

KELVEDON & FEERING CHURCHES NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY to SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2025 – The Fourth Sunday before Lent

10.00 am ALL SAINTS' United Benefice Holy Communion Service
NB NO MORNING SERVICE AT ST MARY'S THIS SUNDAY

ALL SAINTS' THANK-YOU TEA FOR VOLUNTEERS



Last Sunday All Saints' held a 'Thank you' tea for all the volunteers who give their time and work so hard in and around our beautiful church: flower-arrangers, cleaners, bell-ringers, those who provide refreshments, contribute to the magazine, those who do such a fabulous job looking after the cemetery and many others. A special thank-you gift from the Church was presented to Beryl, who has been a dedicated volunteer at the cemetery for over 25

years. We enjoyed lots of delicious cakes and wonderful entertainment was provided by Cheryl, who sang many of our favourite 60's songs. *Natasha.*



ST MARY'S 'WORSHIP FOR ALL', SUNDAY 2ND MARCH – CELEBRATING NEURODIVERGENCE



We're keen to ensure our Worship for All services are truly Worship for All, not a family service by a different name. When someone who's neurodivergent said they'd like to come to church but would feel uncomfortable, we began to explore how we could help. They had some challenges: being unable to sit through the whole service, finding it too noisy or the hymns too emotional, not knowing what to expect or what was expected of them. So we started adjusting our usual 'Worship for All' format,

devising a much more inclusive service, one we hope will help everyone to feel comfortable and truly welcomed. Not just a one-off service, but one that can help us identify areas some people find challenging in our services and address them for future services where we can.

So do try and join us for this very special service, where we'll begin to explore the issues that Neurodivergent people (and others) might find difficult. And please do let those who might have issues with a traditional service know it's happening. If you find sitting on the hard wooden pews uncomfortable and just need to get up and stretch your legs, you can! Or if you need to wander out for a cup of coffee half way through, or have something in your hands to fiddle with, you can! Come as you are – you are very welcome! And let us know what we can do to make you feel more included, so we can make our first Sunday services truly for ALL!

ST MARY'S PRAM SERVICE/TEDDY BEAR CLUB 40TH BIRTHDAY

St Mary's Pram Service started in 1985. The babies and toddlers who came then are now grown up, often with children of their own. We're planning a celebration to mark the occasion in the summer, details to be decided. We'd be very grateful for any memories or photos of the pram service you could share. Please send to

Geraldine. The Pram Service was brought up to date when it became the Teddy Bear Club in 2016.



JAMES COLQUHOUN

Many of you will have been saddened to hear of the recent death of James Colquhoun, who was well-known in both villages, especially for his leadership of the Royal British Legion and the Two Villages Association. His funeral will be in St Mary's on **Thursday 20th February at 11.00 am**. Please remember Rosanagh and all her family and all James's friends and colleagues in your prayers.

THE NEW 'CENTRAL TEAM MINISTRY'

The process of getting the new 18-parish 'Central Team Ministry' is now underway; our 2 parishes are being grouped with Copford & Easthorpe. Simon will start taking some services in St Michael's Copford and St Mary's Easthorpe from April, although some of their services will still be taken by others. To learn more about what's planned, **please come to the next Witham Deanery Synod, this Tuesday, 11th February, in St Luke's Church Hall, Tiptree CO5 0SU, 7.00 for 7.30 pm**, where there will be a detailed presentation on the new team ministry we will form together. This is an 'open' Synod meeting, so anyone from our churches is warmly invited to come. *Simon G.*

SUNDAY MORNINGS IN FEBRUARY – All Morning Services at 10.00 am

Here are the remaining alternating services for this month:

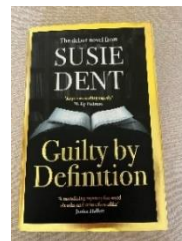
Sunday 16th February – 10.00 am United Benefice Holy Communion at **St Mary's**
Plus at 5.00 pm – Said Evening Prayer (*Book of Common Prayer*) at **All Saints'**

Sunday 23rd February – 10.00 am United Benefice Holy Communion at **All Saints'**

Sunday 2nd March – back to our usual 9.30 am/11.00 am pattern, plus 8.00 am Holy Communion (*1662 Prayer Book*) on the first Sunday of the month

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP

Our next book is the first novel by Susie Dent, of Wordsmith/Countdown fame. We meet on **Monday 24th February at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church Rooms** – do note the change of day and please contact [Natasha](#) if you'd like more details.

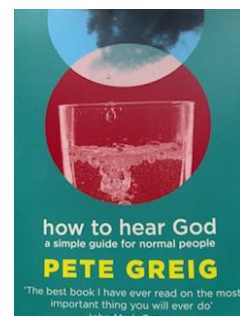


TIPTREE FOOD BANK – [Tiptree Food Bank](#) | [Tiptree](#) | [Facebook](#)

The Food Bank is short of: cleaning cloths, toilet rolls toothpaste, men's deodorant, pasta sauce, squash, small packs of rice and tinned meat. Please leave donations at either church and they will be delivered to the Foodbank by our volunteers. Many thanks for your donations and to Betty and Jill for transporting the donations to Tiptree.

BENEFICE LENT COURSE 2025

St Mary's Book Group recently read and enjoyed 'How to Hear God' by Pete Greig. But there was so much to discuss in it, we thought it would make a really good Lent Book. So we're reading and studying it for our Lent Course this year, led by Natasha. Pete Greig is the founder of the international prayer initiative **24-7 Prayer** ([Home - 24-7 Prayer International](#)) and is Senior Pastor of Emmaus Road Church, Surrey. He's 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". This 5-week course starts on **Tuesday 11th March at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church Rooms, & from Wednesday 12th March, on Wednesdays at 2.30 pm in Sue and Andrew Howard's home, 94 Feering Hill, Feering CO5 9PX**. Please contact [Natasha](#) to sign up or if you'd like to know more. *NB please read the book before the course starts.*



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 9TH FEBRUARY to SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2025

Saturday 8 th	2.30 pm	All Saints'	Wedding of Abigail Graves & Cameron Cheesman
Sunday 9 th February <i>The Fourth Sunday before Lent</i>	10.00 am	All Saints'	United Benefice Sung Holy Communion Service No service at St Mary's this Sunday
Tuesday 11 th	7.00 for 7.30 pm	St Luke's Tiptree	Deanery Synod (<i>see article on page 2 above</i>)
Wednesday 12 th	9.30 am 4.45 pm	St Mary's St Mary's	Teddy Bear Club Junior Christian Club
Thursday 13 th	8.30 am c. 8.30 am-3.30 pm	St Mary's St Mary's	Morning Prayer Payback Team in Churchyard & Burial Ground
Sunday 16 th Feb. <i>The Third Sunday before Lent</i>	10.00 am 5.00 pm	St Mary's All Saints'	United Benefice Sung Holy Communion Service No morning service at All Saints' this Sunday Said Evening Prayer (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)

PLEASE NOTE: the 10.00 am service on Sunday 16th February will be taken by Trevor Walt, as Simon will be taking services in Great Totham and Salcott that day, and Natasha will be at Wickham Bishops.

* NB Natasha will be on leave for the February half term, from Monday 17th February, returning on Monday 24th February.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Thursday 20 th Feb.	10.00 am	St Mary's Burial Ground	Burial of James Colquhoun (NB this is for the family only)
	11.00 am	St Mary's	Funeral Service for James Colquhoun

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