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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### ***FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME***

*They left everything and followed him.*

First Reading: Is 6:1-8

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-5.7-8

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11

Gospel: Lk 5:1-11



**FIFTH SUNDAY:** Last Sunday we heard the call of Jeremiah – how God had prepared him from the moment of his conception for his role as a prophet. Today the First Reading and Gospel are linked to each other and follow up this idea. We hear St Luke’s account of Jesus calling Simon and his companions to become ‘fishers of men’. Isaiah tells us of his vision of the holiness of God and his sense of unworthiness. An angel takes a live coal from the altar and touches Isaiah’s lips with it as a sign of purification. After this, Isaiah feels able to respond to God’s call to be his messenger. All of us are called to bring God’s message to others – to be proactive in sharing our faith. At the same time Isaiah’s vision is a reminder that it is HIS message not ours. We can easily identify our will with God’s and proclaim a message distorted by our human weakness or sin. For example instead of helping someone overcome a fault out of true concern for them we make a pointed remark or criticism that, while true, is primarily motivated by selfish concerns, perhaps irritation or hurt, or a sense of superiority. An awareness of our own frailty before the holiness of God helps make us humble and purifies our motives. This in turn will make our message more acceptable.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Tommy Manson, Dorothy Rowe, Ted Clarke, Frank Harden, Jan Mireki, Ellen Brausgrose, Alice Elliot and Kevin Murphy** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Marion Ingram, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Roland Birch, Marion Simmons, Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Hilda Hawes, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

**LENT:** The Season of Lent begins with the imposition of ashes this Wednesday. Mass is at the holy day times of 10.00 a.m. at Kelvedon, 6.00 p.m. at Coggeshall and 7.30 p.m. at Tiptree. For all over the age of seven it is a day of abstinence from meat and for those aged fourteen upwards until the sixtieth birthday also a day of fasting, i.e. one meal and two snacks. To help you reflect on the Season each day the usual booklets are available priced £1.00 for adults and 55p for the children’s booklets.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will take place each Sunday at 5.15 p.m. before the evening Mass at Tiptree – next Sunday might start a little late if I am delayed getting away from the Rite of Election at the Cathedral. Stations will also take place, as far as circumstances permit, before the evening Mass (7.00 p.m.) on Wednesdays at Kelvedon and Thursdays at Coggeshall, but various external commitments mean this will not happen every week.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST – COGGESHALL:** The sign-up list for Saturday 23rd February is available at the back of the Church.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 3rd February - £820.11.**

**TUESDAY ADORATION DURING LENT:** It has been suggested that it would be a nice idea for the Lord to travel around the parish on Tuesday evenings with a period of prayer (30 minutes) before the Blessed Sacrament in people's homes. **Although it has been organised to take place instead of Adoration on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m., we understand this could be unsuitable for some people and would be happy to have some flexibility with regards to the time and day.** However, it is just a suggestion and whether it happens will depend on the response. If you would be willing to host this please sign on the sheet at the back of the Church at Kelvedon or e-mail Fr Gordon.

**ECUMENICAL LENT STUDY COURSES:** This year these are taking place as follows: **Coggeshall:** choose a day and time to join a house-group from the sign up list in the Church. **Kelvedon:** Mondays 10.30-11.30 a.m. & 7.30-8.30 p.m. at URC – *subject matter to be announced.* **Tiptree:** Tuesdays 8.00-9.00 p.m. at URC and 10.30-11.30 a.m. St. Luke's. This will be a series of Bible studies on the Priestly Prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper (John 14-17).

**SIGNED MASS FOR THE DEAF:** A reminder that on **Sunday 17th March 11.00 a.m.** Mass will be celebrated with signing for those who are deaf and communicate through sign language. This is not intended just for them but to enable the diocesan service for the deaf to help parishes become more familiar with the needs of those who are hard of hearing and how we can respond. Some of you may have seen the 'Deaf Choir' in action at diocesan Masses or similar events of television. Hymns will be chosen that are well known but also easily signed.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Help save lives. Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and babies 13th February - 24th March (eve of the Annunciation). Leaflets are available with fuller details or you can check out [www.40daysforlife.com/London](http://www.40daysforlife.com/London)

**FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS:** **Friday 12th April - QUIZ NIGHT (St John Houghton)** in aid of Besters. **Saturday 29th June - PARISH FETE.** **Saturday 30th November - PARISH BAZAAR.** Further information on all of these events will be given in due course. Please make a note in your diary.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - COGGESHALL:** This year it's the turn of **St. Peter's** to host our annual service which will take place from **10.45 a.m.** on **Friday 1st March.** Each year an ecumenical team from a different country chooses hymns and readings based on national character, experience and problems which are used to unite congregations throughout the world in an act of worship deeply reflective of the lives of women and their families. This year the women of France have been responsible for the service and all (men, women and children) will be welcome at St. Peter's on 1st March.

**THANKS:** Michael Wigley and Cathy Pargeter aka Fiddle & Strum wish to thank those parishioners who sponsored them as they went about entertaining the guests at various **CRISIS at CHRISTMAS** centres in and around London on Sunday 23rd December 2012. To date, over **£2,000** (including Gift Aid) has been raised through your generosity.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:  
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1 (4 from Wednesday)**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 10th February <i>5th Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Albert Mason RIP Marie Melton RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 11th February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>TUESDAY</b> 12th February	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 13th February <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>(Fast &amp; Abstinence)</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree	10.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Int. Fr Frank & Anne Jackson Private Intention Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 14th February <i>Sts Cyril &amp; Methodius</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. 7.30p.m. 8.00 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 15th February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b> 16th February	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Deasey Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 17th February <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Maureen Savage <i>Stations of the Cross</i> All Parishioners

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

Liturgical Rotas 17th February	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Maria O'Leary	Ann Ross
KELVEDON	Helena McNally Jadwiga Smith	Giovanna Austin	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Sue Petchey	Michael Wigley	Mary Branney