



Kelvedon
United Reformed Church
89 High Street
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Notices and News for
January 2025



Induction of New Elders

We will be inducting our two new Elders, Neil and Jeremy during the morning service on 5th January.

Christmas Decorations – After morning service 5th Jan

After the morning service on Sunday 5th Jan we will start to take down the Christmas Decorations. If you are able, please stay behind for approx. 30 minutes to help. Thank You.

Church AGM Annual Reports – 23rd Feb 2025

Please submit your Annual Reports for the AGM to **Janet Davies** by Friday 31st Jan 2025 please.

Christine Saffell Our dear friend sadly passed away peacefully on Christmas Eve aged 84 following a struggle with Vascular Dementia. The funeral will take place on 10th February 2025 at 11:30am with the burial to follow at St. Martins Cemetery, Feering, where she will be united with her husband Bill at last.

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 the Autumn and Winter. 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.

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

Future Events

Place of Welcome and Warm Welcome Space - Tuesdays

7th Jan, 14th Jan, 21st Jan, 28th Jan, 4th Feb, 11th Feb, 18th Feb, 25th Feb

Other Event Dates

1st Jan 2025 – New Year's Day, 5th Jan – Induction of Elders, 13th Jan- Steering Group Meeting on Zoom, 15th Jan-Elders Meeting, 2nd Feb- Communion, 12th Feb-Elders Meeting, 23rd Feb-Church AGM after Morning Service, 9th March – 1st Sunday of Lent, 30th March-Mothering Sunday, 13th April-Palm Sunday, 18th April- Good Friday, 20th April-Easter Sunday.

Elders & Church Meetings

Elders Meetings

Wednesdays @ 7:30pm

15th Jan 2025 12th Feb 2025
14th May 2025 9th July 2025
10th Sept 2025 12th Nov 2025

Church Meetings on Sundays after Morning Service

unless otherwise advised

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 Neil please.

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

Church Services for January and February 2025

All Services start at 10:30 am unless otherwise stated

Date	Preachers	Duty Elder	Door Duty	Refreshments	Piano
5 th January 2025	Revd Joshua Norris – Communion	Ernie Finch	Ruby	George & Gwyn	
12 th January	Ian Hardie	Janet Davies		Janet D.	
19 th January	Mark Ambrose	Ian Hardie			
26 th January	Sarah Wilson	John Loy		Anne & Keith	
2 nd February	Rev Ray Sams				
9 th February	Gill Heathcote				
16 th February	Sue King				
23 rd February	Trevor Andrews				

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Newsletter Smiles

A woman went to the doctor's office where she was seen by one of the younger doctors. After about four minutes in the examination room, she burst out screaming as she ran down the hall. An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was, and she told him her story. After listening, he had her sit down and relax in another room. The older doctor marched down the hallway back to where the young doctor was writing on his clipboard. 'What the hell is the matter with you?' the older doctor demanded. 'Mrs Terry is 71 years old, has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?' The younger doctor continued writing and without looking up said, 'Does she still have the hiccups?' The CIA had an opening for an assassin. After all the background checks, interviews and testing were done, there were three finalists: two men and a woman.

For the final test, the CIA agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun. 'We must know that you will follow your instructions no matter what the circumstances. Inside the room you will find your wife sitting in a chair. Kill her.'

The man said, 'You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife.' The agent said, 'Then you are not the right man for this job. Take your wife and go home.'

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about five minutes. The man came out with tears in his eyes, 'I tried, but I can't kill my wife.' The agent said, 'You don't have what it takes, so take your wife and go home.'

Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard one after another. They heard screaming, crashing, and banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet.

The door opened slowly and there stood the woman, wiping sweat from her brow. 'The gun was loaded with blanks,' she said. 'I had to kill him with the chair.'

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

Donald Trump is walking out of the White House and heading toward his limo, when a possible assassin steps forward and aims a gun. A Secret Service agent, new on the job, shouts 'Mickey Mouse!' This startles the would be assassin and he is captured. Later, the secret service agent's supervisor takes him aside and asks, 'What in the hell made you shout Mickey Mouse?' Blushing, the agent replies, 'I got nervous. I meant to shout 'Donald, duck!'

A loving husband!

Thinking back a few years, living in Florida, I remember Hurricane Matthew. I was ready for it but my wife was not. When the wind reached a screaming pitch with the trees snapping and threshing, the horizontal streaming rain, flying roofing iron and destroyed fences as well as the unnerving sound-levels, my wife was rooted to the spot. She stared and stared through the glass of the window. Immovable, with her nose pressed to the windowpane, the stark fear in her eyes will stay with me forever. Fortunately, as the eye of the storm arrived and the winds temporarily lessened, I was able to open the door and let her in!!



OK, we had a vote: The Remainers go first.

How Adam Got Eve

Nothing like a good Bible story to make your day.

Adam was hanging around the garden of Eden feeling very lonely

So, God asked him, 'What's wrong with you?'

Adam said he didn't have anyone to talk to.

God said that he was going to make Adam a companion and that it would be a woman.

He said, 'This pretty lady will gather food for you, she will cook for you, and when you discover clothing, she will wash it for you. She will always agree with every decision you make and she will not nag you, and will always be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement.

She will praise you! She will bear your children, and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to take care of them. She will never have a headache and will freely give you love and passion whenever you need it.'

Adam asked God, 'What will a woman like this cost?'

God replied, 'An arm and a leg.'

Then Adam asked, 'What can I get for just a rib?'

Of course the rest is history!!!!

BILLION – It's a VERY BIG Number...

If I give you £1 billion and you stand on a street corner handing out £1 per second, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, you would still not have handed out £1 billion after 31 years!

This is rather hard to really understand.

A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into some perspective in one of its releases.

1. A billion seconds ago, it was 1959.
2. A billion minutes ago, Jesus was alive.
3. A billion hours ago, our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.
4. A billion days ago, no-one walked on the earth on two feet.

Five Rules for Men to Follow

Here are five rules for men to follow for a happy life that Russell J Larsen had inscribed on his headstone in Logan, Utah. He died not knowing that he would someday win... 'Coolest Headstone' contest...

1. It's important to have a woman who helps at home, cooks from time-to-time, cleans up and has a job.
2. It's important to have a woman who can make you laugh.
3. It's important to have a woman who you can trust and doesn't lie to you.
4. It's important to have a woman who's good in bed, and likes to be with you.
5. It's very, very important that these four women do not know each other or you could end up dead like me.

Most of us over 65 were HOME SCHOOLED – in many ways.

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.
'If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.'
2. My mother taught me RELIGION.
'You better pray that will come out of the carpet.'
3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.
'If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!'
4. My father taught me LOGIC.
'Because I said so, that's why.'
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.
'If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me.'
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.
'Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident.'
7. My father taught me IRONY.
'Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about.'
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.
'Shut your mouth and eat your supper.'
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.
'Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!'
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.
'You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone.'
11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.
'This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it.'
12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.
'If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!'
13. My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.
'I brought you into this world, and I can take you out...'

Interesting Quotes

Ever wonder about those people who spend £2.00 on a little bottle of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards: NAÏVE

If 1 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhoea, does that mean that 4 enjoy it?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a race car is not called a racist?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

If Fed EX and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP?

Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?

Ninety-nine percent of all lawyers give the rest a bad name.

Xerox and Wurlitzer will merge to produce reproductive organs.

Artificial Intelligence is no match for Natural Stupidity.

The latest survey shows that three out of four people make up 75% of the population.