

## KELVEDON & FEERING CHURCHES NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY to SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

### SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025 – THE EPIPHANY

10.00 am	ST MARY'S	UNITED BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION <i>NO MORNING SERVICE at All Saints' this Sunday</i>
3.00 pm	ALL SAINTS'	HOLY BAPTISM
5.00 pm	ALL SAINTS'	SAID EVENING PRAYER (1662 Prayer Book)

*NB no heating, so please wrap up warm! The service will last about 30 minutes.*

### CHANGES TO OUR BENEFICE

#### ***A Special Meeting for all Church Members this Sunday, straight after the 10.00 am Service***

Some major changes to our Benefice will start taking place later this year. Essentially our small two-parish benefice will be joining with several other churches to create a new large benefice of about 18 parishes, staffed by 4 full-time stipendiary clergy (along with several associate self-supporting clergy and lay ministers). Simon will be explaining the reasons for this and looking at the options that the PCCs of all 18 parishes (including ours) are now considering at this special meeting after the 10.00 am service this Sunday. **It will start as close to 11.00 am as possible and should last 30-45 minutes, with ample time for questions.** Everyone who cares about the future of our two churches is warmly encouraged to come. This is the biggest change to our two parishes since we joined together as a United Benefice in 2003. If you care about our churches do please make every effort to attend.

### NEW YEAR SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS – ALL MORNING SERVICES at 10.00 am



A reminder that during January-February our 2 churches are worshipping together (and to reduce our heating bills!) **thereby alternating our main Sunday services between our two churches.** There'll be one 10.00 am service either at St Mary's or at All Saints'.



Some still wish to worship at Feering every Sunday, so we will have a **short, said service of Evening Prayer (from the 1662 Prayer Book) at 5.00 pm in All Saints' on the "St Mary's" Sundays** (i.e. the first and third Sundays of the month). Everyone is invited to these quiet, reflective services, but do wrap up warm as there'll be no heating!

Here are our January-February morning services in full:

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January** – 10.00 am UB HC at **All Saints'** – **Also at All Saints' on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>: A Reflective Evening Service at 4.00 pm** – see the item at the top of page 2 below

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** – 8.00 am Holy Communion & 10.00 am Worship for All at **St Mary's**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – 10.00 am UB HC at **All Saints'**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February** – 10.00 am UB HC at **St Mary's**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – 10.00 am UB HC at **All Saints'**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – back to our usual 9.30 am/11.00 am pattern, with the 8.00 am Holy Communion on first Sundays

## **'FROM EPIPHANY TO CANDLEMAS' – All Saints', Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 4.00 pm**

All Saints' warmly invites everyone to an extra, reflective early afternoon service with St Mary's Choir, who very much enjoy singing at Feering. It will consist of readings of all the main stories associated with Epiphany - the Wise Men, the wedding at Cana, the Baptism of Christ & Candlemas itself - with prayers, responses, familiar hymns & tunes, plus the placing of symbolic items on the altar representing all 4 of the above stories - but no sermon! The service will last about an hour.

## **ALL SAINTS', SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2.30 pm – Event for all Feering Church Volunteers**

All Saints' PCC is delighted to invite all our volunteers who help to keep the Church and Cemetery in such good order and all who help in so many other ways, to a Sunday afternoon at the Church, with entertainment, tea and cake, on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

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

**The Food Bank needs shampoo, toilet cleaner, kitchen cleaner & bathroom cleaner.**

Please leave donations at either church and they'll be delivered to the Foodbank by our volunteers. Many thanks for your generosity and to our volunteers Betty, Jill & Fleur.

## **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](http://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 19<sup>TH</sup> to SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025**

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00 am	St Mary's	United Benefice Sung Holy Communion Service
<i>Epiphany 3</i>	<i>c. 11.00 am</i>	<i>St Mary's</i>	<i>Meeting about the future of our United Benefice</i>
			<b><i>NB NO MORNING SERVICE at All SAINTS' this Sunday</i></b>
	3.00 pm	All Saints'	Baptism of Henry Nicholls
	5.00 pm	All Saints'	Said Evening Prayer ( <i>1662 Prayer Book</i> )
			<i>NB there will be no heating for this service so do wrap up warm!</i>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	St Mary's	Teddy Bear Club
	4.45 pm	St Mary's	Junior Christian Club
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30 am	St Mary's	Morning Prayer
	11.00 am	All Saints'	Memorial Service for Elizabeth Pailthorpe
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am – 3.00 pm		Marriage Preparation Day at St Luke's Tiptree
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00 am	All Saints'	United Benefice Sung Holy Communion Service
<i>Epiphany 3</i>	4.00 pm	All Saints'	'From Epiphany to Candlemas'
			<i>A reflective service of hymns and readings, with music led by St Mary's Choir</i>

## **ADVANCE NOTICE**

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	From 2.30 pm	All Saints'	"Thank You" Event for all Feering Church Volunteers
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	St Dominics	Holy Communion Service

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