

# KELVEDON & FEERING CHURCHES NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER to SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

## SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – CHRIST THE KING *The Sunday next before Advent*

9.30 am ALL SAINTS' UNITED BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE  
**NO SERVICE AT ST MARY'S TODAY**

*There is a Joint PCC Meeting at All Saints' at 10.45 a.m.*

3.00 pm ALL SAINTS' HOLY BAPTISM *taken by Natasha*

3.00 pm ST MARY'S MESSY CHURCH for CHRISTMAS

### MESSY CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S, SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 3.00 – 4.30 pm



We're getting very excited about the St Mary's Messy Christmas this Sunday. Anyone with children under the age of 11 is warmly welcome. Geraldine has a huge amount of Christmas crafts ready for the children to make. We have been doing Messy Church for many years at St Mary's, always good, but looking at what she has planned, it looks like it is going to be our best Christmas one ever. Parents/carers can enjoy some refreshments and make new friends. No charge, no need to book, just turn up and prepare to have some Messy fun with us, as we begin the count down to Christmas.

A big 'Thank-you' to all the St Mary's volunteers who are helping at this event. We're so fortunate to have a big team of enthusiastic, cheerful helpers. We couldn't do it without you.

### CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING IN BOTH CHURCHES



This year choose where you'd like to make a Christmas Wreath for your front door. Either at All Saints' on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 1.00 pm or at St Mary's on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm or Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30 pm. To book for the All Saints' one please email [Lynn](#), or for either of the St Mary's events, email [Ruth](#). Places are limited, so booking is essential please.

At all these events all materials will be included. The cost is **£25 per person for the St Mary's one and £35 per person for All Saints'**. Of course seasonal refreshments are included in the cost at all our wreath-making workshops.

### ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL NEXT WEEKEND

We look forward to seeing lots of people at the 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Festival!

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November Opening of the Festival with the Big Sing Choir, 7.30 for 7.45 pm**

(please see below for details of tickets for this event)

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 11.00 am – 6.00 pm**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 11.00 am – 5.00 pm**

**Closing Service of the Festival at 5.00 pm**

There is no set cost to come to the Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday or Sunday, but donations are very welcome. Donations will be halved between the church for our general upkeep and for our two chosen charities this year – our local Food Bank and Save the Children. Refreshments will be available in the Church Rooms, including home made soup and cakes, teas and coffees.

### ***Refreshments please...***



Many thanks to all who kindly make cakes/scones/biscuits etc. for the Festival refreshments – please can you let [Robert](#) know what you'll be bringing. He needs a balance of cakes etc. – no good if he has 12 Victoria sponges and nothing else! If you email or speak to him, he can tell you what he's already been promised and what he's short of. This would really help – it's a very delicate balancing act and the Refreshment Team pride themselves on providing a wonderful choice for the two days. No mean feat!

### ***Ho Ho Ho...***

There'll also be special visits from **Father Christmas!** On both Saturday and Sunday he'll be with us from 11.00 am–12 noon and 1.00–2.00 pm. Donations for visits to Fr. C. would be appreciated to Freddie's Appeal: <https://specialnamedfunds.cclg.org.uk/freddie-kicking-cancers-butt>. Freddie's family comes regularly to Teddy Bear Club. He and his family are raising funds for research into the very rare form of cancer which 9-year-old Freddie sadly has. Thank you.

### **OPENING NIGHT OF ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, WITH THE BIG SING –**

**FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 7.30 for 7.45pm**

Don't forget to book your tickets for the Christmas Tree Festival opening night. Tickets £10, please book with [Ruth Bell](#) so she has an idea of numbers for catering. Please pay on the door (cash or card). There'll be delicious mulled wine and mince pies as usual and we'll be well entertained with Christmas music by **The Big Sing** Community Choir.

Ben Garwood & Jan Bellman are in The Big Sing, so do come and support them.



### **TIPTREE FOOD BANK REQUESTS – LAST CHANCE TO DONATE CHRISTMAS GOODIES FOR THE FOODBANK – [Tiptree Food Bank](#) | [Tiptree](#) | [Facebook](#)**

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



## ***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 same email for any church events to go on the Benefice Website. *Thank you.*

## **BENEFICE DIARY SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER to SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.*</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>UNITED BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Christ the King</b>	<b>*NB NO 11.00 am SERVICE AT ST MARY'S TODAY</b>		
<i>(The Sunday next before Advent)</i>	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Joint PCC Meeting for All Saints' &amp; St Mary's</b>
	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Christmas Messy Church</b>
	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Holy Baptism of Nora Digweed</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2.30 pm</b>	<b>Colchester Crematorium</b>	<b>Funeral of Dorothy Cook</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Kelvedon St Mary's Primary Academy – Year 6 Holy Communion</b>	
		<i>All church members are warmly invited to this service, which will led by Natasha</i>	
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Camerata Singers rehearsal in the Church Rooms</b>
	<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Wreath-making Workshop</b>
		<i>Please see the item on page 1 for more details, plus details of St Mary's wreath-making workshops on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December.</i>	
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Advent Quiet Day at Pleshey Diocesan Retreat House (for those who have signed up)</i>		
	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Teddy Bear Club</b>
	<b>4.45-6.00 pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Junior Christian Club</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>

### ***ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December – please see above for details***

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Said Holy Communion Service (1662 Prayer Book)</b>
<b>ADVENT SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Sung Holy Communion Service</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Worship For All Service for Advent</b>
	<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Christmas Tree Festival Closing Service</b>

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Teddy Bear Club</b>
	<b>4.45-6 pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Junor Christian Club</b>
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Wreath-making Workshop in the Church Rooms*</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>4.30 pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Wreath-making Workshop in the Church Rooms*</b>
			<i>*Please see item on page 1 above for more details</i>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Sung Holy Communion Service</b>
<i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Sung Holy Communion Service</b>
	<b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>Christingle Service with Feering Primary School Choir</b>

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