

KELVEDON & FEERING CHURCHES NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY to SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY 2025 – THE EPIPHANY

8.00 am	ST MARY'S	SAID HOLY COMMUNION (1662 Prayer Book)
10.00 am	ST MARY'S	'WORSHIP FOR ALL' EPIPHANY SERVICE
11.00 am	ST MARY'S	SAID HOLY COMMUNION (Common Worship)

NO MORNING SERVICE at All Saints' this Sunday

5.00 pm ALL SAINTS' SAID EVENING PRAYER (1662 Prayer Book)

Please wrap up warm for this – there's no heating! It will last about half an hour.



A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

Happy New Year to all our Newsletter readers. After a hectic time over Christmas things have quietened down, with no major events for a few weeks. As the days lengthen, there are signs of spring, such as these first snowdrops of January in St Mary's Churchyard. In a couple of weeks the wonderful carpet of snowdrops in St Mary's churchyard will be at its best, so do come and see them if you can.

AND A BIG 'THANK YOU' FROM NATASHA & PETE, SIMON & LIZ & FAMILIES

Many thanks from us for your generous Christmas gifts, which we've all enjoyed very much (and in some cases have consumed already...). We were both rather overwhelmed by your generosity, which will enable both of our families to enjoy a slap-up meal and other lovely food! Thank you once again – it is a privilege to share our ministry with you all. *Simon & Natasha*

NEW YEAR SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS – ALL MORNING SERVICES at 10.00 am



A reminder that during January-February our 2 churches are worshipping together (and to reduce our heating bills!) so we're **alternating our main Sunday services between our two churches**. There'll be one 10 am service either at St Mary's or at All Saints'.



Some still wish to worship at Feering every Sunday, so we will have a **short, said service of Evening Prayer (from the 1662 Prayer Book) at 5.00 pm in All Saints' on the "St Mary's" Sundays**. Everyone is invited to these quiet, reflective services, but do wrap up warm, as there will be no heating! Here are our January-February morning services in full:

Sunday 12th January – 10.00 am United Benefice Holy Communion Service at **All Saints'**

Sunday 19th January – 10.00 am United Benefice Holy Communion Service at **St Mary's**

Sunday 26th January – 10.00 am UB HC at **All Saints'**

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'**



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

It was a very busy Christmas in the Benefice. There were 370 people at the two family Christmas Eve services at St Mary's and at least 180 at All Saints' Carol Service. Special thanks to everyone who brought presents for children and teenagers to St Mary's for HomeStart & the Children's Society to distribute.

Both St Mary's Midnight Mass and Family Christmas Day services were also well attended, with around 50 at Midnight Mass and 60 on Christmas Day. Add the Feering Christingle (80+) on Sunday 8th and St Mary's Carol Service (100+) on Sunday 22nd, and that's over 800 people at just 7 services. Many thanks to all those people, apart from the clergy, who made these services happen. There is a lot of behind-the-scenes organisation which is essential to make all these services run smoothly. Those people are the unsung heroes.. without them, chaos might reign!

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

The Food Bank needs shampoo, toilet cleaner, kitchen cleaner & bathroom cleaner.

Please leave donations at either church and they'll be delivered to the Foodbank by our volunteers. Many thanks for your generosity and to our volunteers Betty, Jill & Fleur.



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](#), 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 5TH to SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2025

Sunday 5 th January	8.00 am	St Mary's	Said Holy Communion Service (1662 Prayer Book)
<i>The Epiphany</i>	10.00 am	St Mary's	United Benefice 'Worship for All' Epiphany Service
	11.00 am	St Mary's	United Benefice Said Holy Communion Service
	NB NO MORNING SERVICE at All Saints' this Sunday		
	5.00 pm	All Saints'	Said Evening Prayer (1662 Prayer Book)

**Simon is on post-Christmas leave after services on Sunday 5th January, returning on Tuesday 14th January*

**Natasha returns from post-Christmas leave on Monday 6th January*

Wednesday 8 th	9.30 am	St Mary's	Teddy Bear Club re-starts
	4.45 pm	St Mary's	Junior Christian Club re-starts

Thursday 9 th	8.30 am	St Mary's	Morning Prayer
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Friday 10 th	11.15 am	St Mary's	Memorial Service for Jim Towler
<i>Service to be taken by the Revd. Michael Hatchett. Jim Towler was a well-known local bell-ringer, so there will probably be bell-ringing both before and after the service. Jim rang at All Saints' Inworth, but that church is too small for the number of people who are likely to attend.</i>			

Sunday 12 th January	10.00 am	All Saints'	United Benefice Sung Holy Communion Service
<i>The Baptism of Christ/Epiphany 1</i>	NB NO MORNING SERVICE at St Mary's this Sunday		

ADVANCE NOTICE

Wednesday 15 th	1.00 pm	St Mary's	Memorial Service for Janet Cullen
Thursday 23 rd	11.00 am	All Saints'	Memorial Service for Elizabeth Pailthorpe

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