

KELVEDON & FEERING CHURCHES NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER to SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER – THE 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

10.00 am ALL SAINTS' FAMILY SERVICE *taken by Natasha*
NB Simon is taking a 9.00 am service at St Nicholas' Little Braxted
11.00 am ST MARY'S SUNG HOLY COMMUNION *taken by Simon*

*** NB – NO 11.00 am SERVICE at ST MARY'S on SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER**

Since many PCC members in both churches have several other commitments, the only time we can get a majority of them together for a joint PCC meeting is a Sunday morning. Both PCCs need to discuss important business that together before Christmas, so we've agreed to **cancel the 11 am service at St Mary's on Sunday 24th November** and hold a Joint PCC Meeting at 10.45 am in All Saints' that morning after the 9.30 am service. This will now be a United Benefice service, to which all are very welcome. We will tell both churches about our discussions in due course. *Simon*



REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

There was an excellent turnout for our Remembrance services at both our churches last Sunday. Year 6 from St Mary's Academy and Feering Primary School held their own acts of Remembrance on Armistice Day at the St Mary's War Memorial and the All Saints' churchyard. A warm 'Thank you' to everyone who was involved in making these services so meaningful and significant for our two communities.



CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING IN BOTH CHURCHES

This year choose where you'd like to make a Christmas Wreath for your front door: at **All Saints' on Tuesday 26th November at 1.00 pm** or at **St Mary's on either Wednesday 4th December at 7.00 pm or Thursday 5th December at 4.30 pm**. To book for All Saints' event please email [Lynn](#), or for either of the St Mary's events, please email [Ruth](#). Places are limited, so **booking is essential please**. At all three events all materials will be included. The cost for **All Saints' workshop is £35.00 per person** and for the **St Mary's ones it is £25.00 per person**. Of course, seasonal refreshments are included in the cost at all our wreath-making workshops.



ST MARY'S MESSY CHRISTMAS SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, 3.00–4.30 pm

Anyone with children under 11 is warmly welcome to our Christmas Messy Church. Probably our favourite Messy event of the year: a chance for children to make gifts for their loved ones, such as a bath-bomb for Mum or Gran, or just enjoy making yummy, sticky things that they'll eat before they get home. A chance for parents and carers to chat, have a cup of tea and make new friends. Get in the festive mood with our action-packed whizz through the Christmas story. No charge, no need to book, just turn up and have some Messy fun with us, as we begin the countdown to Christmas.

BENCH IN MEMORY OF JAN JONES IN ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD



It is so good to see the bench in Jan Jones's memory in the churchyard. Jan was such an important part of our work with children, both in the church and in St Mary's Academy. When I was a School Governor, Jan could always be relied on to help with all the activities we did in school. I don't think she ever said she couldn't help us. She was brilliant with all ages, whether it was a quiz to familiarise new children in Reception with the church, or helping Year 5 to understand the significance of Armistice Day at Messy Remembrance. She was equally happy to rush around the churchyard in hot pursuit of Year 4 solving Churchyard Detectives puzzles or patiently teaching Year 6 to knit (as part of their WW2 Make do and Mend studies). Jan was always there. Patient, kind, enthusiastic, energetic. She had a wonderful rapport with children.

We will miss her greatly for this year's Messy Christmas at St Mary's (see below). Jan was always happy to devise her own crafts for Messy Church events, which was a great help to Geraldine. We will miss you, Jan. Thanks for all you did for hundreds of Kelvedon children. As we glue and paint, cook and cut out at Messy Christmas, we will imagine that she might be sitting on her bench just keeping an eye on us, making sure we are doing it all properly! *Sarah Openshaw*

THE BIG SING at the CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER, 7.30 for 7.45pm



The opening night of the Christmas Tree Festival has a new look. This is now a paying event and we'll be very seasonably entertained by the excellent local community choir, **THE BIG SING**. Ben Garwood and Jan Bellman sing with this choir, so do come and support them. There will be delicious mulled wine and mince pies as usual. **Tickets £10** – please book with [Ruth Bell](#) so she has an idea of numbers for catering. Please pay on the door. And bring family and friends!

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

The Food Bank would like **Christmas treats please**: all chocolates, nice biscuits, toiletries etc. are very welcome. No alcohol please. **Please get donations to us by Sunday 1st December**, so the Foodbank can take them to families before Christmas. Please leave donations at either church and our volunteers will deliver them to the Foodbank. Many thanks for your donations and to Betty, Jill & Fleur for taking them to Tiptree.



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.

***Please send church information/photos/events on both parishes to me, [Sarah Openshaw](#), by Wednesday, for inclusion in that week's newsletter.** Also same email for any church events to go on the Benefice Website. *Thank you.*

BENEFICE DIARY SATURDAY 16TH to SUNDAY 24TH N OVEMBER 2024

Saturday 16 th	10.00 am	St Luke's Tiptree – Deanery Get-together for Churchwardens	
Sunday 17th Nov.	10.00 am	All Saints'	Family Service taken by Natasha
<i>The Second Sunday before Advent</i>		<i>NB Simon is at St Nicholas' Little Braxted at 9.00 am</i>	
	11.00 am	St Mary's	Sung Holy Communion
Tuesday 19 th	3.30 pm	Hugh Toler's House	Marler & Chaplin Almshouses Trustees Meeting
Wednesday 20 th	9.30 am	St Mary's	Teddy Bear Club
	4.45-6.00 pm	St Mary's	Junior Christian Club
Thursday 21 st	8.30 am	St Mary's	Morning Prayer
	1.00 pm	St Mary's	Funeral of the late Jimmy Gunton <i>followed by burial in St Mary's Burial Ground</i>
Sunday 24th Nov.*	9.30 am	All Saints'	UNITED BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION
<i>Christ the King</i>			*NB NO 11.00 am SERVICE AT ST MARY'S THIS SUNDAY
<i>(The Sunday next before Advent)</i>	10.45 am	All Saints'	Joint PCC Meeting
	3.00 pm	St Mary's	Christmas Messy Church
	3.00 pm	All Saints'	Holy Baptism

ADVANCE NOTICE

Tuesday 26th Nov.	1.00 pm	All Saints'	Wreath-making Workshop
			<i>See item on page 1 for more details, plus details of St Mary's wreath-making workshops on Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th December.</i>

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