



**Kelvedon**  
**United Reformed Church**  
89 High Street  
Kelvedon CO5 9AE  
**Notices and News for**



## April 2024

**Our Warm Welcome Space** will finish for the Spring and Summer with the last meals being prepared and shared on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. We owe a **HUGE THANK YOU** to Lea, Angie, Tina, Janet E, Janet D, Janet A, Tina S, Monica, Lynn and all the others that help out in any way for the wonderful soups and puddings enjoyed by an average of 30/35 people each week since October.

**Church Cleaning: Sue Arnold**, our long standing cleaner, is retiring and we give her a **BIG THANK YOU** for keeping our buildings clean and tidy for the past 15 year's. If anyone knows of someone who would like a part time cleaning job for possibly 4 hours per week, please contact Trevor Andrews.

**ECO Church Awards** To help us achieve the next level **ECO Church Award (Silver)**, we all need to be a part of the solution. As a start we will try to include Tips, Advice and Information on **REDUCE, RECYCLE, REUSE** in our Newsletter on a Quarterly basis. It would be wonderful if you could help us achieve this by letting us have your Tips and Tricks so that we can include them in the Newsletter. To start this off see the **REDUCE, RECYCLE, REUSE** section of this Newsletter. Thank You

**1<sup>st</sup> April - Easter Monday Ramble-** We will once again to hosting our Easter Monday Ramble around Kelvedon on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, leaving the Church at 1:30pm and back by 3:00pm. Refreshments will be served at the end of the ramble.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Peter Adams Thanksgiving Service** – There will be a Private Cremation at Three Counties Crematorium followed by a Thanksgiving Service at the Church at 12:30pm. The family have requested Family Flowers only please, however if you wish to make a donation they will be collected for and on behalf of Samaritans Purse, a donation box will be available in the church. All are welcome to join Pauline for refreshments after the service. Eileen is organising the refreshments and would be grateful for any assistance with offers of help with serving teas and coffees and clearing up afterwards.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Little Lambs 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary** – Our Sunday Service on 28<sup>th</sup> April will be celebrating the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Little Lambs. We are inviting all our past and present Mum's, Grandparents, Nannies and Children to join with us in our celebrations.

### **Regular Weekly Events:**

**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 throughout the spring/summer months with lunches on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays each month. 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 Warm Welcome Space 12:00 – 2:00pm:** Every Tuesday from 12:15, until Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, our Warm Welcome Space will offer Soup, a Roll and Pudding. Everyone is welcome to come and join us. Please contact Lea Finch for more details.

**Tuesdays: 2:30pm – 3:15pm - Stretch and Glow** Chair based exercise class. Contact Andrea Wash.

**Thursday: - Little Lambs:** Little Lambs meet every **Thursday during School term time 10:30 - 12:00** in the church, contact Lynn Hyde 01376 571041.

**Prayer/House Group:** Every Monday at 10:30am in the Church.

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**Future Events**

1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Monday Ramble 1:30pm  
 28<sup>th</sup> April – Little Lambs Anniversary Service

27<sup>th</sup> July – Church BBQ at Janet & Don’s  
 8<sup>th</sup> Sept – Harvest Café Church

**Elders & Church Meetings**

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**Wednesdays @ 7:30pm**

1<sup>st</sup> May                      17<sup>th</sup> July  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sept                     6<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Church Meetings on Sundays after Morning Service**

**unless otherwise advised**

26<sup>th</sup> May 2024.                      Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July @ 7:30pm.  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 7:30pm.                      1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024.

**Joint Steering Group Meetings – Mondays**

15<sup>th</sup> April @ Kelvedon 15<sup>th</sup> July @ Halstead 14<sup>th</sup> Oct @ Bocking

**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 Trevor please.

**Church Services for April & May 2024**

All Services start at 10:30 am unless otherwise stated

Date	Preachers	Duty Elder	Door Duty	Refreshments	Piano
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Mike Shelbourne	Franki Oxlade	Jeremy	Eileen	Neil
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Revd Joshua Norris	Janet Davies	Ruby	Janet A.	Barrie
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Gill Heathcote	Jim Hyde		George & Gwyn	Neil
28 <sup>th</sup> April- Little Lambs Anniversary	Ernie Finch	Trevor Andrews	Ian		Neil
5 <sup>th</sup> May - Communion	Revd Joshua Norris	Ernie Finch	Jeremy	Eileen	Barrie
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Lea Finch	Ian Marshall	Ruby	Anne & Keith	Neil
19 <sup>th</sup> May- Pentecost	Ian Hardie	Franki Oxlade	Lynn	Jim & Lynn	Barrie
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Revd Joshua Norris	Janet Davies			Neil

**Flower Rota**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Donated By</u>	<u>Arranged By</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Donated By</u>	<u>Arranged By</u>
7 <sup>th</sup> April		Christine	14 <sup>th</sup> April		Christine
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Pauline Adams	Christine	28 <sup>th</sup> April		Christine
5 <sup>th</sup> May		Christine	12 <sup>th</sup> May	Anne	Anne
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Anne	Anne	26 <sup>th</sup> May	Jim & Lynn	

**Easter Monday Ramble**

Come and join us on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. At 1:30pm for a gentle Ramble around Kelvedon. Teas, Coffees, Cakes and Refreshments will be available after the Ramble at Kelvedon United Reformed Church 89 High Street Kelvedon

**Caring for God's Creation**

- Make compost
- Planting bee-friendly plants
- Recycle electricals and batteries
- Fill washing machines and dishwashers before using them
- Unplugging chargers when not in use
- Look after plants to encourage insects
- Have showers instead of baths
- Freeze leftovers
- Having a water butt
- Recycling plastic containers
- Not using food
- Walking/lopping in places.
- Using cold tap water instead of hot

**Little Lambs**

21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

On the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Little Lambs will be celebrating 21 years. We invite all our past and present lambs, grandparents, Nannies and Children to join with us in our celebration service at 10:30am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Followed by refreshments. For more information contact Lynn Hyde on 01376 571041



## **Remember:**

**Reduce – Reuse – Recycle whenever you can**

**Tips on Reducing, Recycling and Reusing  
from  
Braintree District Council  
[www.braintree.gov.uk](http://www.braintree.gov.uk)**

### **REDUCE**

It is increasingly important to reduce the amount of waste we produce and to make best use of what we already have.

This means:

- buying sustainably
- choosing re-usable products
- buying only what we need
- repairing or repurposing existing items where possible
- recycling what we no longer want
- only throwing away items that have no further use or value (either for ourselves or other people)

If we treat all our waste in this way, it will help save precious resources and minimise the impact on our local, national and global environment.

We can all make a difference by revisiting our daily habits and thinking more carefully about what we buy, whether it's food, clothing or household items. There are many easy switches that can drastically reduce the amount of waste that goes into the bin, such as:

- buying smart. Try to choose products with minimal packaging that is also recyclable; or better still, no packaging at all. Buy local where possible
- avoiding food waste: Plan your weekly meals and only buy what you actually need. Freeze what you don't use. You can use left-overs for tomorrow's lunch or dinner; there are great recipe ideas on-line

### **RECYCLE**

You can recycle much of your waste. It is quick and easy to sort it out and put it in the right bins or sack.

#### **Clear sacks**

You can [use your clear sacks](#) to recycle:

- paper
- plastic bottles, tubs and trays
- tins, cans and clean foil
- plastic packaging
- cardboard

Braintree District Council collect clear sack recycling fortnightly from your kerbside, or weekly at communal bins.

#### **Kerbside food bins**

Braintree District Council collect food waste weekly from [your kerbside food bin](#).

#### **Garden waste**

Braintree District Council run a fortnightly subscription based [garden waste collection](#) throughout the spring, summer and autumn.

#### **Other waste**

Glass bottles and jars can also be taken to your [nearest recycling centre or recycling banks](#) there is one located at The Co-Operative Store on Kelvedon High Street. Soft Plastics can also be recycled in the Co-Op lobby. Batteries can be recycled at the Co-Op or the Chemist. Small electrical items can be taken to the Library for recycling..

There are recycling banks for textiles and shoes across the district.



## **REUSE**

Before throwing something away, why not check if someone else in the community can make use of it.

### **Community Use**

Local community groups such as pre-school, youth clubs or other community groups can often make use of the items you no longer need.

### **Charity Shops**

You can donate unwanted items to charity shops. They accept:

- |                        |         |                   |             |               |
|------------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|
| - clothing             | - books | - children's toys | - shoes     | - bric-a-brac |
| - bags and accessories | - DVDs  | - CDs and vinyl   | - paintings |               |

Some also accept unwanted furniture.

Please check with your local charity shop beforehand to see what they will accept.

### **Textile Banks**

There are several textile banks across the district.

You can [find out more about where they are and what you can take to them](#).

### **Online Groups**

Online platforms are a great way to support your local community and save you having to throw items away.

The types of items you can give and receive online include:

- furniture
- clothing
- children's toys
- soil and rubble
- pre-loved garden ornaments

You can pass almost anything on.

### **Freegle**

It's easy and free to join Freegle. You can join your local Freegle group today:

- [Braintree Freegle](#)
- [Sudbury and Braintree Freegle](#)

Or you can check other groups like [Freecycle](#) or [Preloved](#) or Facebook.

### **Swishing**

This is an ethical, eco-fabulous, social and fun way to swap an item or items of clothing, shoes, and accessories with friends and acquaintances.

Parties must willingly give an item to participate in the transaction, then they are free to choose something of interest from what others have offered.

**From George & Gwyn:** "Don't forget to save your lighter plastic food wrappings – Coop have a special bin for them".

**From Jim & Lynn:** Reuse your old Egg Cartons to start of your Spring and Summer seedlings, just fill with compost/soil plant your seeds and keep damp until they start to sprout then transfer the little sections into bigger plant pots. Plastic Plant Pots can also be Recycled at Garden Centres or why not offer them to someone else.