

# KELVEDON & FEERING CHURCHES NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

## SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – BIBLE SUNDAY: Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am ALL SAINTS' SUNG HOLY COMMUNION

11.00 am ST MARY'S SUNG HOLY COMMUNION

Natasha will preside/preach at both services – Simon is at Wickham Bishops (8 & 10.30)

3.00 pm ST MARY'S HOLY BAPTISM taken by Simon

## **'IN LOVING MEMORY' BEREAVEMENT SERVICES at both churches this Saturday and next**



Our 'In Loving Memory' services are here to help people remember family and friends who have died. All who have lost loved-ones during the last few years are invited to them, but they're 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.** You'll be able to light a candle or candles in memory of your loved-ones, and there'll be refreshments after both services. If you can make some cakes/biscuits, or even help to serve them on the day, please speak to Simon or Natasha.



## **NEW CHURCH SCHOOL GOVERNOR AT ST MARY'S ACADEMY**

We're delighted we now have a full complement of Church School Governors at St Mary's Primary Academy. **Musole Gurnett** joined the team of India Jayatillake and Simons Gibbs & Garwood as the PCC Church School Governor at last week's St Mary's PCC meeting. Musole is a committed Christian who worships with her family at



Bethel Christian Fellowship in Witham. She works in HR at King's College in London, and brings with her valuable skills and experience. Born in Zambia, Musole has lived in England since she was 4 and in Kelvedon for the last 10 years. Her daughter is in Year 1 at the school.



## **BABY LOSS PRAYER TREE**

The prayer tree for parents to write the names of babies they have lost through miscarriage, stillbirth or in childhood is on the St Nicholas Altar in St Mary's. Natasha will leave it there for the next few weeks. If you would find it helpful, do write a baby's name on one of the heart labels and light a candle in their memory.

## **ALL SAINTS' ORGAN CONCERT LAST SATURDAY**

**Keith Gamble-Beresford's Solo Recital** was thoroughly enjoyable event: Keith played a richly varied programme, including songs from shows & films that people sang along to! We raised a fantastic **£1,049** for church funds. A huge *Thank-you* to Keith & his wife Julie (his page turner) plus to all who prepared and served the cheese & wine. There will definitely be another concert next year!



## 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.



### A SMALL BUT LOVELY GIFT FOR ALL SAINTS'

Last week a little girl from Feering called Alice turned up at church with her family, holding a gift, "For the children in the church to play with". It's the Playmobile Noah's Ark in the picture, which we've put out on the window-sill near to the font. Alice's card, which explains why she gave it, is on the right. It was such a lovely, unexpected gift that we just had to include it here.

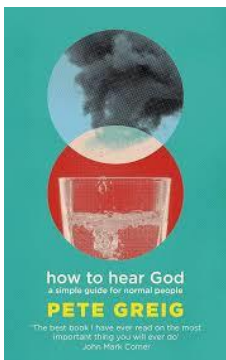
*Thank you so much, Alice, for your kindness and thoughtfulness.*

### SUPPORTING WETHERSFIELD REFUGEES

Natasha's collection for the Refugees has raised £132 so far. If you haven't already done so, she would be very grateful for any cash donations. *Many thanks.*

### JUNIOR CHRISTIAN CLUB AT ST MARY'S

The recently formed Junior Christian Club (their choice of name), meets at 4.45-5.45pm in St Mary's Church Rooms on Wednesdays. This group has grown out of the recent confirmations and is for young people between the school years 6 and 9. They've designed a logo (see picture) and meet for "faith and fellowship". Natasha says they "enjoy biscuits, cake, juice and tea and join together for fun games and conversations about faith, about Jesus and about our lives today". If you know a young person who might be interested and would like to find out more, please contact [Natasha](#).



### ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP

Although we had high hopes for the book, 'Heaven' by Paula Gooder, which was our October choice, we were disappointed. Other books by Paula Gooder have been excellent but this one didn't tell us much about what Heaven might be like! We are more hopeful for our November choice, 'How to Hear God', by Pete Greig. We meet next on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November in the Church Rooms at 7.30 pm**. Please contact [Natasha](#) if you would like to join our open and friendly group.

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

The Food Bank is asking for **Christmas treats, so things like chocolates, nice biscuits, toiletries etc. would be very welcome. No alcohol please.** Please get them to our churches by 1<sup>st</sup> December, so the Foodbank volunteers have a chance to get them to families before Christmas. Please leave your donations at either church and they'll be delivered to the Foodbank by our volunteers. Many thanks for your donations and to Betty, Jill & Fleur for transporting the things to Tiptree.

***Our Benefice Diary for the Week is on the last page below***

## 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 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 26 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	St Mary's	'In Loving Memory' Bereavement Service
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30 am	All Saints'	Sung Holy Communion <i>taken by Natasha</i>
<i>Bible Sunday/</i>	11.00 am	St Mary's	Sung Holy Communion <i>taken by Natasha</i>
<i>Last Sunday</i>	<i>Simon is at St Bartholomew's Wickham Bishops (8.00 &amp; 10.30)</i>		
<i>after Trinity</i>	3.00 pm	St Mary's	Holy Baptism of Henry Ruddock <i>taken by Simon</i>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 pm	St Mary's	Pete Ashley's Funeral, followed by cremation
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	[St Mary's]	<b>No Teddy Bear Club</b> <i>(half term)</i>	
	[St Mary's]	<b>No Junior Christian Club</b> <i>(half term)</i>	
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	8.30 am	St Mary's	Morning Prayer
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov.	8.30am-3.30 pm	St Mary's	Payback Team in the Churchyard & Burial Ground
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov.	4.00 pm	All Saints'	'In Loving Memory' Bereavement Service
All Souls' Day	7 for 7.30 pm	St Mary's	Indian Curry Night
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.	8.00 am	St Mary's	Said Holy Communion <i>(Book of Common Prayer)</i>
ALL SAINTS'	9.30 am	All Saints'	Sung Holy Communion – <i>Patronal Festival</i>
SUNDAY	11.00 am	St Mary's	Worship for All Service
	3.00 pm	St Mary's	Holy Baptisms

*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**

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	10.00 am	St Mary's	Funeral of Nick Driffield, followed by Burial
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	8.30am-3.30 pm	St Mary's	Payback Team in the Churchyard & Burial Ground
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	9.15 am*	All Saints'	Sung Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance
REMEMBRANCE	10.45 am*	St Mary's	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
SUNDAY	11.00 am	St Mary's	Remembrance Service <i>(NB no Holy Communion)</i>

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

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	10.45 am	St Mary's	Kelvedon Academy Year 6 Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the Churchyard
ARMISTICE DAY			
<i>Annual School Services</i>	10.45 am	All Saints'	Feering School & British Legion Act of Remembrance at the Celtic Cross in Feering Cemetery

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