



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



Public Meeting re Kings Dene proposal:

Thursday 6th Nov @ 7:30pm:

The public meeting will be hosted by Cllr Paul Thorogood and Cllr Millie Finch re the inclusion of the **5000 new homes Kings Dene** development on land between Kelvedon, Rivenhall and Coggeshall. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30pm and will provide an update on the Braintree District Council Local Plan Sub Committee's decision to allocate the 5,000 homes Kings Dene proposals to the draft Local Plan. The meeting will explain the Local Plan process and how residents can object.

Christmas Carol Service Rehearsal:

Our Carol Service this year will be on Sunday 14th Dec at 6:30pm and we are holding **a rehearsal on Monday 10th November at 7:30pm** in the Church for anyone that would like to be involved. Please come along and help if you can.

Church Meeting:

23rd Nov - Church Meeting: Sunday 23rd November after morning service.

Carols at The Tavern:

2nd Dec - Carols at The Tavern: We have been invited to sing Christmas Carols at The Railway Tavern Christmas Market on Tuesday 2nd December at 6:00pm. Please come along and support our singers.

Warm Hub-Christmas Lunch:

9th Dec - Warm Hub Christmas Lunch: We will be providing a Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 9th December, hosted by Kelvedon Community Association. More details to follow. See the leaflet and Poster for more details.

Essex Healthwatch - Free Slippers:

16th Dec - Essex Healthwatch: Essex Healthwatch will be providing new safe slippers to those in the community who are frail and / or at risk of falls. This will take place alongside our weekly warm hub with slipper fitting taking place in the sanctuary. See the leaflet and Poster for more details.

Christmas Ramble:

27th Dec - Christmas Ramble: Trevor & Janet have once again organised a Christmas Ramble on Saturday 27th Dec @ 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).

Mystery Treasure Trails: Thank you to all who purchased our Mystery Treasure Trail's. In total we have raised over £250 towards Church funds. The two Mystery Trails are still available, £5 per trail, and can be done at anytime. They are both take approx 1.5 hours to complete and are about 1.5 miles long, wheelchair and dog friendly. Please contact Jim Hyde or Trevor Andrews for your copies.

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 Lunches: 12:00 – 2:00pm: Our Tuesday Lunches are on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month during

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the winter period and we are offering a meal of Soup, a Roll and 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. **Our last class will be on Tuesday 16th December, restarting in February 2026**

Thursday: - Little Lambs: Little Lambs meet every Thursday during School term time 10:30 - 12:00 in the church, contact Lynn Hyde 07896 190288. **Our last date will be 11th December restarting on 8th Jan 2026**

Future Events

Place of Welcome - Tuesday

4th Nov, 11th Nov, 18th Nov, 25th Nov.

2nd Dec, **9th Dec Christmas Lunch instead of Place of Welcome & Warm Hub,**
16th Dec, (23rd Dec & 30th Dec dependant on Volunteers)

Warm Hub - Tuesday

4th Nov, 18th Nov, 2nd Dec,

9th Dec Christmas Lunch instead of Place of Welcome and Warm Welcome Space, 16th Dec.

Other Event Dates

6th Nov- Public Meeting, 9th Nov - Remembrance Day Service, 10th Nov - Carol Service Rehearsal,
11th Nov - Remembrance Day, 22nd Nov - KCA Christmas Lights Switch on at The Angel, 30th Nov -
St.Andrews Day & 1st Sunday of Advent, 2nd Dec - Carols at The Tavern, 7th Dec- KCS Santa visits
Kelvedon, 14th Dec - Candlelit Carol Service, 16th Dec - Essex Healthwatch Free Safe Slippers, 25th Dec -
Christmas Day, 27th Dec - Christmas Ramble

Church Services for November & December 2025 **All Services start at 10:30 am unless otherwise stated**

Date	Preachers	Duty Elder	Door Duty	Refreshments	Piano
2nd Nov- Communion	Charles Martin	Janet Davies	Ruby	Tina	Barrie
9th Nov- Remembrance Sunday	Trevor Andrews	Neil Peacock		Eileen & Paula	Neil
16th Nov	Penny Bloom	Trevor Andrews			Neil
23rd Nov- incl Church Meeting	Revd Joshua Norris	Ernie Finch		Janet D.	Neil
30th Nov- 1st Sunday of Advent	Gill Heathcote	Rose Loy	Ruby	Janet A.	Barrie
7th Dec - 2nd Sunday of Advent - Communion	Revd Joshua Norris	Ian Marshall	Trevor	Eileen & Paula	Barrie
14th Dec - 3rd Sunday of Advent	Jim Hyde	Jim Hyde	Lynn	Lynn & Jim	Neil
14th Dec - Candlelit Carol Service @ 6:30pm led by Revd Joshua Norris					
21st Dec - 4th Sunday of Advent	Jean Summers	Trevor Andrews			Neil
25th Dec - Christmas Day Service @ 10:00am	Jim Hyde	Jim Hyde			Neil
28th Dec -	Trevor Andrews	John Loy			Barrie

Hall Hires for November						2025
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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						Rev'd Charles Martin
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9.15-10.15 Pilates 10.30-12 Bible Study	9-1.30 PoW/ Warm Wel 2:30 – 4.00 Chair Ex 7-9 PHAD (Dance Studio)	1-2 BabySling 4-9 PHAD (Dance Studio)	9-12 Little Lambs 7.30 Public Meeting (in Sanctuary)			Trevor Andrews
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Elders & Church Meetings

Elders Meetings

Wednesdays @ 7:30pm

12th Nov 2025

14th Jan 2026

20th May 2026

9th/16th Sept 2026

18th March 2026

24th June 2026

18th Nov 2026

Church Meetings on Sundays after Morning Service

unless otherwise advised

23rd Nov 2025 (Including Church Meeting)

25th Jan 2026

31st May 2026

20th Sept 2026

29th March 2026 (Incl AGM)

Weds 8th July 2026 @ 7:30pm

22nd Nov 2026

Joint Steering Group Meetings – Mondays 7:30pm

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 Jeremy please.

Contact Details for Minister, Elders and Safeguarding

Minister: Rev'd Joshua Norris – revjpnorris@gmail.com – 07930 128116

Elders:

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Ian Marshall – ianmarshallkelv@aol.com – 01376 570703

Safeguarding: Emma Keegan – safeguarding@kelvedonurc.org.uk – 07547 963059

Time for a Laugh

Dingbats

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The lawyer

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.

Proverbs rewritten

The "Politically Correct Censors" (WOKE Brigade) have finally got around to re-writing some of our proverbs and from now on they should read as follows;

1. A timely operation in the art of needlework may save nine of such operations at a later date.
2. All that reflects light with high luminosity is not necessarily auriferous.
3. A rotating particle of hard rock collects no bryophytic plants.
4. A feathered, winged biped in the extremity of the arm, has the same value as two of such bipeds in a low, tree-like shrub.
5. Apply the visual sense prior to performing self-precipitation.
6. Personages in vitreous muniments should not forcibly project mineral fragments.

Last Words

Can you name the works of literature that close with the following lines? (Extra points for the Author)

1. The tranquil waterway leading to the uttermost ends of the earth flowed sombre under an overcast sky – seemed to lead into the heart of an immense darkness.
2. I leave this manuscript, I do not know for whom; I no longer know what it is about: *stat rosa pristina nomine, nomina nuda tenemus*.
3. The creatures outside looked from pig to man, and from man to pig, and from pig to man again; but already it was impossible to say which was which.
4. And in truth, who would not make the circuit of the world for less than that?
5. And a police inspector is on his way here - to ask some – questions –
6. Yet stands the Church clock at ten to three? And is there honey still for tea?
7. Here then, as I lay down the pen, and proceed to seal up my confession, I bring the life of that unhappy Henry Jekyll to an end.

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8. Yours is the earth and everything that's in it. And – which is more – you'll be a Man, my son!
9. So thanks to all at once and to each one Whom we invite to see us crowned at Scone.
10. He loved Big Brother.
11. 'She was an able packet, and one way an' another I owe her a heap – her and dad'. 'Me too,' quoth Harvey Cheyne.
12. He crossed his hands on his lap and smiled, as a man may who has won Salvation for himself and his beloved.
13. The hand of Providence brought me in my drifting to the very doors of the British Linen Company's bank.
14. I need not add that her uncle was the illustrious professor Otto Lidenbrock, corresponding member of all the scientific societies, geographical, and mineralogical, in the five quarters of the globe.
15. Smiles, tears, of all my life! – and, if God choose, I shall but love thee better after death.
16. And I will come again, my love, Thou' it were ten thousand mile.
17. And the red rose would but blow more red, The white rose whiter blow.
18. All mimsy were the borogroves, And the mome raths outgrabe.

Whose job is it anyway?

There are three girls – Janet, Lynn and Anne. Each has two jobs. The jobs are:

Florist, hairdresser, violinist, model, dancer and journalist. Can you find each girl's two jobs from these facts?

1. The dancer danced with the hairdresser's boyfriend at a party.
2. Janet played bingo with Lynn and the model
3. Lynn borrowed a fiver off the violinist.
4. The model bought a spray of flowers from the florist.
5. The dancer fell for the model's brother
6. Both the hairdresser and the violinist used to go to concerts with Anne.

A Birthday Present

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!'

Beware the Wife

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 Internet

The word INTERNET is hidden in this grid only once. Can you find it?

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Dingbat Answers

1. With in reason, 2. Missing Link, 3. Post Man, 4. No two ways about it, 5. Son of a gun, 6. Made in Great Britain, 7. Another Time, another place, 8. Honour among thieves.

Proverbs Rewritten: 1. A stitch in time saves nine. 2. All that glisters is not gold. 3. A rolling stone gathers no moss, 4. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, 5. Look before you leap, 6. People in glass houses should not throw stones.

Whose job is it anyway?- Answer: Janet is the Violinist and the Dancer, Anne is the Model and the Journalist, Lynn is the Florist and the Hairdresser.

Last Words - Answers: 1. Heart of Darkness – Joseph Conrad, 2.The Name of the Rose – Umberto Eco, 3. Animal Farm – George Orwell, 4.Around the World in Eighty Days – Jules Verne, 5.An Inspector Calls – J.B. Priestley, 6.The Old Vicarage, Grantchester – Rupert Brooke, 7.The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde – R. L. Stevenson, 8.If – Rudyard Kipling, 9.Macbeth – William Shakespeare, 10.Nineteen Eighty Four – George Orwell, 11.Captains Courageous – Rudyard Kipling, 12.Kim – Rudyard Kipling, 13.Kidnapped – R.L. Stevenson, 14.Journey to the Centre of the Earth – Jules Verne 15.Sonnets from the Portugese 43 – Elizabeth Barrett Browning, 16.A Red, Red Rose – Robert Burns, 17.The Ballad of Reading Goal – Oscar Wilde, 18.Jabberwocky – Lewis Carroll.