



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



**May 2024**

**ECO Church Awards**

We continue our journey in trying to achieve the Silver Eco-Church award (we have already got the Bronze award). The online Eco-Church questionnaire has 5 headings;

1. Worship & Teaching
2. Buildings
3. Land
4. Community & Global Engagement
5. Lifestyle

We have already achieved Silver status for the first 4 of those headings, yet for lifestyle we are still at the Bronze award level. When we are talking about lifestyle, we are talking about the lifestyle of the individuals that are our church. In the Newsletter for the last 2 months, we have encouraged people to walk to Church (if they are able to, weather permitting) and last month Jim outlined the various recycling facilities that are available for us all.

Over the coming months we will continue to raise awareness of various aspects of our lifestyle and we will encourage you to look at your lifestyle.

The Eco-Church website has a good page with links entitled “Auditing your Lifestyle” ([L4-Auditing-your-lifestyle.pdf \(arochoa.org.uk\)](https://www.arochoa.org.uk/L4-Auditing-your-lifestyle.pdf)). The Lifestyle questionnaire asks us to encourage people to undertake a personal carbon footprint audit and to also an Environmental audit. There are various available on line but the Eco-Church website has links to the Climate Stewards calculator so that you insert energy usage, miles driven in the car, flights, diet, etc. You will need to have a bit of time to fill it all in, and you will also need access to your energy bills, etc. Give it a go!

**Church Family Social BBQ** We will be holding our Church Family Social BBQ on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 3:00pm. Suggested donation of £5:00 per head. Please note that this will be a Non Alcohol Social event.

**Regular Weekly Events:**

**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 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 Lunches: 12:00 – 1:00pm:** Our Tuesday Lunches are back again this year on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month starting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. We are offering a Two Course Lunch for a suggested donation of £4.00. Please contact Lea Finch to book your place. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

**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.

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**Future Events**

7<sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday Lunch  
 12<sup>th</sup> May – National Nurses Day  
 19<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost  
 21<sup>st</sup> May – Tuesday Lunch

4<sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday Lunch  
 16<sup>th</sup> June – Fathers Day  
 18<sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday Lunch  
 18<sup>th</sup> August – Praise In The Park  
 8<sup>th</sup> Sept – Harvest Café Church

2<sup>nd</sup> July – Tuesday Lunch  
 16<sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday Lunch  
 27<sup>th</sup> July – Church BBQ

**Elders & Church Meetings**

**Elders Meetings**

**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> 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 May & June 2024**

All Services start at 10:30 am unless otherwise stated

Date	Preachers	Duty Elder	Door Duty	Refreshments	Piano
5 <sup>th</sup> May - Communion	Revd Joshua Norris	Ernie Finch	Jeremy	Eileen	Barrie
12 <sup>th</sup> May – National Nurses Day	Lea Finch	Ian Marshall	Ruby	Anne & Keith	Neil
19 <sup>th</sup> May- Pentecost	Ian Hardie	Jim Hyde	Lynn	Jim & Lynn	Barrie
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Revd Joshua Norris	Janet Davies		George & Gwyn	Neil
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Mark Ambrose – Communion	Jim Hyde		Janet Andrews	Neil
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Charles Martin	Ian Marshall	Ruby		Neil
16 <sup>th</sup> June – Fathers Day	Revd Joshua Norris	Ernie Finch		Anne & Keith	Barrie
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	To Be Confirmed	Trevor Andrews		Anne & Keith	Neil
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Jim Hyde	Franki Oxlade			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>
5 <sup>th</sup> May	George & Gwyn	Christine	12 <sup>th</sup> May	Anne	Anne
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Anne	Anne	26 <sup>th</sup> May	Jim & Lynn	Christine
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Jim & Lynn	Christine	9 <sup>th</sup> June	Anne	Anne
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Anne	Anne	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Tina	Christine
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Tina	Christine			



**TUESDAY LUNCHES**

ON THE  
 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY  
 OF EACH MONTH

WE ARE OFFERING A 2 COURSE LUNCH FOR A  
 SUGGESTED DONATION OF £4.00  
 Lunches served from 12:00

For Catering purposes please book your place  
 by contacting Lea Finch  
 on 07914 238456

In the Halls at the rear of  
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 United Reformed Church



You're Invited to a



**Church Family  
 Social BBQ**

at  
 Janet & Don Davies  
 Victoria House, Trews Gardens,  
 Kelvedon.  
 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
 from 3:00pm  
 Suggested donation of £5:00

This will be a Non-Alcohol Event  
 Please sign up on the notice in the main hall to  
 aid catering.



Place Of  
 Welcome



Welcome to your local Place of Welcome.

Every Tuesday 10am – 12noon

Tea, coffee & biscuits

**ALL WELCOME**

- Each Place of Welcome is open to everyone and offers:-
- Friendship and hospitality.
- Regular opening at the same time each week.
- Free refreshments.
- Local knowledge about the neighbourhood.

You can be sure that this is a place where you will be listened to and talked to and free hospitality will be on offer.

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 High St, Kelvedon

### **Odd Facts from the Bible – Courtesy of Richard Hadfield**

1. The most frequently shoplifted book in 2024 is the Bible.
2. China produces the most Bibles than any other country in a State approved factory
3. There are 25 million copies of the Bible sold in the USA each year.
4. Worldwide there are about 50 Bibles sold every minute.
5. The biggest Bible in the world weighs over 1000 pounds (500 kg). It is 43.5 inches tall and when open measures 98 inches wide. It is kept in the Abalone Christian University in Texas.
6. The most expensive Bible is a 1<sup>st</sup> Edition copy of the Gutenberg Bible which sold for \$5.4 million.
7. The longest word in the Bible is Mahershalalhashbaz (Isaiah 8:3)

### **In the Bible**

1. There are 93 women who speak in the Bible a total of 14056 words; or 1.1% on the total words of the Bible.
2. There are about 2500 prophecies in the Bible of which 2000 have already been fulfilled.
3. The instruction “Don’t fear” or “Do not be afraid” occurs 365 times in the Bible. Or one comfort for everyday of the year.
4. The last word in the Bible is “Amen” – “Let it be so / Let it be”.

### **To Make You Smile**

1. I’ve found marriage to be very educational. For example, I had no idea there was a wrong way to put milk in the fridge.
2. Beware of a new Amazon scam. My husband ordered me some expensive jewellery, but motorcycle parts came instead. Thankfully, they fit his bike...
3. My mother-in-law came to dinner and said, “Why does the dog keep looking at me?” I said, “Because you’re using his plate!”
4. Remember when paper bags were being blamed for the destruction of trees – and the solution was plastic bags? Now we have a worldwide problem with plastic and paper has begun slowly to return!
5. I have never seen anyone jogging and smiling, so that’s all I need to know about that.
6. You know when you buy a bag of salad, it gets all brown and soggy? Biscuits don’t do that!
7. As you get older, you’ve got to stay positive. For example, the other day I fell down stairs. Instead of getting upset, I just thought, “Wow, that’s the fastest I’ve moved in year’s.”
8. The older you get the more you appreciate being at home doing absolutely nothing.
9. My favourite childhood memory is my back not hurting.

### **Great Truths that little children have learned:**

1. No matter how hard you try, you can’t baptise cats.
2. When your Mum is mad at your Dad, don’t let her brush your hair.
3. If your sister hits you, don’t hit her back. They always catch the second person.
4. Never ask your 3-year-old brother to hold a tomato.
5. You can’t trust dogs to watch your food.
6. Don’t sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
7. You can’t hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
8. The best place to be when you’re sad is Grandma’s lap.

### **Great Truths that adults have learned:**

1. Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
2. Wrinkles don’t hurt.
3. Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
4. Today’s mighty oak is just yesterdays nut that held its ground.
5. Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fibre, not the toy.

### **Great Truths about growing old.**

1. Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional
2. Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.

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3. When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
4. You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
5. It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
6. Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
7. Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

**Four stages of Life.**

1. You believe in Santa Claus.
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus.
3. You are Santa Claus.
4. You look like Santa Claus.

**Success in life.**

1. At age 4 success is: Not piddling in your pants.
2. At age 12 success is: Having friends.
3. At age 17 success is: Having a driver's licence.
4. At age 35 success is: Having money.
5. At age 50 success is: Having money.
6. At age 70 success is: Having a driver's licence.
7. At age 75 success is: Having friends.
8. At age 80 success is: Not piddling in your pants.

**Eating in the Fifties**

Pasta had not been invented. It was Macaroni or Spaghetti.

Curry was a surname.

A take-away was a mathematical problem.

Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.

Bananas and Oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

All chips were plain.

Oil was for lubricating, Fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and NEVER green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.

None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognised food.

'Kebab' was not even a word, never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

Water came out of a tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock.

The things that we never, ever, had on/at our table in the fifties...was elbows, hats and mobile phones!