

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1			
SUNDAY 8th January <i>Epiphany</i>	Coggeshall	9.00 a.m.	Stella Bushell (anniversary)
	Kelvedon	11.00 a.m.	Kelvedon Villagers who helped evacuees in WWII
	Tiptree	6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners
MONDAY 9th January <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 10th January	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Private Intention
	Tiptree	11.00 a.m.	<i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
	Kelvedon	7.30-8.30 p.m.	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 11th January	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 12th January <i>St Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Canon Francis Dobson (ann.)
	Coggeshall	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
	Kelvedon	8.00-9.00 p.m.	<i>Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY <i>St Hilary</i> 13th January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 14th January	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 15th January <i>2nd of Year</i>	Coggeshall	9.00 a.m.	Andrew McGonagall (ann.)
	Kelvedon	11.00 a.m.	All Parishioners
	Tiptree	6.00 p.m.	David Bartlett (anniversary)
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 15th January	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Michael Wigley	Colleen Furse
KELVEDON	Tom McInally Steve Smith	Helena McInally	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Marie Barrett Sue Petchy	Michael Wigley	Celia Butt
FINANCE TEAM	Sean O'Leary & Tom McInally		

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

8th January 2012

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.

First Reading: Is 60:1-6
Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2.7-8.10-13
Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3.5-6
Gospel: Mt 2:1-12



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: The word 'Epiphany' meets 'showing forth', but the 'showing forth' of the Son of God is quite unlike the manifestations of God's power to Moses in the Old Testament. It is more like a game of 'hide and seek'. Herod wants to find the Lord for reasons of his own and cannot. The wise men come from afar to seek him, and must follow a mysterious star. When they find him there is nothing spectacular about the baby. They must make an act of faith that this is the right child and demonstrate this by presenting their gifts. God has shown himself – but only to those with eyes of faith. From now on we will hear how the Lord manifests himself through his public ministry – this year according to St Mark's Gospel – but again Jesus does not compel belief by signs and wonders. Even his miracles are done for the benefit of individuals, not as crowd-pullers. God shows himself to us in ways that leave unanswered questions so that we may respond with faith.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Sr. Mary Jude OP, Susan Kiff, Joan Moran, Margaret Whitty, Stella Bushell, Canon Francis Dobson, Sheila Harpur, Richard Baldock and Fred Thrognnett** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Bill Sullivan, Trisha Parkin, Mark Petchey, Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Pam Lowth, Hanni Kyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Sarah Costello, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

SPECIAL VISITOR: Today we welcome **Air Vice-Marshal Robert Chapple** to our 11.00 a.m. Mass. With his brother Michael he was received into the Church on 6th January 1942 – seventy years ago! They were evacuated to Sible Hedingham in 1939 but bombed out and then came to Kelvedon. He remembers especially Mr Fairbrass, who was head of the village school, and his daughter Cecily Davison, who organised a reunion in 1999. He hopes to read one of the readings and would like to say a few words at the end of Mass.

PRAYER BREAKFAST – COGGESHALL: The next prayer breakfast will be at Christchurch on Saturday 28th January 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. If you intend going please sign the list for catering purposes.

SPUC: The annual retiring 'white flower' collection for the work of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child will be taken up after Mass on **Sunday 22nd January**.

HEALING MASS: Led by Fr Eamonn at Abbotswick House of Prayer on **Wednesday 11th January at 2.30 p.m.** All welcome. For further detail visit www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373959.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TIPTREE - Barn Dance: To mark Christian Unity Week in Tiptree in January the Churches decided to do something different for 2012. Rather than an additional service we thought it would be good to organise a social event to enable members of different Churches to get to know each other. There will be a **Barn Dance** in St Luke's extension on Saturday 21st January starting 7.00 p.m. to make it easier for young families to attend, tickets are £3.00 for adults; children aged sixteen or below can come free of charge but will still need a ticket so we know how many to expect. Please ask Fr Gordon for a ticket today if you want to go. Tickets not taken will be returned to St Luke's so they can be sold next weekend.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: This begins on Wednesday week, 18th January. The arrangements will follow the usual pattern at Tiptree with each Church hosting a service or meeting of some sort:

St Luke's: Eucharist Thursday 19th at 10.00 a.m.

[Barn Dance Social event at St Luke's extension Saturday 21st – see above]

URC: Bible Study session Sunday 22nd 7.00 p.m.

Orthodox Monastery: night prayer Monday 23rd 8.00 p.m.

St. John Houghton's: Service Tuesday 11.00 a.m.

In Coggeshall there will be a joint service for Unity Week at **St Peter's** on **Sunday 22nd January at 5.15 p.m.** Copies of the prayer leaflet for the week will be available at the back of the Church for those who would like to use it day by day during the week.

THE JOURNEY: There will be a presentation of "**The Journey**", a reflection on the life of Jesus, performed by our parish folk group in our church in Kelvedon on **Saturday 14th January at 3.00 p.m.** in memory of **Roma Royal**. Admission is free and refreshments served, with any donations going towards parish funds. What a great way of starting the new year with a couple of hours away from the hectic world we live in, thanking God for the year just gone and spiritually preparing for the year ahead.

RICHARD HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE: Over the last couple of weeks children from the parish have been collecting your donations in exchange for wishing stars in aid of Richard House Children's Hospice. Richard House is a hospice that looks after children between the ages of 0-19 yrs suffering from some form of life limiting or life threatening condition. Thanks to your very generous contributions the children have collected £146.43 which together with the sums raised from their carol singing totals **£256.06**. The children are very grateful for your support in their efforts to help others less fortunate than themselves.

FINANCE: The Offertory collection for **Sunday 1st January - £675.51**.