommodate them at fairly short notice at such a busy time in the year. We hope to host them again, and will include details of their 2025 concerts in future newsletters.

## **KEEPING UP WITH K & F**

**Keep up to date** with service times, events and information about both our churches via our United Benefice website: [kelvedonandfeeringchurches.co.uk](http://kelvedonandfeeringchurches.co.uk).

**Please send church information/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.*

***Our week-at-a-glance Benefice Diary is on the last page below***

## BENEFICE DIARY SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> to SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Sung Holy Communion Service</b>
<i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Sung Holy Communion Service</b>
	<b>2.30 pm</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Christmas Messy Church</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Sing-Along-a-Carol – see item on pg.1 above</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	1.45 pm	All Saints'	Feering C of E Primary School Christmas Service <i>NB no Teddy Bear Club or Junior Christian Club until after Christmas</i>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	St Mary's	Morning Prayer
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	All Saints'	Funeral of Jacqueline Werrity, followed by burial in Feering Cemetery
	2.30 pm	St Dominics	Carol Service
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Sung Holy Communion Service</b>
<i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Sung Holy Communion Service</b>
	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Crib Service</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Carol Service with the Choir, mulled wine &amp; mince pies</b>

*NB on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, both 9.30 & 11.00 am services will be taken by Natasha, as Simon will be taking services in Wickham Bishops (8.00), Tollesbury (9.30) and Tolleshunt D'Arcy (11.00).*

### ADVANCE NOTICE

<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Crib Service</b>
<i>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Carols by Candlelight taken by Natasha</b>
<i>We are collecting Christmas gifts for HomeStart (pre-school/primary-aged children) &amp; for the Children's Society (early-to-mid-teens) at both these services. Please bring gifts <b>unwrapped</b> as both charities need to check them before they can be given to families and children. Thank you very much.</i>			
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Carol Service taken by Simon</b>
	<b>11.30 pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Midnight Mass</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>All-Age Christmas Communion Service</b>
<i>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></i>			
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>United Benefice Sung Holy Communion Service</b>
			<b><i>NB NO SERVICE at St Mary's on this Sunday</i></b>

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