

KELVEDON AND FEERING NEWSLETTER

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SUNDAY 5th MAY - SUNDAY 12th MAY

SUNDAY 5th MAY: The sixth Sunday of EASTER

8.00 am Book of Common prayer said communion at St Mary's

9.30 am Holy Communion service at All Saints'

11.00 am Worship for All service for Rogation Sunday at St Mary's

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS



Both churches are holding their annual meetings soon. St Mary's on Sunday 12th May at 12.15 pm and All Saints' on Tuesday 15th May at 6.30 pm. These meetings are important in the life of the church and if you would like to come to your



church's meeting you need to be on the Electoral Roll. There is a list of names in the churches so, you can check if your name is there, if not, just get in touch with [Naomi Buttery](#) for St Mary's and [Jean Yems](#) for All Saints'.

At the meetings there is an annual report on what the churches have done in the year as well as reports from the other church groups such as Worship, Fabric, Churchyard, Safeguarding etc. Also the officers of the churches are chosen and voted for; Church Wardens, PCC members, sidespeople etc. If you are interested and care about the future of your church, do consider being on the PCC so you can play your part in the governance, it's future and feel very much part of the decision making. Speak to Simon if you would like to be on either PCC.

ROGATION SUNDAY - WORSHIP FOR ALL AT ST MARY'S



Contact [Geraldine](#) if your child would like a craft bag at the Worship for All service on Sunday at 11.00 am. The theme is Rogation (which means to ask). This is an ancient Christian festival, where traditionally the congregation walked round the perimeter of the parish asking for God's blessing on the crops and the inhabitants of the parish. This was known as 'beating the bounds'. No beating the bounds this Sunday, but Simon will bless the crops (from afar) and we will focus on where we live as well as the whole world.

INSTALLATION OF CANONS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Last Sunday, Simon was made an Honorary Canon at Chelmsford Cathedral in recognition of his work as a Parish Priest and as Area Dean. There were 33 altogether including 11 Lay

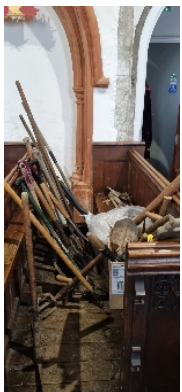


Canons and 4 Ecumenical Canons. As you can imagine the cathedral was pretty packed (standing room only!). So what does being a canon involve? Well- Simon now has an open invitation to preach up to 3 times a year at the cathedral for Evensong services, attends even more meetings (as you can imagine he's delighted about that!) But best of all he gets his own special chair in the cathedral: Edward, King and Confessor. Congratulations Simon!

PILGRIMAGE OF SONG – SATURDAY 8th JUNE



This is a walk with stops for short sung services, organised by an inter church choir (Cantus Firmus) from Suffolk and North Essex. Starting at All Saints' for a chance to learn the music to be sung during the day and then walking to St Mary's to sing followed by walking and singing at All Saints' Inworth and finally St Luke's in Tiptree. You don't have to walk all the way or could just join one of the services, times are on their website. If you would like to take part in the actual pilgrimage (walking and singing) sign up here cantusfirmus.org.uk



TOOLS WITH A MISSION

Thanks to everyone who brought tools for Tools with a Mission last Saturday. We have amassed a huge array of gardening tools, carpentry tools and electrical items.

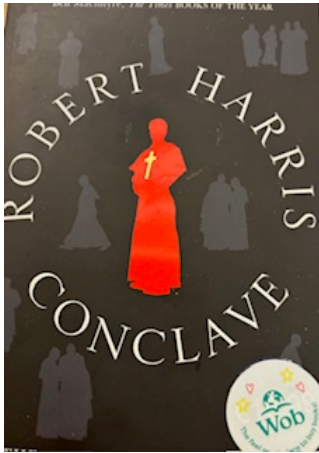
They will be refurbished, sorted into trade tool kits and sent to the developing world for livelihood creation.



TIPTREE FOODBANK

The Foodbank is short of jam, baked beans and laundry detergent this week please. Please leave items at either church and they will be delivered to the Foodbank by our volunteers.

ST MARY'S BOOK GROUP



It was probably the first time everyone enjoyed the book we read at the Book Group! Generally there is lively discussion about why we loved or hated a book, but this month, Robert Harris' book about the choosing of a new Pope, was very much enjoyed and we can highly recommend it.

And now for something completely different...we will be reading Revd Kate Bottley's book, *Have a Little Faith*, on Tuesday 28th May, 7.30 in the Church Rooms. Kate Bottley is well known on the television and radio and along with Richard Coles, is seen as the media face of the Church of England. Her no nonsense, down to earth Yorkshire woman's take on all things Church of England is both refreshing and informative. She always has an answer to those questions that you would like to ask but don't really like to. Even if you don't come to the group, why not read *Conclave* and then *Have a Little Faith*? Such a contrast!

Keep up to date with information, service times, events and information about both churches at our United Benefice website kelvedonandfeeringchurches.co.uk

Please send church information/photos/events from both parishes to me [Sarah Openshaw](mailto:Sarah.Openshaw@kelvedonandfeeringchurches.co.uk) by Wednesday, for inclusion in that week's newsletter.

BENEFICE DIARY

SATURDAY 4th May to SUNDAY 12th MAY

SUNDAY 5th May	8.00 am	St Mary's	Said Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
<i>Easter 6</i>	9.30 am	All Saints'	Sung Holy Communion
	11.00 am	St Mary's	Worship for All
	3.00 pm	All Saints'	Baptisms of Elsie Ann & Arlo James Wollington
Wednesday 8th May	9.30 am	St Mary's	Teddy Bear Club
SUNDAY 12TH MAY	9.30 am	All Saints'	Sung Holy Communion
<i>Easter 7</i>	11.00 am	St Mary's	Sung Holy Communion
	12.15 pm	St Mary's	APCM
	3.00 pm	All Saints'	Baptism of Matilda Mutton

NB Natasha is on a two-week placement at St Luke's Highwoods, Colchester (returns Monday 20th May)

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