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Kelvedon
United Reformed Church
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Notices and News for
November 2024



Sight Loss Friendly Church – Braille Club

We welcome the Braille Club to our Church for the first time on Wednesday 27th November. This is being organised by Theresa and her colleagues and will in future meet in the halls twice a term. We have started our journey of being a Sight Loss Friendly Church by posting new signs for the toilets and the refuse (which have braille on them) in the New Road vestibule area. If anyone wants to know more about Sight Loss Friendly Church, there is an Eastern Synod Zoom online session at 2 p.m. on 14th November. To register go to: [Additional Date for Sight Loss Friendly Church Introduction - Thursday 14 November 2024 2pm - Eastern Synod of the United Reformed Church](#) and click on the link.

Place of Welcome and Warm Welcome Space – changes for DECEMBER ONLY

Please make a note that on 3rd December we will be providing an Afternoon Tea at 1:00pm **INSTEAD** of Place of Welcome and Warm Welcome Space. Depending upon sufficient Volunteers, we will open Place of Welcome **ONLY** on 24th December and 31st December.

Carol Service Practice(s)

We will be having two sessions to practice the Hymns/Songs and Readings/Meditations for our **Candlelit Carol Service on 15th December**. The practice dates are **Wednesday 20th Nov at 7:30pm** and **Saturday 7th December at 3:00pm**.

If anyone would like to take part either in the Choir or as a Reader please let Trevor or Jim know.

Carols in The Tavern

We have once again been invited to sing Carols in The Railway Tavern again this year on Wednesday 11th December at 7:30pm. Please come along and support our brave singers.

Christmas Ramble

Trevor & Janet have once again sorted out a Christmas Ramble for Friday 27th December at 1:30pm, with Refreshments and cakes at approx. 3:00pm. Please spread the word and come along for a Seasonal Blow Out. Everyone welcome including our four-footed friends (Woof, Woof, Woof)

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 1st & 3rd 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: Our Warm Welcome Space is back again every Tuesday of the month. We are offering Soup, a Roll and Pudding from 12:00 noon. 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. **The last Armchair class will be on 12th Nov until February 2025.**

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

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Future Events

Place of Welcome and Warm Welcome Space - Tuesdays

5th November, 12th November, 19th November, 26th November.

3rd December an Afternoon Tea at 1:00pm **instead of Place of Welcome and Warm Welcome Space**

10th December, 17th December,

Place of Welcome ONLY (Subject to enough Volunteers)

24th December, 31st December

Other Event Dates

10th Nov – Remembrance Sunday

23rd Nov – KCA Christmas Lights switch on.

3rd Dec – Afternoon Tea at 1:00pm

11th Dec – Carols at The Tavern 7:30pm

25th Dec – Christmas Day

20th Nov – Carol Service Practice 7:30pm

1st Dec – 1st Sunday in Advent

7th Dec – Final Carol Service Practice

15th Dec – Christmas Carol Service 6:30pm

27th Dec – Christmas Ramble at 1:30pm

Elders & Church Meetings

Elders Meetings

Wednesdays @ 7:30pm

6th Nov

15th Jan 2025

12th Feb 2025

Church Meetings on Sundays after Morning Service

unless otherwise advised

1st Dec 2024.

23rd Feb 2025 (AGM) 18th May 2025

27th July 2025

Weds 24th Sept 2025 @7:30pm

23rd Nov 2025

Joint Steering Group Meetings – Mondays 7:30pm

13th Jan 2025 on Zoom.

14th Apr 2025 @ Kelvedon

14th July 2025 at Halstead

15th Sept 2025 @ 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 November & December 2024

All Services start at 10:30 am unless otherwise stated

Date	Preachers	Duty Elder	Door Duty	Refreshments	Piano
3 rd November	Trevor Andrews – Communion	Janet Davies	Jeremy	Eileen & Jeremy	Neil
10 th November – Remembrance Sunday	Revd Joshua Norris	Ernie Finch	Ruby	Janet A.	Neil
17 th November	Ernie Finch	Ian Marshall	Lynn	Jim & Lynn	Barrie
24 th November	Sarah Wilson	Franki Oxlade	Rose	John & Rose	Neil
1 st December – 1st Sunday in Advent	Revd Joshua Norris - Communion	Trevor Andrews		Janet A.	Barrie
8 th December	Charles Martin	Jim Hyde	Lynn	Jim & Lynn	Neil
15 th December	Trevor Andrews	Ernie Finch	Ruby	Eileen & Jeremy	Barrie
15 th December	– Candlelit Carol Service @ 6:30pm				
22 nd December	Revd Joshua Norris	Ian Marshall		Janet A	Neil
25 th December – Christmas Day @ 10:00am	Jim Hyde	Franki Oxlade	Lynn		Barrie
29 th December	Jim Hyde	Trevor Andrews	Lynn	Jim & Lynn	Neil

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Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Donated By</u>	<u>Arranged By</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Donated By</u>	<u>Arranged By</u>
3 rd Nov	Anne	Anne	10 th Nov	Poppies	Christine
17 th Nov	Paula	Anne	24 th Nov	Paula	Anne

Contact Details for Minister, Elders and Safeguarding

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Laugh Your Socks Off

Children are quick!

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your maths multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

GLEN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L.

TEACHER: No, that's wrong.

GLEN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water? DONALD: HIJKLMNO.

TEACHER: What are you talking about? DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago?

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence with starting with 'I'. MILLIE: 'I is...'

TEACHER: No, Millie... Always say, 'I am...'

MILLIE: All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my mum is a good cook.

In a Veterinarian's waiting room: Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!

At the Electric Company: We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted.

In a Restaurant window: Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up.

In the front yard of a Funeral Home: Drive carefully. We'll wait.

At a Propane Filling Station: Thank Heaven for little grills.

In a Colchester Radiator Shop: Best place in town to take a leak.

Sign in a shoe repair store in Chelmsford reads: We will heel you. We will save your sole. We will even dye for you.

A sign on a Blinds and Curtain Truck: Blind man driving.

Sign over a Gynaecologist's Office: Dr. Jones, at your cervix.

In a Podiatrist's office: Time wounds all heels.

On a Septic Tank Truck: Yesterday's Meals on Wheels.

At an Optometrist's Office: If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place.

On a Plumber's truck: We repair what your husband fixed.

On another Plumber's truck: Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber.

At a Tyre Shop in Braintree: Invite us to your next blowout.

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On an Electrician's truck: Let us remove your shorts.

In a Non-smoking Area: If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action.

On a Maternity Room door: Push. Push. Push.

At a Car Dealership: The best way to get back on your feet – miss a car payment.

A lawyer, who had a wife and 12 children needed to move because his rental agreement was terminated by the owner, who wanted to reoccupy the home. But he was having a lot of difficulty finding a new house.

When he said, he had 12 children, no one would rent a home to him because they felt that the children would destroy the place.

He couldn't say he had no children, because he couldn't lie (as we all know, lawyers cannot, and do not lie).

So, he sent his wife for a walk to the cemetery with 11 of their children.

He took the remaining one with him to see rental homes with the real estate agent. He loved one of the homes, and the price was right.

The agent asked: 'How many children do you have?'

He answered: 'Twelve.'

The agent asked, 'Where are the others?'

The lawyer, with his best courtroom sad look, answered, 'They're in the cemetery with their mother.'

MORAL: It's not necessary to lie, one only has to choose the right words, and don't forget, most politicians are lawyers.

I picked up a hitchhiker last night. He seemed surprised that I'd pick up a stranger and asked, 'Thanks but why would you pick me up – how do you know I'm not a serial killer?'

I told him the chances of two serial killers being in one car would be astronomical!

A man asked an old American Red Indian, 'What is your wife's name?'

He replied, 'She is called Five Horses.'

The man said, 'That's an unusual name for you wife – what does it mean?' The old Indian answered, 'It is old Indian name, it means... *NAG, NAG, NAG, NAG, NAG!*'

Mother promised to buy her daughter a parrot for her birthday and a visit to the local pet shop resulted in a disappointment as they only had one parrot in stock. In an aside to the mother the owner mentioned to the mother that it was a 'rescue' bird having been given to the shop by the police following their raid and subsequent closure of a 'house of disrepute.' On their arrival home mother said, 'my name is Audrey' and the parrot replied, 'hello Audrey.' She then said, 'this is my daughter Susie' and the parrot said 'hello Susie.' At that very moment her husband arrived home from work, stuck his head round the door and the parrot squawked 'HELLO KEITH!'

Out of the Mouths of Babes...

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, 'What was Jesus' mother's name?' One child answered, 'Mary.'

The teacher then asked, 'Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?' A little kid said, 'Verge.'

Confused, the teacher asked, 'Where did you get that?'

The kid said, 'Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary.'

3-year-old Reese: 'Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen.'

A little boy was overheard praying: 'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am.'

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.

His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, 'That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you.'

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: '...Lead us not into temptation...' she prayed, '...but deliver us from E-mail.'

One particular four-year-old prayed, 'And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.'

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A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, 'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?' One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'