

All Saints, Great Braxted
All Saints, Inworth
All Saints, Messing

St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye
St Luke, Tolleshunt Knights with Tiptree
St Mary, Easthorpe

St Mary, Layer Breton with Birch
St Mary, Layer Marney
St Michael and All Angels, Copford



To be a transforming presence in our community, open and welcoming to all and serving all

Sunday 8th December 2024, Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Services & Readings:

Baruch 5*; Benedictus; Philippians 3:1-11; Luke 3: 1-6

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw*
Hymns 5, 3, 12, 7
3 pm Nativity Rehearsal

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Café Church *Café Church Team*
2.30 pm Concert raising funds for FoSL by Maldon Orchestra

St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye

10.30 am Holy Communion *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw*
Hymns 247, 117, 513, 270

St Michael & All Angels, Copford

6 pm Carol Service *Revd Ruth Hatchett*

All Saints, Messing

11.15 am Morning Worship *Anne Wild*

Sunday Morning Resources on our website: *to find our Sunday sermons, readings & intercessions and all sorts of other information about our churches please visit our Team website: thurstablewinstreechurches.org*

For our Church weekday opening times for private prayer & visitors: please see our website: thurstablewinstreechurches.org – and click on the 'Our Churches' drop-down menu.

[See over page for events & our weekly notices for the coming week ...](#)

Next Sunday 15th December Third Sunday of Advent



St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer *Graham Howlett*

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw & Harold Toms*

9.30 am Sunday Club, in the hall

St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye

10.30 am Holy Communion *Revd Liz Barnes*
5 pm Carol Service *Revd Christine Newmarch*

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Parish Communion *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw*

St Mary, Easthorpe

4 pm Carol Service *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw*

Carol Services 21st December onwards

Saturday 21st December, 4 pm at Messing

Sunday 22nd December, 11.15 am at Great Braxted & 4 pm at Tiptree

Tuesday 24th December, 6.30 pm at Inworth

***Layer Marney Nativity, Wednesday 18th December,
5 pm in Layer Marney Church & Barn. All welcome.***

Crib Services, Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December

3.30pm St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye

4 pm St Luke's Church, Tiptree;

5 pm St Michael & All Angels, Copford; 6.30 pm St Mary, Layer Breton

More details on our website: thurstablewinstreechurches.org



This week in our Churches, Mon 9th to Sat 14th December

Mon	2.30 pm	Funeral of Roger Mannion at Colchester Crematorium
Wed	9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Wed	10.15 am	Messing Coffee Morning, in the Village Hall
Wed	2 pm	Copford School Carol Service, in the church
Wed	8 pm	Village Voices, at Layer de la Haye Village Hall. Contact Debbie 01206 331898, dwalsham63@gmail.com
Thur	9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Thur	2 pm	JB Tots meet in the Queen Elizabeth Hall (annexe) Layer de la Haye; Barbara, 734600 & Rina, 734495 (01206)
Thur	5 pm	Baynards School Carol Concert, St Luke's Church
Thur	6 pm	Layer Marney Carol Singing with horse drawn carriage rides (fully booked), ending at the church
Fri	2 pm	Copford School Carol Service, in the church
Sat	7 pm	Essex Police Choir farewell concert, at St Luke's Tiptree. <i>Tickets on the door £10 including mince pie and drink</i>

St Luke's Tiptree, regular events:

Morning Prayer is on Wednesday & Thursday this week at 9 am

Mon, 7.30 pm Bible Study; Wed 7.30 pm Choir Practice; Thur, 10 am Holy Communion (& coffee afterwards at the Exchange); Thur 2-4 pm Tiptree Food-bank at the URC, Chapel Road

News for this week

Team Administrator, change to office visiting hours: please note that due to my current workload I am available in the office on **Tuesdays** at St Luke's Tiptree by **appointment only** 01621 819557. To book in advance please contact me. On **Thursdays** I am available in the office as usual from 10 am to 12.30 pm and on **Wednesdays** you can contact me on the mobile 10 am to 12.30 pm: 07421 078981 (with voicemail). Messages left at other times will be dealt with on my working days or you can contact me by email: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

St Luke's Congregational Christmas Cards the board is now available to receive your cards to the congregation in the lobby, donations to church funds welcome in return.

Tiptree Food Bank is currently short of: Laundry detergent, Kitchen cleaner, & Dog food. Donations can be taken to: St Luke's Church, open 9 am-4 pm daily (leave in yellow box in the church), ASDA & The Original Factory Shop or can be dropped off at the United Reformed Church on Thursdays 2-4 pm as usual.

Thank you for your continued support.

Diary Dates for this & next week

Maldon Orchestra - Christmas Concert at St Luke's Church, 2.30 pm this Sunday 8th December. The orchestra are celebrating their 75th Anniversary and will be playing Christmas music; all funds raised will be for St Luke's Church with refreshments served by FoSL. The group are keen to pass music on to the next generation of players with **tickets for under 16s at £5 and £10 for others**. Last minute tickets available on the door, or can be purchased in advance from their website: www.maldonorchestra.co.uk or contact: mlbaker@sky.com

A 'One-Man Christmas Carol' by candlelight, performed at Copford Church by Jackson Crompton-Battersby, tickets still available for Sunday 15th December at 5 pm. Tickets £10 from Anne annewhistler2766@gmail.com Funds raised are for the church & The Samaritans; *with festive refreshments*.

'Now That's What I Call a Christmas Sing-a-long' organised by Bishop Roger at St Botolph's Church, Colchester on Monday 16th December - doors open 7.30pm. The evening is to raise awareness (and some funds) for Christian Aid. Tickets available via eventbrite at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/now-thats-what-i-call-a-christmas-sing-along-tickets-1085158039909?

Senior Citizens Event at Thurstable School, the school are inviting older people to come along to a special Christmas event on Wednesday 18th December, from 4 to 5.30 pm. There will be a Continental market theme with refreshments and entertainment. To reserve your place please contact the school 01621 816526 or email admin@thurstable.co.uk

Important Diary Date: a meeting to discuss proposals about the deanery consultation on re-organising the 18 parishes in the middle of the deanery (including ours). **This is on Saturday 11th January at 10 am in St Luke's Church Extension.** Open to anyone from our parishes, no booking required.

Get in touch – Our Contact Details:

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Office hours: Tuesday mornings by appointment only & Thursdays, 10 am to 12.30 am on the office number: **01621 819557** (with answer-machine). On Wednesdays available from 10 am to 12.30 pm on the mobile: **07421 078981** (with voicemail).

St Luke's Hall bookings: Gareth Williams, 01621 818069 hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com

The Hall is also on Facebook: search for **tiptreechurchhall/**



Easthorpe, Layer Marney, Layer de la Haye, Copford and Tiptree Churches are on **Facebook**