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Notices and News for August 2026

Message from The Elders

"Whilst the Church is in vacancy, it is important that we carry on as normal, even though we are without a Minister. If anyone has a concern and feels that they need to talk with someone about their concern, please speak to any of the Elders or if it is a Safeguarding issue to Emma, our Safeguarding Officer.

When I say a concern it can be anything ranging from problems with the premises to personal issues that are causing you apprehension."

Fundraising & The Church Windows Project - Work to replace the Sanctuary and the Front Vestibule windows will be taking place over the next 2 to 3 months. Our contractor will do their best to cause as little disruption as possible to our Sunday services and to other users of the Sanctuary.

As you may know, we are trying to raise funds to help with the replacement of the church windows.

We are exploring the various methods of online fundraising and have already signed up to an app available on your phone/tablet/laptop called "Easyfundraising".

This app once downloaded to your device enables you to have a percentage of the value of any online purchase you make with a participating store (Argos, Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose, Amazon, M&S plus lots of others) to be donated to the church's bank account. It is easy to use and once downloaded and setup on your device will automatically allow a percentage of the value of your purchase to be donated to the church's bank account. It is available via the Apple App Store or the Google App Store.

Ernie is exploring ways with Synod to find out how other churches use online fundraising systems, and we will update you when we have further details.

In the meantime we have updated the Church Web Site to include a page entitled "Church Windows Project" which includes a short description of the appeal and various pictures, together with details of the church Bank Account. If you are able to donate please read the appeal, any amount no matter how small will bring us one step nearer to our goal.

We have also updated the site to include "A Short History of Kelvedon United Reformed Church".

Please take some time to check out the Web Site, we update it every month with upcoming events and service details.

Sunday 30th August Service

Due to personal circumstances, the preacher that was scheduled to lead our service on the 30th August has had to cancel. So we are again looking at alternative styles of worship. The Elders have already led the Trinity Sunday service and will again lead the Harvest Service, but for the 30th August (the Sunday of the Bank Holiday Weekend) we are asking the congregation whether they have a favourite hymn and / or Bible Reading.

Hopefully you will be willing to say a few words about why it is significant to you, even it is something that you write down and if necessary we will find someone to read your words for you.

If you can let either Lynn, Janet (Davies) or Trevor know what the reading and / or hymn is by Sunday 23rd August, we will then arrange the service accordingly.

Autumn Fayre: We will be holding an Autumn Fayre on **Saturday 17th October 2026** between 10:00am and 3:00pm. If anyone wishes to help and be involved or to have a Stall/Table please contact Anne Tremain on 07983 394416. More details to follow.

Harvest Festival Service - Our Harvest Festival Service will be led by The Elders on Sunday 20th Sept @ 10:30am, followed by a Bring & Share Lunch. All produce and monetary donations will go to Beacon House, Colchester.

Candlelit Carol Service: A Planning Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 18th August at 7:30pm** for anyone interested in taking part or contributing.

Colne Valley Primary Care Network - Cancer Support Group: Are you seeking a supportive community to share experiences, gain strength and find comfort? Our Cancer Support Group provides a safe and welcome space for all those affected by Cancer, whether you are newly diagnosed, undergoing treatment or in remission. This group is open to everyone on their cancer journey. No booking required, just turn up.

August - 3rd August 1:00 - 3:00pm. **September** - 7th September 1:00-3:00pm

Regular Events:

1st Monday of each month: Colne Valley Primary Care are hosting a Cancer Support Group 1:00pm - 3:00pm.

August Monday 3rd August 1:00-3:00pm. **September** - Monday 7th September 1:00-3:00pm

Mondays: House Group: The House Group meet every Monday from 10:30 to 12:00 in the rooms at the back of the Church for a time of Bible Study followed by prayers/prayer requests.

Tuesdays: - 9.15 - Lunchtime: Weekly maintenance at the Church. If you can lend a hand, please do just come along, there are plenty of jobs that need doing in and around the halls & sanctuary. For more information, please contact Trevor Andrews.

Tuesday: Place of Welcome: 10:00am to 12:00: Place of Welcome will continue every Tuesday. Please come along for a friendly chat a cuppa and a biscuit in a warm friendly place. Please contact Lea Finch 07914 238456 for more details.

Tuesday Light Lunches: 12:00 – 2:00pm: Our Tuesday Lunches are on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month during the Summer, and we are offering a Light Lunch and Dessert. Booking is essential for catering purposes. Please contact Lea Finch to book your place. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Tuesday: Stretch & Glow: Chair based exercises to help keep you fit and trim. Everyone is welcome.

Contact Andrea Wash for more details. **Taking a break for August. Back on Tuesday 8th September**

Thursday: - Little Lambs: Little Lambs meet every Thursday **during School term time 10:30 - 12:00** in the church, contact Lynn Hyde 07896 190288. **Little Lambs will restart on Thursday 3rd September**

Church Services for August, September & October 2026

All Services start at 10:30 am unless otherwise stated.

Date	Worship Leaders	Duty Elder	Door Duty	Refreshments	Piano
2nd August- Communion	Charles Martin	Jeremy Greenhalgh		Tina	Neil
9th August	Ian Hardie	Janet Davies	Tina	Eileen & Lea	Barrie
16th August	Jim Hyde	Lea Finch	Lynn Hyde	Jim & Lynn	Neil
23rd August	Trevor Andrews	Trevor Andrews		Janet A.	Neil
30th August Hymns & Readings chosen by the Congregation		Neil Peacock	Trevor	George & Gwyn	Neil
6th Sept - Communion	Trevor Andrews	Lynn Hyde			Neil
13th Sept	Ian Hardie	John Loy	Lynn	Jim & Lynn	Barrie
20th Sept- Harvest Festival Service	The Elders	Jeremy Greenhalgh		Bring & Share Lunch	Barrie
27th Sept	Richard Hadfield	Janet Davies	Trevor		Neil
4th Oct - Communion	Trevor Andrews	Trevor Andrews			Neil
11th Oct	Penny Bloom	Lea Finch			Neil
18th Oct	Jim Hyde	Neil Peacock			Neil
25th Oct	Jim Hyde	Lynn Hyde			Barrie

Elders & Church Meetings

Elders Meetings

Tuesdays @ 7:30pm

15th Sept 2026 17th Nov 2026

Church Meetings on Sundays after Morning Service
unless otherwise advised.

27th Sept 2026

22nd Nov 2026

Dates and times for Elders and Church Meetings subject to change

Any items for inclusion in the Agenda for the Church Meeting to be given/sent to Neil or Trevor please.

Contact Details for Elders and Safeguarding Representative:

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Janet Davies - janetdavies177@btinternet.com - 07900 213833

Safeguarding: Emma Keegan – safeguarding@kelvedonurc.org.uk – 07547 963059

Future Events

Place of Welcome - Tuesday

4th August, 11th August, 18th August, 25th August.

8th Sept, 15th Sept, 22nd Sept, 29th Sept.

6th Oct, 13th Oct, 20th Oct, 27th Oct.

Warm Hub - Tuesday

4th August, 18th August, 8th Sept, 22nd Sept, 6th Oct, 20th Oct.

Other Event Dates

18th August- Planning Meeting for Carol Service. 31st August-Bank Holiday.

3rd Sept - Little Lambs restart, 8th Sept - Stretch & Glow returns, 15th Sept - Elders Meeting,

20th Sept- Harvest Festival Service. 27th Sept- Church Meeting, 17th Oct - Autumn Fayre.

And now for something completely different

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Newsletter Smiles

Eponymous Laws and Principles

- [Acton's dictum](#): "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.
- [Asimov's Laws of Robotics](#):
 - Zeroth Law: A robot may not harm humanity, or, by inaction, allow humanity to come to harm.
 - First Law: A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm.

- Second Law: A robot must obey the orders given it by human beings except where such orders would conflict with the First Law.
- Third Law: A robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law.
- [Brandolini's law](#): The amount of energy needed to refute bullshit is an order of magnitude bigger than to produce it.
- [Brooks's law](#): "Adding manpower to a late software project makes it later."
- [Betteridge's law of headlines](#): "any [headline](#) which ends in a [question mark](#) can be answered by the word 'no'".
- [Cantillon Effect](#) — the flow path of new money matters — those closest to the source and entry point of the new money benefit first and most handsomely.
- [Cheops law](#): "Nothing ever gets built on schedule or within budget."
- [Clarke's three laws](#), formulated by [Arthur C. Clarke](#).

First law: When a distinguished but elderly scientist states that something is possible, he is almost certainly right. When he states that something is impossible, he is very probably wrong.

Second law: The only way of discovering the limits of the possible is to venture a little way past them into the impossible.

Third law: Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

- [Conway's law](#): Any piece of software reflects the organizational structure that produced it.
- [Cunningham's Law](#): "the best way to get the right answer on the internet is not to ask a question, it's to post the wrong answer." (A relative, for sure, of "[Why wasn't I consulted?](#)") — [When a wrong answer brings out the right answer](#)

SOME OF MURPHY'S OTHER LAWS

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
3. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
4. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

And Finally...

1. Why do melons have weddings? - They Cantaloupe
2. What did the bison say to his son when he left the ranch? - Bi-son
3. I went to the aquarium this weekend, but I didn't stay long. There's something fishy about that place
4. I've been reading about a fascinating new invention: a thought controlled air-freshener. - It makes scents if you think about it.
5. My much missed Uncle Gordon always used to say "as one door closes, another opens". - He was a great guy. But a terrible carpenter.
6. I narrowly missed out on winning a pub quiz this week. Just one subject let me down-Greek mythology. It's always been my Achilles Heel.
7. Some of the team at work have decided to form a choir this Christmas and they've roped me in. - Only 5 of us at the moment and they're hoping to encourage a few more. So far it's Dean, Don, Mary, Lee and I.
8. This week, every night, I've had the same dream in which I'm a horse. - That's five nights on the trot.
9. This week I made the mistake of opening my electricity bill and water bill together. - I got a shock.
10. I've been reading that scientists have found that cows produce more milk when the farmer talks to them. - Apparently, it's a case of in one ear and out the udder.

Dingbat Answers

1. A Fuss about nothing.
2. The power of suggestion.
3. Ambiguous.
4. Bits and Bobs.
5. First among equals.
6. Cash on delivery

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Autumn Fayre

Saturday 17 October 2026
10.00am to 3.00pm

Can-Can-Lane Designs
Drinkware
Amy's Bakes - Local cake maker
Knitted Baby Clothes
Bookfolds - gifts, items, xmas trees
REIMAGINED - Jewellery
Bag Maker
Tearcraft
Hand Made Cards
TEMPRD Chocolate - British Artisan Chocolate Bars, gifts, etc.
Giovani - Artisan Bread Maker
Hobbyist - Papercraft items
Kelvedon Knitters & Sewers
Ruddy Marvelous - Bags, Aprons, Cushions, toys & gifts
Kelvedon Community Assoc
Alisons Adventures in Chutneyland - Cheese & Chutneys
Kelvedon & Feering Rotary Club - Tombola
Kelvedon & Feering Good Companions - Bric-a-Brac
Light Lunches available

Bring the family & join us at

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For a

Harvest Festival Service

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followed by a Bring & Share Lunch.

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