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Kelvedon
United Reformed Church
89 High Street
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Notices and News for
April 2026



Maundy Thursday: There is a Maundy Thursday Service at URC Halstead on Thursday 2nd April at 7:00pm. All are invited for more information please contact one of the Elders.

Easter Monday Ramble: We will once again be hosting our Easter Monday Ramble around Kelvedon on Monday 6th April, leaving the Church at 1:30pm and back by approx. 3:00pm. Refreshments will be served at the end of the ramble.

Safeguarding Training: The URC offers a number of specialist safeguarding training modules. These are short (2 hour) Zoom courses which are not mandatory but instead open to anyone. If you wish to attend any of the modules listed, please email emma.pearce@urc.org.uk stating your name, church, role and the course(s) you wish to attend. There is an Intermediate Safeguarding Training Course on **Saturday 11th April at 10:30am at Halstead URC**. There will be an online option later in the year. Please contact Emma Keegan for more details.

KAUS (Kelvedon Against Urban Sprawl): KAUS are holding a "Drop-In" Open Event on Saturday 11th April from 10:00am-12:00pm in the main hall at Kelvedon United Reformed Church. This informal event offers the opportunity for villagers to pop in and chat with KAUS Committee members about proposals by Braintree District Council to build 5,000+ new homes in Kelvedon, QUADRUPLING the current size of Kelvedon and Feering villages.

At this "Drop-In" event, support will be available to help members of the public submit their comments to Braintree District Council, with the deadline on the draft local plan being 5:00pm on Friday 17th April. If you are concerned about potential over development of your village, please come along and find out how, in just a few minutes, you can ensure BDC is aware of your views.

Colne Valley Primary Care Network - Cancer Support Group: Are you seeking a supportive community to share experiences, gain strength and find comfort? Our Cancer Support Group provides a safe and welcome space for all those affected by Cancer, whether you are newly diagnosed, undergoing treatment or in remission. This group is open to everyone on their cancer journey. No booking required, just turn up. **April** - Monday 13th April 12:00 - 2:00pm, **May** - Monday 11th May 12:00 - 2:00pm

Kelvedon Parish Council Assembly/Showcase: On Tuesday 19th May Kelvedon Parish Council will be hosting a village Showcase @ The Institute, High Street, Kelvedon to showcase the various groups and organisations that are in the village. Lea Finch has volunteered to co-ordinate our input and involvement.

Church Meeting: Please note that the Church Meeting scheduled for 31st May has been moved to 7th June.

Church Flowers:

The New Church Flower rota is on the notice board in the coffee area and runs from Easter Sunday until the 28th June 2026. Please speak to Anne or Christine if you would like to make a donation for flowers on one of the free dates. You would be welcome to arrange your own flowers, or either Christine or Anne will buy and arrange them for you.

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Regular Events:

1st Monday of each month: Colne Valley Primary Care are hosting a Cancer Support Group 1:00pm - 3:00pm.

April - Monday 13th April 12:00 - 2:00pm, **May** - Monday 11th May 12:00 - 2:00pm

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 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.

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

Church Services for April, May & June 2026

All Services start at 10:30 am unless otherwise stated.

Date	Worship Leaders	Duty Elder	Door Duty	Refreshments	Piano
3rd April - Good Friday - 10:00am	Ernie Finch	Trevor Andrews	Lynn Hyde		Neil
5th April - Easter Sunday - Communion	Mark Ambrose	Lea Finch	Trevor Andrews	Janet A.	Barrie
12th April	Richard Hadfield	Lynn Hyde	Jeremy Greenhalgh	Eileen & Paula	Neil
19th April	Trevor Andrews	John Loy	George Pegram	George & Gwyn	Neil
26th April	Revd Joshua Norris	Jeremy Greenhalgh	Lynn Hyde	Lynn & Jim	Barrie
3rd May- Communion	Revd Joshua Norris	Janet Davies	Jeremy Greenhalgh	Eileen & Paula	Neil
10th May	Ian Hardie	Trevor Andrews	Ruby	Janet A.	Neil
17th May	Mike Shelbourne	Neil Peacock	George Pegram	George & Gwyn	Barrie
24th May- Pentecost	Mark Ambrose	Lea Finch	Lynn Hyde	Anne & Keith	Neil
31st May-	TO BE CONFIRMED	Lynn Hyde	Trevor	Janet A.	Neil
7th June - Communion & Church Meeting after Morning Service	Ernie Finch	John Loy			Barrie
14th June- Healing, Peace & Wellbeing Service	Mike Shelbourne	Jeremy Greenhalgh	George Pegram	George & Gwyn	Neil
21st June - Father's Day	Penny Bloom	Janet Davies			Neil
28th June	Richard Hadfield	Trevor Andrews			Neil

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Elders & Church Meetings

Elders Meetings

Tuesdays @ 7:30pm

19th May 2026

23rd June 2026

8th/15th Sept 2026

17th Nov 2026

Church Meetings on Sundays after Morning Service

unless otherwise advised.

7th June 2026

Weds 8th July 2026 @ 7:30pm

20th Sept 2026

22nd Nov 2026

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: Revd Joshua Norris – revjpnorris@gmail.com – 07930 128116

Elders:

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Trevor Andrews - trevorandrews65@gmail.com - 07765 357422

Lea Finch - leafinch64@gmail.com 07914 238456

Lynn Hyde - lynnhyde6@gmail.com - 07896 190288

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

Future Events

Place of Welcome - Tuesday

7th April, 14th April, 21st April, 28th April, 5th May, 12th May, 19th May, 26th May.

Warm Hub - Tuesday

3rd Mar, 17th Mar, 7th April, 21st April, 5th May, 19th May.

Other Event Dates

1st April - April Fools Day, 3rd April - Good Friday, 5th April - Easter Sunday, 6th April - Easter Monday, 6th April - Easter Monday Ramble, 11th April - Intermediate Safeguarding Training Course, 11th April - KAUS Open Event, 13th April - Cancer Support Group, 23rd April - St. George's Day, 4th May - Bank Holiday, 11th May - Cancer Support Group, 19th May - Elders Meeting, 19th May - KPC Showcase Event, 24th May-Pentecost, 25th May - Spring Bank Holiday, 31st May- Joshuas Last Service @ URC Halstead.

And now for something completely different

Can you identify the well-known phrase or saying for each of these dingbats?

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TAKE A PETS

Even More Prophetic Sayings

That awkward moment when you leave a store without buying anything and all you can think is "act natural, you're innocent".

RIP Boiling Water - you will be mist.

Anyone who thinks women talk too much has never sat through a six hour FA Cup Final pregame show.

Anyone who thinks "talk is cheap" obviously hasn't seen some teenager's phone bills!

We are all time travellers moving at the speed of exactly 60 minutes per hour.

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The propeller at the front of an airplane is just there to keep the pilot cool. Whenever it stops, the pilot begins to sweat.

I'm not the kind of person who likes to seize life in both hands. I'd rather poke it with a stick from a comfy chair.

I'm not sure what sort of supernatural force is at work, but every time I go to the bathroom, the phone is guaranteed to ring.

Amazon thinks that my recent purchase of a humidifier was just the beginning of a new humidifier collecting hobby.

For those of you who like hitting the snooze button, did you know that a mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will help cure you of the bad habit of hitting the snooze button and rolling over and going back to sleep?

When your wife asks you what's on tv, dust is not the right answer.

My memory is like lightning. One brilliant flash, and it is gone...

Some things are best left unsaid, and I tend to identify them right after I have said them.

My luck is like a bald man who just won a comb.

If it is the thought that counts, then I should probably be in jail.

The Star Trek show confuses me. They cross countless galaxies, met races they had never heard of before, found entirely new groups of people – and every ship had compatible video-conferencing equipment.

Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, *Common Sense*, who has been with us many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were lost long ago in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain; why the early bird catches the worm; that life isn't always fair, and maybe it was *his fault*.

Common Sense lived by simple sound financial policies such as do not spend more than you earn, and reliable parenting strategies, like adults not children are in charge.

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place.

Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, a teenager suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves failed to do, in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer paracetamol, sun lotion or a band aid to a student: but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live, as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you could not defend yourself against a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents *Truth* and *Trust*; his wife *Discretion*; his daughter, *Responsibility*; and his son, *Reason*.

He is survived by three stepbrothers; *I Know My Rights*, *Someone Else Is To Blame*; and *I'm A Victim*.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone.

If you still remember him, pass this on. If not – join the majority and do nothing!!

Dingbat Answers

1. Foot in the door
2. Missing you
3. Life begins at 40
4. I understand
5. Repair
6. Take a step backwards