

KELVEDON & FEERING CHURCHES NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY to SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2025 – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

10.00 am ALL SAINTS' UNITED BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION

4.00 pm ALL SAINTS' 'FROM EPIPHANY TO CANDLEMAS'

A reflective early evening service with St Mary's Choir

NO SERVICES AT ST MARY'S THIS SUNDAY



FUTURE PLANS FOR OUR BENEFICE AND THE DEANERY

Many thanks to everyone who came to the meeting after last Sunday's service at St Mary's to hear about the future plans for the Deanery. Simon explained that 4 stipendiary (paid) priests will cover 18 churches (including our 2) which are currently in 4 separate benefices in our Deanery. There are also several retired/self-supporting (volunteer) priests and licensed lay ministers who can help. Currently, the balance between these 4 benefices isn't fair; e.g. Simon is only responsible for 2 parishes whilst Anne-Marie, with only an extra half-time paid post, has 9 churches in her care. The new set-up will mean that the four clergy will be able to support and help each other as a team. The next step is to decide which parishes are joined together, in four roughly equal groups within the 18-church benefice, with one full-time priest for each group. St Mary's PCC is strongly in favour of joining with Inworth and Messing, while All Saints' PCC will make its decision early next week. Once all the parishes have made their choices, Simon, Anne-Marie and others will review them to see which is the option that is most supported by all 18 parishes. Then 2 more new stipendiary priests need to be recruited. We will keep you updated, but do please speak to Simon if you need more information.

'FROM EPIPHANY TO CANDLEMAS' at All Saints', this Sunday, 26th January at 4.00 pm

You're warmly welcome (the heating will be on!) to a reflective early evening service at All Saints' this Sunday at 4.00 pm. St Mary's choir will lead the service, which will have readings of the main Epiphany stories – the Wise Men, the Wedding at Cana, the Baptism of Christ and Candlemas. There will be prayers and favourite Epiphany hymns and well-known tunes, but no sermon! The service will last about an hour.



NEW YEAR SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS – ALL MORNING SERVICES at 10.00 am

During January-February our two churches are worshipping together so we're alternating our main Sunday services between our two churches. There is one 10.00 am service either at St Mary's or at All Saints'.

Some like worshipping at Feering every Sunday, so there'll be a short, said Evening Prayer service (1662 Prayer Book)

at 5.00 pm in All Saints' on the "St Mary's" Sundays (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month). Everyone is welcome at these quiet services, but do wrap up warm as there may not be much heating!



Here are our February morning services:

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

Sunday 9th February – 10.00 am UB HC at **All Saints'**

Sunday 16th February – 10.00 am UB HC at **St Mary's**

Sunday 23rd February – 10.00 am UB HC at **All Saints'**

Sunday 2nd March – back to our usual 9.30 am/11.00 am pattern, plus the 8.00 am Holy Communion on first Sundays

ADVANCE NOTICE – ST MARY'S WORSHIP FOR ALL SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY at 10.00 am

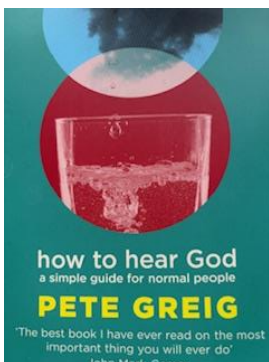


The theme for this service will be Candlemas, look out for the Candlemas altar frontal, which was made by our youth group at St Mary's, many years ago. Our Worship for All services are generally non communion, but on this occasion, the service will include a simple Communion, this is to give Natasha experience of leading all age worship which includes Communion (very different from the traditional Communion services).

We hope those of you who enjoy a monthly non Communion service will understand that it is important for us all to help Natasha in her training.

THANK-YOU TEA FOR FEERING CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

Neither of our churches could function effectively without a large number of volunteers. On Sunday 2nd February there will be a special tea for those who volunteer at All Saints'. As well as tea and cakes there will be entertainment. Please let [Simon](#) know in case there are any volunteers you think may not have been invited.



UNITED BENEFICE LENT COURSE 2025

St Mary's Book Group recently read 'How to Hear God' by Pete Greig and enjoyed it very much. However there was so much to discuss in it, we thought it would make a really good Lent Book. So we're reading and studying this book for our Lent Course this year, led by Natasha. Pete Greig is the founder of 24-7 Prayer, an international prayer initiative: [Home - 24-7 Prayer International](#).

He is a Senior Pastor of Emmaus Road Church in Surrey and has written several other best-selling books on prayer. The book blurb says: "This is a book to make faith come alive by turning prayer into a real, conversational relationship with the God who speaks – more than you know". The course starts on **Tuesday 11th March at 7.30 pm for 5 weeks**, in St Mary's Church Rooms and **on Wednesdays (from Wednesday 12th March) in the daytime in Feering, time and venue to be arranged**. Please contact [Natasha](#) if you'd like to know more or would like to sign up. *NB please read the book before we start the course.*

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

The Food Bank is short of long-life fruit juice, squash, jars of pasta sauce, shaving gel, men's razors and toilet rolls. Please leave Food Bank donations at either church and they'll be delivered to the Foodbank by our volunteers. Many thanks for your donations and to Betty and Jill for transporting the donations to Tiptree.

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. Please send church info, photos & events on both parishes to me, [Sarah Openshaw](mailto:sarah.openshaw@kelvedonandfeeringchurches.co.uk), 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 26TH JANUARY to SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday 26th January <i>Epiphany 3</i>	10.00 am 4.00 pm	All Saints' All Saints'	United Benefice Sung Holy Communion Service 'From Epiphany to Candlemas' <i>A reflective service of hymns and readings, with music led by St Mary's Choir</i> <i>There will be heating for this service!</i>
NB NO SERVICES AT ST MARY'S THIS SUNDAY			
Tuesday 28th	10.30 am	Vicarage	All Saints' PCC Meeting
Wednesday 29th	9.30 am 2.00 pm 4.45 pm	St Mary's All Saints' St Mary's	Teddy Bear Club Funeral Service for Robert Davison (Bob) Stokes Junior Christian Club
Thursday 30th	8.30 am 8.00 pm	St Mary's St Mary's	Morning Prayer PCC Meeting in the Church Rooms
Sunday 2nd February <i>Epiphany 3</i>	8.00 am 10.00 am 2.30 pm 5.30/6.00 pm approx.	St Mary's St Mary's All Saints' All Saints'	Said Holy Communion (<i>1662 Prayer Book</i>) United Benefice Sung Holy Communion Service "Thank You" Event for all Feering Church Volunteers Said Evening Prayer (<i>1662 Prayer Book</i>)

ADVANCE NOTICE

Wednesday 5 th Feb.	2.30 pm	St Dominics	Holy Communion Service
Saturday 8 th Feb.		All Saints'	Wedding of Abigail Graves & Cameron Cheesman
Sunday 9th Feb.	10.00 am	All Saints'	United Benefice Sung Holy Communion Service
Tuesday 11 th Feb.	7 for 7.30 pm	St Luke's Tiptree	Deanery Synod Meeting (<i>open to all</i>)

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