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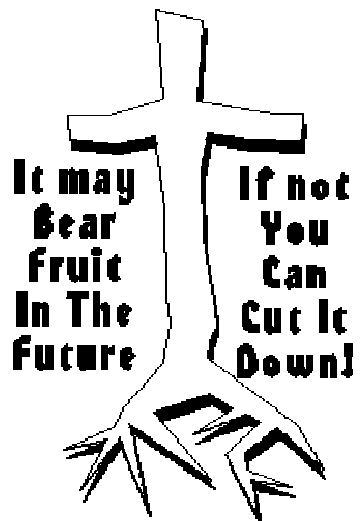
PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

First Reading:	Ex 3:1-8. 13-15
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11
Second Reading:	1 Cor 10:1-6. 10-12
Gospel:	Lk 10:1-9



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: Last week we heard the story of the Transfiguration. Today the Church sets before us Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush. Moses had fled from Egypt after killing an Egyptian and made a new life for himself in the Land of Midian but God had other plans. Moses was the one chosen to lead his people out of slavery. The vision of the Holy One in the burning bush would give him the courage to undertake this task and later as they journey through the desert the presence of God in the bright cloud ('Shekinah') he will lead the people to the Promised Land. Most of that generation failed to complete the journey because of their disobedience, which prolonged their time in the desert. We need to pursue the path God sets before us if we are to reach our destination. In the Gospel Jesus makes the same point by referring to contemporary disasters that caught people unawares and illustrating it with the parable about the fig tree that fails to produce fruit.

THE NAME OF GOD: When Moses asks God how he is to convince his people that God has sent him, God replies, "I am who I am" – it is the name by which he is to be invoked for all generations to come. This name is called the 'tetragrammaton' meaning "(consisting) of four letters", and probably pronounced Yahweh is the Hebrew יהוה, commonly transliterated into Latin letters as **YHWH**. It comes from the verb 'to be' or 'to become'. Hebrew script only gives the consonants – later little signs were added to indicate vowels – and so the word could mean "I am who/what I am" or "I am the one who causes to exist". Religiously observant Jews and those who follow conservative Jewish traditions do not pronounce יהוה, either aloud or to themselves in silence, nor do they read aloud transliterated forms such as *Yahweh* or *Yahueh*; instead the word is substituted with a different term, whether used to address or to refer to the God of Israel. Common substitutions for Hebrew forms are *hakadosh baruch hu* ("The Holy One, Blessed Be He"), *Adonai* ("The Lord") or *HaShem* ("The Name"). The form 'Jehovah' arises from combing the consonants JHWH with the vowels used to say 'Adonai'. This is why most Bibles use 'LORD' in capitals when this occurs. It is also why in the New Testament the use of the word 'Lord' to address Jesus or to speak of him after his Resurrection is so important. For Jesus to use this word of himself is an implicit claim to divinity and why the Scribes and Pharisees are so enraged.



The tetragrammaton in Paleo-Hebrew (10th century BCE to 135 CE), old Aramaic (10th century BCE to 4th century CE) and square Hebrew (3rd century BCE to present) scripts

MONTHLY TRIDENTINE MASS: This Saturday 12.15 p.m. Confessions and Exposition 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 21st February - £631.81.**

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, Kay Smith, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Paul Britain, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Vincent Rooney, Adam Czesivkovski, Margaret Riley, William Farley, Rose Farley, Mary Rand, Daphne Currie, Bert Winch and John Swan* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - KELVEDON & FEERING: 2.00 p.m. Kelvedon URC Friday 4th March. This year's Service was prepared by Christian women of Cuba. All welcome!

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - COGGESHALL: 10.30 a.m. St Peter's Church on Friday 4th March. The Service was prepared by the women of Cuba.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL STUDY GROUPS: This year these will take place in all three centres: **Kelvedon & Feering:** Tuesdays 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. **URC** and **Wednesdays** 8.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. **St Mary Immaculate.** This year we will be making use of a book of poems – one for each day during Lent – and will be reflecting on two of them at each session. **Coggeshall:** Mondays 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. at **St Peter's.** *'Being Christ in the World'*. Each week a national or local charity will speak about their work: 29th February: Tools with a Mission. **Tiptree: Lent Bible Study 2016** This year our Lent Bible Studies will focus on the way the four Gospel writers and St Paul write about the passion of Jesus. We will be looking at what insights we can draw from each of the descriptions of Jesus' death and the events that led up to it. The course will run ecumenically in **Tiptree** on Tuesday evenings at 8.00 p.m. at **Tiptree URC** and on Thursday mornings at 11.00 a.m. at **St Luke's.** It will also be run, with different leaders, on Wednesdays at 12.00 p.m. at **Heath House, Layer Breton,** where there will also be a simple lunch. **Session 3 The Passion according to Luke:** Tuesday 1st March and Thursday 3rd March led by **Gordon Read.** Wednesday 2nd March led by **Anne Wild.** Where groups are scheduled twice a week the content and in most cases the leader will be the same on both days.

FAITH FILMS CLUB: Save the date! We are beginning our new year of films on **Friday 11th March** at **2.00 p.m.** in Aggie O'Brien's house. The first showing will be the award-winning movie "**The Passion of the Christ**". This is a "Bring and share" fellowship but coffee and tea will be provided. For further details, please contact Aggie at 01376 573694 or Gloria Streat at 07870 281212.

CATHOLIC SINGLES: Is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 3**

SUNDAY 28th February <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Intention Mae Partridge Mary Daly RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i> All Parishioners
MONDAY 29th February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Seamus & Pat Brady RIP
TUESDAY 1st March <i>St David</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 2nd March	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Secular Clergy Common Fund
THURSDAY 3rd March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Mary Carroll RIP
FRIDAY 4th March	Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Intention Susan Williams <i>Women's World Day of Prayer</i>
SATURDAY 5th March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Bert Winch (anniversary) <i>Tridentine: Private Intention</i>
SUNDAY 6th March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>'Laetare'</i> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Sabu Mathew RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Special Intention (BK)

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: This Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.*

Liturgical Rotas 6th March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sean O'Leary Clare Gallant	Desmond Crone	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Patricia Short	Elizabeth Maxted	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Eileen Roberts	Mary Branney