



**Kelvedon**  
**United Reformed Church**  
89 High Street  
Kelvedon CO5 9AE  
[www.kelvedonurc.org.uk](http://www.kelvedonurc.org.uk)  
**Notices and News for**  
**September 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".

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.

**KCA Learn CPR & Use a Defibrillator:** Saturday 5th September 11:00-4:30pm, Small Hall, Kelvedon Institute. A FREE Course in CPR and Using a Defibrillator. All are welcome-Adults & Children.

**Norries Disease Foundation - 25k Sponsored Walk:** Theresa Peacock is doing a 25k Sponsored Walk in aid of The Norries Disease Foundation on Sunday 6th September. You can sponsor Theresa via

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/donation-form/the-25km-norrie-disease-foundation-national-walk-save-the-hearing> or see Neil Peacock.

**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.

**Friends of Essex Churches - Ride and Stride - 12<sup>th</sup> Sept:** The Friends of Essex Churches Ride and Stride event this year will be on Saturday 12th September.

**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.

**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.

**September** - 7th September 1:00-3:00pm. **October** - 5th October 1:00-3:00pm.

**Kelvedon & Feering Health & Wellbeing Coffee Morning.** A Health & Wellbeing Coffee Morning will be held on the last Wednesday of each month between 8:30am-11:00am in the main hall. For more details see the poster on the Noticeboard.

**Christmas Carol Singing:** We have been invited to sing Christmas Carols at The Tavern Christmas Market on Tuesday 24th November at 6:00pm.

**Christmas Candle Lit Carol Service:**

Our Carol Service this year will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6:30pm.

**Regular Events:**

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

**September** - Monday 7th September 1:00-3:00pm. **October** - 5th October 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, and we are offering a Light Lunch and Dessert. **From October we will again be serving Soup and a Roll and a 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.

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

**Church Services for September, October & November 2026**

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

| Date                                                  | Worship Leaders  | Duty Elder        | Door Duty | Refreshments                   | Piano  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|--------|
| 6th Sept - <b>Communion</b>                           | Trevor Andrews   | Lynn Hyde         |           | Tina                           | Neil   |
| 13th Sept                                             | Ian Hardie       | John Loy          | Lynn      | Jim & Lynn                     | Barrie |
| 20th Sept- <b>Harvest Festival Service</b>            | The Elders       | Jeremy Greenhalgh |           | <b>Bring &amp; Share Lunch</b> | Barrie |
| 27th Sept <b>Church Meeting after Morning Service</b> | Richard Hadfield | Janet Davies      | Trevor    |                                | Neil   |
| 4th Oct - <b>Communion</b>                            | Trevor Andrews   | Trevor Andrews    | Ruby      | Janet Davies & Christine       | Neil   |
| 11th Oct                                              | Penny Bloom      | Lea Finch         |           |                                | Neil   |
| 18th Oct                                              | Jim Hyde         | Neil Peacock      | Lynn      | Jim & Lynn                     | Neil   |
| 25th Oct- <b>British Summer Time Ends</b>             | Jim Hyde         | Lynn Hyde         | Lynn      | Jim & Lynn                     | Barrie |
| 1st Nov- <b>Communion</b>                             | Richard Hadfield | John Loy          | Ruby      | Anne & Keith                   | Barrie |
| 8th Nov- <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>                    | Charles Martin   | Jeremy Greenhalgh |           | Janet Davies & Christine       | Barrie |
| 15th Nov                                              | Trevor Andrews   | Trevor Andrews    |           |                                | Neil   |
| 22nd Nov- <b>Church Meeting after Morning Service</b> | Jim Hyde         | Jim Hyde          | Lynn      | Jim & Lynn                     | Neil   |
| 29th Nov- <b>1st Sunday in Advent</b>                 | Gill Heathcote   | Lea Finch         |           |                                | Barrie |

### Elders & Church Meetings

#### Elders Meetings

##### Tuesdays @ 7:30pm

15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026    17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2026

#### Church Meetings on Sundays after Morning Service unless otherwise advised.

27<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026    22<sup>nd</sup> 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:

Trevor Andrews - [trevorandrews65@gmail.com](mailto:trevorandrews65@gmail.com) - 07765 357422

Neil Peacock- [neil@datatrieve.co.uk](mailto:neil@datatrieve.co.uk) – 01376 572114.

Jeremy Greenhalgh – [jeremy.greenhalgh@btinternet.com](mailto:jeremy.greenhalgh@btinternet.com) – 07799 435671

Lea Finch - [leafinch64@gmail.com](mailto:leafinch64@gmail.com) 07914 238456

Lynn Hyde - [lynnhyde6@gmail.com](mailto:lynnhyde6@gmail.com) - 07896 190288

Janet Davies - [janetdavies177@btinternet.com](mailto:janetdavies177@btinternet.com) - 07900 213833

**Safeguarding:** Emma Keegan – [safeguarding@kelvedonurc.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@kelvedonurc.org.uk) – 07547 963059

### Future Events

#### Place of Welcome - Tuesday

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

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

3rd Nov, 10th Nov, 17th Nov, 24th Nov, 31st Nov

#### Warm Hub - Tuesday

8th Sept, 22nd Sept, 6th Oct, 20th Oct, 3rd Nov, 17th Nov

#### Other Event Dates

3rd Sept - Little Lambs restart, 5th Sept-KCA CPR & Defib Course, 8th Sept - Stretch & Glow returns, 12th Sept- Ride & Stride. 15th Sept - Elders Meeting, 20th Sept- Harvest Festival Service.

27th Sept- Church Meeting, 30th Sept-Health & Wellbeing Coffee Morning.

17th Oct - Autumn Fayre. 25th Oct - British Summer Time Ends,

28th Oct- Health & Wellbeing Coffee Morning 8th Nov- Remembrance Sunday,

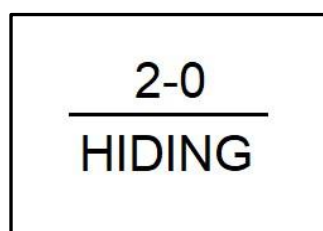
17th Nov-Elders Meeting, 22nd Nov-Church Meeting, 24th Nov-Carol Singing at The Tavern,

25th Nov- Health & Wellbeing Coffee Morning 13th Dec-Candlelit Carol Service.

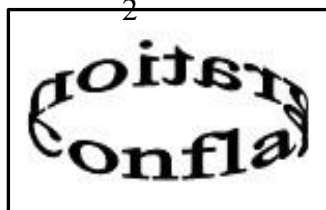
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#### Dingbats

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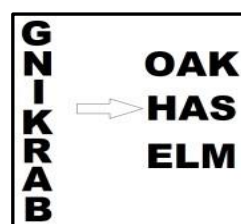
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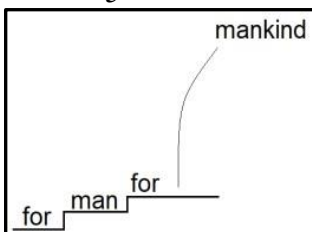
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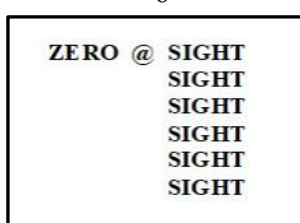
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#### Newsletter Smiles

##### Eponymous Laws and Principles

- [Demarco Second law of bad management](#) — Don't put yourself in as your own utility infielder
- [Dilbert principle](#): "the most ineffective workers are systematically moved to the place where they can do the least damage: management."

### *The Church at the heart of the villages, with Christ at the heart of the Church*

- [Dunbar's number](#) is a theoretical cognitive limit to the number of people with whom one can maintain stable social relationships. No precise value has been proposed for Dunbar's number, but a commonly cited approximation is 150.
- [Dunning-Kruger effect](#) is a cognitive bias in which unskilled individuals suffer from illusory superiority, mistakenly rating their ability much higher than average.
- [Eroom's law](#), the observation that drug discovery is becoming slower and more expensive over time, despite improvements in technology. The name "Eroom" is "Moore" spelled backward, in order to contrast it with [Moore's law](#).
- [Gall's law](#): "A [complex system](#) that works is invariably found to have evolved from a simple system that worked."
- [Gerson's law](#): "An advantage should be taken in every situation, regardless of ethics."
- [Goodhart's law](#): When a measure becomes a target, it ceases to be a good measure.
- [Hanlon's razor](#) is a corollary of [Finagle's law](#), named in allusion to [Occam's razor](#), normally taking the form "Never attribute to malice that which can be adequately explained by stupidity."
- [Hebb's law](#): "Neurons that fire together wire together."
- [Hick's law](#), in psychology, describes the time it takes for a person to make a decision as a function of the number of possible choices.
- [Humphrey's law](#): The user will never know what they want until after the system is in production (and maybe not even then)
- [Jevons paradox](#): Increasing the efficiency with which a resource is used increases the usage of that resource.
- [Littlewood's Law](#): in the course of any normal person's life, miracles happen at a rate of roughly one per month.

### **SOME OF MURPHY'S OTHER LAWS**

1. It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone from California would be stupid enough to try to pass them.
2. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
3. The things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.
4. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
5. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
6. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.
7. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people, who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

### **And Finally...**

1. I've got a very small pair of rubber gloves to give any (they're too small for me) for free, if anyone is able to take them off my hands?
2. My wife said I should do lunges to stay in shape. - That would be a big step forward.
3. Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your mouth. - Then it's a soap opera.
4. What do you call a fish wearing a bowtie? - Sofishticated.
5. What did the caretaker say when he jumped out of the cupboard? - Supplies!
6. I gave my handyman a to-do list, but he only did jobs 1, 3, and 5. - Turns out he only does odd jobs.
7. Where do rainbows go when they've been bad? - To prism, so they have time to reflect on what they've done.
8. I once submitted 10 puns to a joke competition. I really thought with that many, one was sure to be a winner. - Sadly, no pun in ten did.
9. If your house is cold, just stand in the corner. - it's always 90 degrees there.
10. The owner of a tuxedo store kept hovering over me when I was browsing, so I asked him to leave me alone. - He said, "Fine, suit yourself."
11. How do you make 7 even? - Take away the S.
12. Why is sausage bad for you? - It brings out the Wurst in people.
13. Why did the teddy bear turn down a slice of cake? - He was stuffed.

**Dingbat Answers** 1. On a hiding to nothing. 2. Ring of Fire 3. All around my hat 4. Barking up the wrong tree 5. One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind. 6. Love at first sight 7. Pick up a penguin 8. My Chemical Romance/My Salt Heart.

**Bring the family & join us at**

**Kelvedon**  
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For a  
**Harvest Festival Service**

Sunday 20th September  
At 10:30am

followed by a Bring & Share Lunch.

Produce and monetary donations will go to  
Beacon House, Colchester.

Everyone is Welcome

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**Autumn Fayre**

Saturday 17 October 2026  
10.00am to 3.00pm

CanCan-Lane Designs  
Drinkware  
Amy's Bakes - Local cake maker  
Knitted Baby Clothes  
Bookfolds - gifts, Christmas trees  
REIMAGINED Jewellery  
Bag Maker  
Tearcraft  
Hand Made Cards  
TEMPRO 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

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**Remembrance Day Service**

Sunday  
8th November  
at 10:30am

LEST WE FORGET

**Carols At The Tavern**

Kelvedon United Reformed Church  
singers will be singing  
Christmas Carols at  
**The Tavern**  
on the River,  
Kelvedon  
on  
Tuesday  
24th Nov 2026  
at 6:00 pm

Please come along and  
enjoy some festive  
spirit.

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**Window Appeal**

Donate now!

[www.kelvedonurc.org.uk](http://www.kelvedonurc.org.uk)



**Kelvedon Community Association**



**Learn CPR & Use a Defibrillator**

- Perform CPR to save a life
- Use Kelvedon's defibrillators
- It only takes 25 minutes to learn!

**When & Where**

- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September
- 11:00am - 4:30pm
- Small Hall, Kelvedon Institute
- Free but donations welcome

**All are welcome – adults and children**  
[alan-kelvedon@mail.com](mailto:alan-kelvedon@mail.com)

Donations support EEASt Community First Responders



**KELVEDON & FEERING**

**Health & Wellbeing Coffee Morning**

**Every Last Wednesday of the Month 8.30am – 11am**

Kelvedon United Reformed Church: 89 High St, Kelvedon, CO5 9AE  
 (Across from the Co-op)

**HEALTH & WELLBEING COACH OFFERS:**

- Blood Pressure Check
- Lifestyle Advice
- Health Coaching
- Cardiovascular Risks Prevention



**SOCIAL PRESCRIBER OFFERS SUPPORT ON:**

- Social Inclusion
- Increase Independence
- Social Wellness
- Community Groups & Services
- Local Services Attend Each Month

**In partnership with THE WELLNESS COLLECTIVE**

Low Cost Holistic Therapies for Mind & Body

- Breathwork
- Reflexology
- Maori Bodywork
- Massage & Aromatherapy




**PLEASE JOIN US**

Explore villages and parish churches by bike or on foot.  
 Enjoy exercise, meet new people and raise much needed funds for your church

On the second Saturday in September each year, 30 counties across the UK 'Ride & Stride' to raise money to help preserve and improve our historic church buildings.



**SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026**

For further information scan the QR code or visit  
[www.friendsofsexchurches.org.uk/ride-stride](http://www.friendsofsexchurches.org.uk/ride-stride)



**Kelvedon**



**United Reformed Church**  
**Candlelit Carol Service**



Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy  
 The Christmas Message  
 With readings and carols.  
 Teas, Coffee and Mince Pies will be served after the service.



**Sunday**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2026**  
**@ 6:30pm**



Theresa Peacock -  
 6th September  
 25km National Norrie Disease  
 Weekend Fundraising Walk.  
 Help save the hearing of our  
 blind community.