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**Kelvedon**  
**United Reformed Church**  
89 High Street  
Kelvedon CO5 9AE  
**Notices and News for**  
**May 2026**



**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.

**May** - Monday 11th May 12:00 - 2:00pm. **June** - Monday 1st June 1:00-3:00pm

**Kelvedon Parish Council Assembly/Showcase:** On Tuesday 19th May Kelvedon Parish Council will be hosting a village Showcase between 7:00pm - 9:00pm @ The Institute, High Street, Kelvedon and in the Church Sanctuary, to showcase the various groups and organisations that are in the village. **We will be providing refreshments and would be grateful for Volunteers please to help serve. Please contact one of the Elders if you can help.**

**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.

**Regular Events:**

**1st Monday of each month:** Colne Valley Primary Care are hosting a Cancer Support Group 1:00pm - 3:00pm.  
**May** - Monday 11th May 12:00 - 2:00pm. **June** - Monday 1st June 1:00-3:00pm.

**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. 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 Light Lunches: 12:00 – 2:00pm:** Our Tuesday Lunches are on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month during the Summer, and we are offering a Light Lunch 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.

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**Church Services for May, June & July 2026**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Worship Leaders</b>	<b>Duty Elder</b>	<b>Door Duty</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Piano</b>
3rd May- <b>Communion</b>	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	Lynn Hyde	Lynn & Jim	Barrie
24th May- <b>Pentecost</b>	Mark Ambrose	Lea Finch	Lynn Hyde	Anne & Keith	Neil
31st May-	The Elders	Lynn Hyde	Trevor	Janet A.	Neil
7th June - <b>Communion &amp; Church Meeting after Morning Service</b>	Ernie Finch	John Loy	Ruby		Barrie
14th June- <b>Healing, Peace &amp; Wellbeing Service</b>	Mike Shelbourne	Jeremy Greenhalgh	George Pegram	George & Gwyn	Neil
21st June - <b>Father's Day</b>	Penny Bloom	Janet Davies			Neil
28th June	Richard Hadfield	Trevor Andrews			Neil
5th July- Communion	Ernie Finch	Neil Peacock			Neil
12th July	Jean Summers	Lea Finch		Janet A.	Barrie
19th July	Trevor Andrews	Lynn Hyde	Lynn Hyde	Lynn & Jim	Barrie
26th July	Ernie Finch	John Loy			Barrie

**Elders & Church Meetings**

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**Tuesdays @ 7:30pm**

12th May 2026, 23rd June 2026  
8<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2026

**Church Meetings on Sundays after Morning Service unless otherwise advised.**

7th June 2026 Weds 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026 @ 7:30pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:revjpnorris@gmail.com) – 07930 128116

**Elders:**

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**Future Events**

**Place of Welcome - Tuesday**

5th May, 12th May, 19th May, 26th May. 2nd June, 9th June, 16th June, 23rd June, 30th June.  
7th July, 14th July, 21st July, 28th July.

**Warm Hub - Tuesday**

5th May, 19th May. 2nd June, 16th June, 7th July, 21st July.

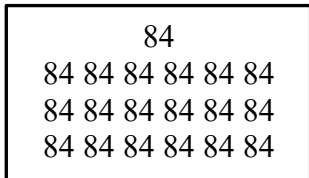
**Other Event Dates**

4th May - Bank Holiday, 11th May - Cancer Support Group, 12th May - Elders Meeting, 19th May - KPC Showcase Event, 24th May-Pentecost, 25th May - Spring Bank Holiday, 31st May- Joshuas Last Service @ URC Halstead. 7th June - Church Meeting, 20th June - King Charles III Birthday, 21st June- Father's Day. 8th July Church Meeting.

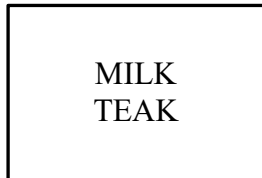
**And now for something completely different**

Can you identify these book titles for each of these dingbats?

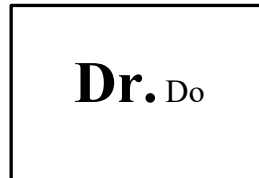
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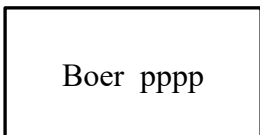
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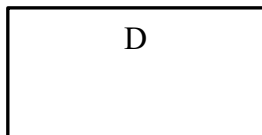
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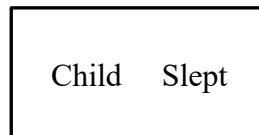
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**Computer Users Over 50**

A Computer was something on TV  
From a science fiction show of note  
A Window was something you hated to clean  
And Ram was the father of a goat.  
Meg was the name of my girlfriend  
And Gig was a job for the night  
Now they all mean different things  
And that really Mega Bytes.  
An Application was for employment  
A Program was a TV show  
A Cursor used profanity  
A Keyboard was a piano.  
A Memory was something that you lost with age  
A CD was a bank account  
And if you had a 3-inch floppy  
You hoped nobody found out.  
Compress was something you did to the garbage. Not something you did to a file  
And if you Unzipped anything in public, You'd be in jail for a while.  
Cut's what you did with a pocket-knife, Paste you did with glue  
A Web was a spider's home.  
And a Virus was the flu.

**More Lateral Thinking Problems:**

1. A fire officer has 12 matchsticks lying in front of her. She removes just one of them. She now sees 9 in front of her. How is this possible ?
2. In many London Underground tube stations there are two up escalators but only one going down. Why?
3. At a school 27 pupils wore red coats, 29 wore black coats and 40 wore blue coats. How many pupils were wearing green coats?
4. If the day after the day before yesterday was Tuesday, and the day before the day after tomorrow is Thursday, what day is today?

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5. A man comes up to the border of a country on his motorbike. He has three large sacks on his bike. The customs officer at the border crossing stops him and asks, "What is in the sacks?"

"Sand," answered the man.

The guard says, "We'll see about that. Get off the bike."

The guard takes the sacks and rips them apart; he empties them out and finds nothing in them but sand. He detains the man overnight and has the sand analysed, only to find that there is nothing but pure sand in the bags. The guard releases the man, puts the sand into new bags, lifts them onto the man's shoulders and lets him cross the border.

A week later, the same thing happens. The customs officer asks, "What have you got?"

"Sand," says the man.

The officer does another thorough examination and again discovers that the sacks contain nothing but sand. He gives the sand back to the man, and the man again crosses the border.

This sequence of events repeats every day for the next three years. Then one day, the man doesn't show up. The border official meets up with him in a restaurant in the city. The officer says, "I know you're smuggling something and it's driving me crazy. It's all I think about. I can't even sleep. Just between you and me, what are you smuggling?"

What is the man smuggling?

**And finally** ... I don't know if, like me, you saw the TV interview with the guy who invented Tupperware all those years ago? He looked to be keeping well.

**And finally** ... this week a friend has been pouring his heart out to me, telling me how he is torn between two people vying for his affection. Apparently, one makes incredible Yorkshire puddings, and the other writes beautiful poetry.

He's not sure if he should marry for batter or verse.

**And finally** ... my wife turned to me yesterday and said, "Have you listened to a single word I've been saying?"

And I thought to myself, what a weird way to start a conversation.

### More Lateral Thinking Answers

Check your answers below. If you got 10 or more right, you are a true lateral thinking genius!

1. The remaining eleven matchsticks form the word NINE



2. People leave trains in a group, so all arrive at the escalators at the same time, but tend to go down to the trains in a more even flow, hence you need less down escalators.

3. 49 pupils. Letter A = 1, B = 2, C = 3 and so forth, so GREEN = 7 + 18 + 5 + 5 + 14 = 49

4. Wednesday (this one makes your brain hurt!)

5. Motorbikes!

### Dingbat Answers:

1. 1984 2. Under Milk Wood 3. Dr. Doolittle. 4. War and Peace 5. Heidi.

6. Kidnapped