

KELVEDON & FEERING CHURCHES NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER to SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER – THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30 am	ALL SAINTS'	SUNG HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
11.00 am	ST MARY'S	SUNG HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
4.00 pm	ALL SAINTS'	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE <i>with Feering Primary School Choir</i>

All Christmas Services & events up to Christmas are on our [Benefice Website](#)

ANOTHER WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AT ST MARY'S



It was a really busy Christmas Tree Festival with some popular new additions. The Friday evening opening night had a wonderful concert by community choir The Big Sing, featuring our very own Ben Garwood (here in the front row!). They had the church rocking and the audience bopping and nearly raised the roof. Santa visited on both Saturday and Sunday and raised £379 for Freddie's Charity, which has been set up by the brother of one of our Teddy

Bear Club members to raise funds for the rare cancer that sadly Freddie has. Our 15th Festival raised £2500 for the church and gave donations to the Food Bank and Save the Children. Very many thanks to all who made it happen.



A Special Mention for... the CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL REFRESHMENTS

A huge thank-you to everyone who made delicious soup, baked magnificent sponges, cakes and savoury treats (not forgetting Greggs sausage rolls) to make the Tree Festival such an amazing success. With the donations to the card reader, the kitchen took a staggering £954 – over £200 more than last year, with no expenses incurred! A fantastic result. *Robert Lines*



ALL SAINTS' CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - THIS SUNDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, at 4.00 pm



Come and join us for our annual Christingle Service at All Saints', with Feering Primary School Choir. This popular service raises funds for work of the Children's Society with vulnerable children and teenagers (it has local bases in Colchester & Chelmsford). The orange signifies the world, the red ribbon the blood of Christ shed for the whole world, the candle, the light of Christ and the

fruits the four seasons. Everyone is very welcome to this lovely service.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING

Once again wreath making at St Mary's was very popular – this photo is from the sell-out Wednesday evening session and there was another one on Thursday in the late afternoon/early evening. With excellent tuition from George Bell and the provision of all the greenery etc., helped by Ruth and Geraldine, another very successful fundraiser for the church.



**ST MARY'S TEDDY BEAR CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY – THIS SATURDAY, 7th DECEMBER,
1.30 pm–3.00 pm in the INSTITUTE SMALL HALL**



The Teddy Bear Club is holding its Christmas Party tomorrow, Saturday 7th December, in the Small Hall at the Institute. If you have pre-school children, do come along and meet them and have some Christmas fun, including games and snacks. Please spread the word to those who might be interested in joining “TBC”, as this will be a great chance to see what they do and the good time they have. Contact [Natasha](#) for more information.

**WITHAM CHORAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT at ST MARY'S, THIS SATURDAY,
7TH DECEMBER at 7.00 pm**

For what we think is the first time – or at least the first in a long time! – Witham Choral Society is coming to St Mary's. It has a lovely Christmas programme, including the *Messe de Minuit de Noël* – (“Midnight Mass for Christmas” to you and me!) by French composer Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704), a beautifully bright and tuneful work that's just right for Christmas. There'll be carols too, of course, including ones with audience participation. Festive refreshments and a raffle in the interval. **Tickets £12 on the door** (under-16s free).

“SING-ALONG-A-CAROL” at ALL SAINTS', MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER at 7.00 pm

Do you love singing carols but don't get to sing them enough? Or are you away at Christmas and so will miss some of our big Christmas services? Come to Feering Church on Monday 16th and have a good sing of your favourite carols. Our organist Keith is happy to play your requests too! Mulled wine and mince pies served in the interval. **Entry £10 on the door, all proceeds to Feering Church.** **All welcome** – a great way to start your Christmas celebrations.

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

The Food Bank is short of laundry detergent, kitchen cleaner and dog food. Please leave all your Food Bank donations at either church and they will be delivered to the Foodbank by our volunteers. Many thanks for your donations and to Betty, Jill and Fleur for transporting them to Tiptree.



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.

Please send church information/photos/events on 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.*

Our week-at-a-glance Benefice Diary is on the last page below

BENEFICE DIARY SATURDAY 7TH to SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2024

Saturday 7th Dec.	1.30-3.00 pm 7.00 pm	Kelvedon Institute Small Hall St Mary's	Teddy Bear Club Christmas Party Witham Choral Society Christmas Concert
Sunday 8th Dec.	9.30 am	All Saints'	Sung Holy Communion Service
<i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>	11.00 am 4.00 pm	St Mary's All Saints'	Sung Holy Communion Service Christingle Service with Feering Primary School Choir
Tuesday 10th Dec.	10.30 am	Three Counties Crematorium	Funeral of Elizabeth Pailthorpe* <i>*NB this is a service for the family only; a memorial service for Elizabeth will be held at All Saints' early in 2025. We will let you know the date when it is confirmed.</i>
Wednesday 11th	9.30 am 4.45-6 pm	St Mary's St Mary's	Teddy Bear Club (last before Christmas) Junior Christian Club (last before Christmas)
Thursday 12th	8.30 am 9.30 & 10.30 am 1.00 pm 3.00 pm	St Mary's St Mary's St Mary's Drummonds Care Home	Morning Prayer Kelvedon St Mary's Academy Christmas Services Burial of Ashes in the Burial Ground Carol Service
Friday 13th	<i>From 8.30 am</i>	<i>St Mary's</i>	<i>Payback Team in the Churchyard & Burial Ground</i>
Sunday 15th Dec.	9.30 am 11.00 am 2.30 pm	All Saints' St Mary's All Saints'	Sung Holy Communion Service Sung Holy Communion Service Christmas Messy Church
<i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i>			

ADVANCE NOTICE

Monday 16th	7.00 pm	All Saints'	Sing-Along-a-Carol – see item on pg.2 for more details
Wednesday 18th	1.45 pm	All Saints'	Feering Primary School Christmas Service
Friday 20th	2.30 pm	St Dominics	Carol Service
Sunday 22nd	3.00 pm 6.00 pm	All Saints' St Mary's	Crib Service Carol Service with the Choir, mulled wine & mince pies

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