

# KELVEDON & FEERING CHURCHES NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

## SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – The 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY after TRINITY

10.00 am

ALL SAINTS'

FAMILY SERVICE *with Baptisms*

11.00 am

ST MARY'S

SUNG HOLY COMMUNION



### ST MARY'S PRIMARY ACADEMY HARVEST FESTIVAL

The enormous turnip was once again hauled out of the ground twice at St Mary's Academy Harvest Festival Services in church. Lots of parents came to support both services. Many thanks to Simon Gibbs for manning the projector so we could use the screen. Special thanks go to Nicki Bartlett for making the truly fantastic turnip! No one can say that we don't have some multi-talented people at St Mary's.

### BABY LOSS SERVICE, LAST MONDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Many thanks to Natasha for leading this service with sensitivity and understanding. It's a hugely emotive subject that equally affects parents who have lost a child recently, or those who lost one decades ago. For anyone unable to go to the service, there is a prayer tree in church (*see picture*) on the St Nicholas altar in the north aisle, where parents or other family members can write the name of a lost child and hang it on the tree and light a candle. We know that the parents who came found this service very helpful.



### ALL SAINTS' ORGAN RECITAL, SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER at 7.30 pm

Feering Church organist **Keith Gamble-Beresford** will be playing a wide range of music at his recital, from lovely, tuneful pieces by Bach, Fauré and Mendelssohn in the first half, to his ever-popular music quiz in the second. **Tickets £15 on the door** (cash or card) which includes cheese and wine to be served in the interval.

### ALL SAINTS' FAMILY SERVICE – SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER at 10.00 am

All Saints' service this Sunday will be our regular monthly Family Service, with the baptisms of Jacob and Max Fanning. Their parents Ross & Sophie were married by Simon in Feering 6 years ago, so it's great to welcome them back. This will be lively, informal worship suitable for anyone who'd like a shorter non-Communion service. Everyone is very welcome, and as usual there will be home-made refreshments afterwards – this is always a lovely time for the congregation to chat and get to know each other better.



## **SUPPORTING WETHERSFIELD REFUGEES THIS SUNDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – *from Natasha***

As many of you know, I used to teach ESOL (English to speakers of other languages) at Colchester Institute, so it's wonderful to be able to volunteer at Wethersfield Asylum Centre teaching English. There's a small but enthusiastic group of volunteers, who go in every Monday and Tuesday morning to support the men with English conversation skills. This is about so much more than just teaching – it's about building relationships and showing a warm welcome to people who have fled appalling circumstances. However they are very short of resources and desperately need exercise books, writing materials and whiteboards. **We will be having a collection on 20<sup>th</sup> October after both services.** Any donations will be very gratefully received. Thank you so much. *Natasha*

## **'IN LOVING MEMORY' BEREAVEMENT SERVICES AT BOTH CHURCHES**



Our 'In Loving Memory' services are a chance for people to remember family and friends who have died. Invitations to these services are sent to those who have lost loved-ones during the last few years, but they are open to anybody who feels it would help them. **St Mary's service is on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00 pm and the All Saints' one is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, also at 4.00 pm.** There will be a opportunity to light a candle or candles in memory of your loved-ones. Both churches will be serving refreshments after their services. If you can make some cakes/biscuits, or even help to serve them, please speak to Simon or Natasha.

## **INDIAN CURRY NIGHT – SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 7.00 for 7.30 pm at ST MARY'S**

To raise funds for the Indian charity, **Building Better Futures International** (formerly Friends of the Poor of South India), [Ruth Bell](#) and [Geraldine Kennedy](#) are organising a **Curry Night**. **Tickets are £20.00 per person** (bring your own drinks). Please email either Ruth or Geraldine to book.

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

**The Food Bank needs: unisex shower gel, unisex shampoo, toilet cleaner, washing-up liquid and sugar.** They also welcome any plastic/eco bags you can spare. Please leave your donations at either church and volunteers will take all items to Tiptree Foodbank. Very many thanks to you all.



## **AND FINALLY... NATASHA TOOK THE PET SERVICE AT ST PETER'S GOLDHANGER LAST SUNDAY**

Last Sunday Natasha took the pet service at Goldhanger Church in the Blackwater Benefice, since there is no vicar in the benefice at the moment. Sadly the promised alpacas didn't come, but Natasha was helped by her own dog, Kizzy. Though she doesn't look overjoyed at the experience in this photo, no doubt Natasha enjoyed her company, as did the rest of the congregation (both two-legged and four-legged).

**\*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 from 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 19<sup>TH</sup> to SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024**

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	All Saints'	Organ Concert <i>with Keith Gamble-Beresford</i>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Trinity 21</i>	10.00 am	All Saints'	Family Service with Holy Baptisms of Jacob & Max Fanning <i>taken by Simon</i>
	11.00 am	St Mary's	Sung Holy Communion <i>taken by Natasha</i>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00 pm	St Mary's	Bell-ringers' Annual Meeting in Church
	7.30 pm	St Mary's	Book Club in the Church Rooms
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	St Mary's	Teddy Bear Club <i>(last one before half term)</i>
	1.30 pm	All Saints'	PCC Meeting in Church
	4.45-6.00 pm	St Mary's	Post-confirmation Group in the Church Rooms
	6.15-7.30 pm	St Mary's	Brownie Pack in Church
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	St Mary's	Morning Prayer
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am-3.30 pm	St Mary's	Payback Team in the Churchyard & Burial Ground
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	St Mary's	'In Loving Memory' Bereavement Service
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Last Sunday after Trinity/Bible Sunday</i>	9.30 am	All Saints'	Sung Holy Communion
	11.00 am	St Mary's	Sung Holy Communion
	<i>Both services taken by Natasha as Simon is at Wickham Bishops (8.00 &amp; 10.30)</i>		
	3.00 pm	St Mary's	Holy Baptism of Henry Ruddock <i>taken by Simon</i>

*Natasha is on annual leave after morning services on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October & returns on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November*

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov.	4.00 pm	All Saints'	'In Loving Memory' Bereavement Service
	7 for 7.30 pm	St Mary's	Indian Curry Night
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov. <b>ALL SAINTS'</b> <b>SUNDAY</b>	8.00 am	St Mary's	Said Holy Communion <i>(Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	9.30 am	All Saints'	Sung Holy Communion – <i>Patronal Festival</i>
	11.00 am	St Mary's	Worship for All Service
	3.00 pm	St Mary's	Holy Baptisms
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov. <b>REMEMBRANCE</b> <b>SUNDAY</b>	9.15 am*	All Saints'	Sung Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance
	10.45 am*	St Mary's	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
	11.00 am	St Mary's	Remembrance Service <i>(NB no Holy Communion)</i>

*\*Please note the slightly earlier times for these services*

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