

## KELVEDON & FEERING CHURCHES NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

### SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY – The THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

- 8.00 am ST MARY'S Said Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)  
9.30 am ALL SAINTS' Sung Holy Communion  
*Followed by the Annual Church Meetings in Church at approx. 10.45 am*  
*Both services above and the annual meetings taken by Simon*  
11.00 am ST MARY'S Worship for All Service Led by the #HomeTeam  
*Theme: "Come and have Breakfast" – bacon butties & croissants served in church from 10.15 am*  
6.00 pm ST MARY'S EASTHORPE Sung Evensong (*Book of Common Prayer*)



#### **FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S: "...IS THERE A BLOT ON MY ESCUTCHEON?"**

**This Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May Doors open 7.00 pm**

The Friends welcome **TIM DUKE** for his intriguingly entitled talk. For 35 years Tim was Officer at Arms at the College of Arms ([College of Arms – College of Arms](#)), the official heraldic authority for the Sovereign. Tim will focus on heraldry, coats



of arms, national & Commonwealth flags, plus the Queen's Funeral and the King's Coronation, with both of which he was closely involved (in photo, Tim is to the left of the King at the Coronation). **Doors open at 7pm, drinks & canapés to be served – suggested donation of £20.** To help us have enough refreshments, please book via [Friends of St Mary's Kelvedon](#).

### **ST MARY'S WORSHIP FOR ALL SERVICE, THIS SUNDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> MAY at 11.00 am:**

#### **"COME AND HAVE BREAKFAST..."**

Jesus's exact words to his disciples in the Sunday Gospel reading is our theme: we're providing breakfast for the congregation. We'll be ready from 10.15 am serving bacon butties, croissants, tea & coffee as we try out "Café Church" for the first time, to see how it goes and if it's popular. We hope that many of you as possible will come for breakfast, but if you can't, you'll still be very welcome at our service, which is at 11.00 am as usual. Please let [Geraldine](#) know if your child would like a craft bag at the end of the service.



### **ST GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE AT ST MARY'S LAST SUNDAY**

Here's Natasha, not looking very belligerent with armour and weapon, as she led last Sunday's annual St George's Day Service. Thanks to all the leaders, parents and boys who came and supported this service. Particular thanks go to Natasha for leading such an excellent service that was a lot of fun, and to young Stanley, the star of the show who answered all of Natasha's questions to the congregation on his own!



### **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH AT THE FEERING MAY FAYRE, MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2-5 pm**

Look out for All Saints' stall at this annual fundraiser for Feering Community Association and Feering Community Centre. It's held (as always) in the Community Centre & on the Recreation Ground immediately outside the Centre every May. Lots of stalls, entertainment, sideshows, Michael the magic man, beer tent & other refreshments etc. Good fun for all!

## VE DAY 2025: 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIONS, THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> & FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Kelvedon URC is hosting displays about VE Day and WW2 from the British Legion, K & F Museum and the Heritage Society, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am–9pm & Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, 10am– 4pm. At 9.00 pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a very short service at the URC; at c. 9.15 pm, a candlelit procession will go down the High Street, past the Catholic Church to the War Memorial in St Mary's Churchyard, where at c.9.30 pm a short service will be held, including the Last Post and 1 minute's silence. Battery candles for the procession will be available at the URC. All are very welcome to come.



### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 11<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> MAY

Please support Adrienne and Jill from All Saints', who are raising funds for Christian Aid by taking part in the sponsored 5-mile Christian Aid London Freedom Walk on 10<sup>th</sup> May. Christian Aid aims to alleviate poverty and the effects climate change has on communities. This year its appeal focuses on **Guatemala**, which is struggling after a 3-year drought. Sponsor forms are at the back of both churches, or donate by [clicking here](#). As we have no envelope or door-to-door collections this year, this is an excellent way to support Christian Aid's vital work. *Many thanks.*

### TOOLS WITH A MISSION COLLECTION, SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY, 10 am – 4pm



TWAM is a Christian charity which collects, refurbishes and restores old tools etc. to be sent to Africa to be used in training. They'll be very grateful for your old agricultural & gardening tools, builders', carpentry, electricians' and plumbers' tools as well as power tools, sewing and knitting machines, haberdashery and fully working computers. Please take items to All Saints' on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> where the charity will collect them.

### GREEN POINT

In line with the Diocese encouraging all churches to become more green, we will be having a "green point" each week in the Newsletter. These points will be from the Church of England 2025 Environment Days and Key Events calendar.

In May we're encouraged to embrace "No Mow May", i.e. less mowing and more wildlife encouragement. Next week is also [International Compost Week](#): please click on the link for some home composting advice.



### ELECTRO JAZZ ORCHESTRA at ALL SAINTS' LAST SATURDAY

Once again the [Electro Jazz Orchestra](#) gave us a cracking show last Saturday, and £1071.00 was raised for church funds in the process. Here they are in action... if you missed them, they're in **Maldon on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May & Colchester Castle Park on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May (this is free!)**. Check their website above for more info. Rest assured, it won't be long before the band is back at All Saints'!

### HELP CHARLIE RAISE MONEY for GREAT ORMOND STREET CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

9-year-old Charlie Robinson is passionate about making poorly children's lives better: he grew his hair for 2½ years and had it cut off **last Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May** (his hair will become a wig for a poorly child). Charlie comes to St Mary's Worship for All & Messy Church with his parents Ruth and Andy and sisters Megan and Sophie. **There's still time to sponsor Charlie – please support him by going to his Just Giving page: [Charlie Robinson is fundraising for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity](#).**



## THE BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD'S LENT APPEAL 2025: supporting **HOUSING JUSTICE**

The charity **Housing Justice** works in partnership with churches, community & faith groups across England & Wales to help those experiencing homelessness find a safe, stable home. You can support the appeal by bank transfer or online at [www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/our-faith-in-action/bishop-of-chelmsfords-lent-appeal-2025](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/our-faith-in-action/bishop-of-chelmsfords-lent-appeal-2025). **Donations accepted till Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025.**

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

Stocks are very low at the Foodbank: it's very short of baked beans, hand wash, laundry detergent, long-life milk, squash, tinned fish & toilet cleaner. Please leave all donations at either church to be taken to the Food Bank by our volunteers. Many thanks for all of your donations, and to Betty and Jill for taking them 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](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 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY to SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	7.00 pm	St Mary's	Friends Event: "Is There A Blot On My Escutcheon?" Please see page 1
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	8.00 am	St Mary's	Said Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
Easter 3	9.30 am	All Saints'	Sung Holy Communion Simon is taking both services
	c.10.45 am	All Saints'	ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS & the annual meetings
	11.00 am	St Mary's	Worship for All Service Led by the #Hometeam
	6.00 pm	St Mary's Easthorpe	Sung Evensong (Book of Common Prayer)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00-5.00 pm	Feering Community Centre & Rec.	MAY FAYRE (see page 1)
<b>*Natasha returns from holiday on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May; Simon's day off this week is Wednesday</b>			
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30 pm	St Mary's	Book Group in the Church Rooms
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	St Mary's	Teddy Bear Club
	4.15-6 pm	St Mary's	Junior Christian Club
	8.30 pm	Zoom	Night Prayer/Compline Please use this <b>new</b> Zoom link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87841760796?pwd=IK8SIN3NdpZMRwcxOTEGuMji158V2M.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87841760796?pwd=IK8SIN3NdpZMRwcxOTEGuMji158V2M.1</a>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30 am	St Mary's	Morning Prayer
	9.00 pm (URC) & 9.30 pm (St Mary's)		– VE Day, 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorations Kelvedon URC will be open 10am-9pm on Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> & 10am-4pm on Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> with displays about World War 2 and VE Day from the British Legion, K & F Museum and other organisations.
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	All Saints'	'Informal Worship' Led by Natasha with Simon
	11.00 am	St Mary's	Sung Holy Communion Led by Simon
	c. 12.15 pm	St Mary's	ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS in the Church Rooms
	3.00 pm	All Saints'	Holy Baptisms Taken by Simon
<b>CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 11-17<sup>TH</sup> MAY (see page 2)</b>			
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am–4.00 pm	All Saints'	TWAM Collection Day (see page 2)

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