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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Make his paths straight.

First Reading: Is 40:1-5.9-11

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14

Second Reading: 2 Pt 3:8-14

Gospel: Mk 1:1-8



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: The message of Advent is one of healing and hope. God says to Isaiah, "Console my people"! We can be consoled because our sins are atoned for by Jesus Christ on the cross. Now he comes as shepherd to gather his flock into his arms. We received his healing touch on the day of our baptism when the life giving gift of grace flowed through our souls. St Peter tells us that during this time of expectation we should be living saintly and holy lives. However, we know that we still have to battle with temptation. Original sin left us weakened. We cannot rely on our own strength to live holy lives but must rely on the grace of God. Failure does not destroy hope but invites us to open our hearts to the Lord to ask forgiveness and prepare us for his coming. Our Advent preparation should include the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In recent years, interest in Services of reconciliation has diminished, not only in this parish, and the last couple barely made double figures, dispiriting rather than an encouraging expression of our awareness that as a community we all fail and can find support in each other. For this reason I have not organised a **Reconciliation Service for Advent** this year but invite parishioners to take advantage of those on offer in our neighbouring parishes: **Lexden on Friday 12th at 7.30 p.m.;** **Witham on Tuesday 16th at 7.30 p.m.**

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Delia Cooch, Kay Smith, Julie Trueman, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Beatrix Joyce, Lorna Dowell, Richard Farley, Joan Need, Bertha Beasley, Kenelem Bourfield** and **William Neary** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Many thanks to all who worked so hard to organise this event, run stalls, set up and clear away, to all who contributed items or bought tickets and who came on the day. We thank the Good Lord too for fine weather which makes such a difference in terms of attendance by local people in Tiptree! There was a wonderful atmosphere and you will be pleased to hear that the total on the day was: **£2,600.**

MASS VARIATION: Thursday morning Mass will be at 9.00 a.m. due to school governors' day at St Benedict's College. There will be no Thursday evening Mass at Coggeshall until after Christmas.

PARISH WASSAIL EVENING: **St Bernard's Church, Coggeshall, Sunday 14th December, 3.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. FINAL APPEAL** for you to sign up for this event - you will find the list at the back of the church. This is a fun **FREE** afternoon of music and Christmas carols for all the family. Mulled wine, mince pies and festive cakes will be served. We will be preparing the church after the 9.00 a.m. Mass at Coggeshall so if anyone is able to stay back for a short time to help with moving the benches it would be greatly appreciated. Further information from **Agness 01376 573694.**

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY: On Bambinelli Sunday, traditionally the Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday, the Baby Jesus from every crib and nativity scene in homes throughout each parish is brought to church to be blessed. This is a wonderful tradition which has been popular in Italy for many years and now is spreading across the world. In this way, the children, parents and grandparents are able to focus on the preparations that Advent should be about on the very day which marks our expectation and rejoicing of the Birth of Our Lord. We encourage the families of our parish to bring the figure of the infant Jesus from their own cribs to church for a blessing next Sunday whichever Mass they attend. You will be joining with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, as he will be again be blessing all the Baby Jesus' from thousands of cribs in Rome and beyond. No crib at home? It is not too late to remedy this!

UGANDA APPEAL 2014: Please would you return any donations for the 2014 Uganda Appeal by no later than **Sunday 14th December** so that we are able to send off our collection to Fr. Gerald before Christmas. Please don't forget to include your Gift Aid number if eligible. If you have any questions please call Simon Hall on 01206 213399 or 07802 835745.

YOUTH GROUP & SENIOR PARISHIONERS MOVIE NIGHT: Come and join us to see the classic Christmas movie "*It's a Wonderful Life*" with Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reid on **Friday 12th December**. The evening will start in **St Dominic's** at **6.00 p.m.** and finish around **8.30 p.m.** Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided. Please let Angie Hart know if you can come along so we can keep track of numbers(mahart66@outlook.com.) We look forward to seeing you there.

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS: At Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 21st December at 4.00 p.m. led by Bishop Alan. This is a beautiful service of music, readings and prayer to which everyone in the diocese is welcome. If you would like to prepare for Christmas in a really special way this year, then please come along.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY: Copies now available at the back of the Church for £2.75 – full of information about the Diocese and with a liturgical calendar for 2015 for those who like to know the details for each day.

YOUTH 2000 NEW YEAR RETREAT: 'TAKE HEART' 29TH DECEMBER 2014 – 1ST JANUARY 2015: If you're 18-25 and would like a fun and meaningful way to start 2015, then TAKE HEART is for you. This 4 day London event is at Maria Fidelis Lower School, North Gower Street, NW1 2HR. it will be jam packed with engaging talks, workshops, prayer, live music and social times. There will be laughter, prayer and most importantly an Encounter with our Great and Loving God! Check it out on: www.youth2000.org | our Facebook Page | follow @youth2000uk on Twitter | or contact the National Office 0207 221 2124 or info@youth2000.org for more information.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 30th November £690.85.**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 2**

SUNDAY 7th December <i>2nd of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	John & Mary Wood (anniv) All Parishioners Barbara Kewell (anniversary)
MONDAY 8th December <i>Immaculate Conception of BVM</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Edwin Hand (anniversary)
TUESDAY 9th December <i>St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	James Sheldrake RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 10th December	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Intention Clark Family
THURSDAY 11th December <i>St Damasus I</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Church in Czech Republic
FRIDAY 12th December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	NO MASS	9.00 a.m.	Pro-Life Movement
SATURDAY <i>St Lucy</i> 13th December	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Deasy Family
SUNDAY 14th December <i>3rd of Advent 'Gaudete'</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mary McGonagall (anniversary) J.J. Mullen & Family deceased All Parishioners

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction**

Liturgical Rotas 14th December	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sean O'Leary Jane Crone	Neville Bridgman	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Jadwiga Smith Steve Smith	Helena McNally	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Mary Mann	Michael Wigley	Celia Butt