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 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023, The Second Sunday of Advent

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<u>Today's Services & Readings</u> Isaiah 40:1-11\*;

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

## St Mary, Layer Marney

**9 am** Holy Communion Revd Jackson Crompton-Battersby

Hymns 12, 5, 6, 7

St Luke's, Tiptree

**9.30 am Café Church, in the Extension** Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw

& Café Church Team

St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye

**10.30 am** Holy Communion Revd Liz Barnes

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Morning Worship Anne Wild

St Mary, Easthorpe

**6 pm Carol Service** *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw* 

St Michael, Copford

**6 pm Carols by Candlelight** *Revd Jackson Crompton-Battersby* 

<u>Sunday Morning Resources Online</u> to find our sermons, readings & intercessions please visit our Team website: thurstablewinstreechurches.org

<u>If you would like to join our 9.30 am Sunday Service on Zoom</u>, please contact Christine Hall <u>by Thursday lunchtime</u>, 07421 078981

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See over page for events & our weekly notices for the coming week ...

# Next Sunday's Services – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023, The Third Sunday of Advent



St Mary, Easthorpe

**9 am** Holy Communion Revd Jackson Crompton-Battersby

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer Graham Howlett

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw

9.30 am Sunday Club meet in the hall

**4 pm Carol Service** *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw* 

St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye

**10.30 am** Holy Communion Revd Liz Barnes

**4 pm Carol Service** *Revd Jackson Crompton-Battersby* 

Followed by mulled wine & mince pies

All Saints', Gt Braxted

**11.15 am Carol Service** Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw

All Saints', Inworth

**11.15 am** Parish Communion Revd Michael Hatchett

### St Luke's Congregational Christmas Cards

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The board is now available to receive your cards to the congregation in the lobby, in lieu of a donation to church funds. If you would like to send a 'Virtual Christmas message' please send these to Christine Hall by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. 07421 078981 <a href="mailto:thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com">thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com</a>

Week	of Mon	11 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> December in our Churches:
Tue	9.45 am	Messing Primary School Christingle Service, in the church
Tue	10 am	Tiptree House Groups meet at Jenny & Christine's
Tue	2 pm	Friends of St Luke's, Committee at Sandra's
Tue	6 pm	Community Carol Singing, at Layer Marney
Wed	10.15 am	Messing Coffee Morning at the Village Hall
Wed	2 & 7 pm	Copford School Carol Services, in the church
Thur	10 am	Coffee Morning at Easthorpe Church, a warm welcome
		and some delicious cake awaits you - 'til 12 pm.
Thur	1.45 pm	Last JB Tots before Christmas, in the Queen Elizabeth Hall
		Layer de la Haye. Call 01206 734600 or 734495.
Thur	1 pm	Funeral of Nelson Taylor, at St Luke's
Thur	5 pm	Baynards School Carol Concert, at St Luke's
Sat	4 pm	Carols by Candlelight, All Saints Messing
Sat	7.30 pm	The Sound Collective Chorus, Christmas Concert, at
		St Luke's

<u>All week, whenever the churches are open,</u> you can visit to see the Angel Festival at Copford and the Christmas Trees at Tiptree & Messing.

St Luke's Tiptree, regular events this week: No Morning Prayer this week. Mon, 9.15 am Parent & Toddler; Mon, 7.30 pm Bible Study on Zoom; Wed 7.30 pm St Luke's Choir Practice; Thur, 10 am Holy Communion; Thur 2-4 pm Tiptree Food-bank is open (at Tiptree URC, Chapel Road)

## **Diary Dates & News**

<u>Open Door Magazine, December & January issue</u>, copies are available in church and from the website: <u>www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk/opendoor.html</u>

<u>Messing Travelling Crib</u>, homes in the village, with or without children are all welcome to host the Crib. Contact: Helen Longman: <a href="https://helenlongman@aol.com">helenlongman@aol.com</a>

<u>Angel Festival at St Michael's, Copford</u> the Church is open for viewing and visitors daily from 3<sup>rd</sup> December until 25<sup>th</sup> February, with over 1000 angels floating from the rafters & interactive Prayer Stations.

<u>Christmas Tree Festival, at St Luke's in Tiptree – Theme: 'Christmas Words',</u> The Church is open for you to see the trees on Sunday from 12 noon - 4 pm.

<u>Games Afternoons at St Luke's</u>, the Friends of St Luke's have fixed two new dates for these in the hall. At 2pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. *Everyone welcome*.

<u>Tiptree Food Bank</u> this week we are in need of kitchen cleaner, toilet cleaner & shaving gel. Thank you all for your help.

### **Christmas Services**

#### Carol Services

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 6 pm at St Mary's Easthorpe
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, 4 pm, Carols & Tree-Lighting on Windmill Green, Tiptree
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 6 pm Carols by Candlelight at
St Michael and All Angels Copford
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 4 pm, Carols by Candlelight,
All Saints' Messing

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 11.15am, Carol Service, All Saints', Great Braxted Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 4 pm, Carol Service, St Luke's, Tiptree Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 4 pm at St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye Christmas Eve, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm Carol Service, All Saints' Church, Inworth

## Layer Marney Nativity, Thursday 21st December, 5 pm

Join us as we tell the Nativity story with carols, mince pies and mulled wine in St Mary's Church and the barn at Layer Marney Tower. All welcome

## Crib Services, Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December

3.30pm St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye; 4 pm at St Luke's Church, Tiptree; 5 pm St Michael & All Angels, Copford; 6.30 pm St Mary, Layer Breton

Midnight Communion, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

10 pm All Saints', Gt Braxted; 11 pm St John the Baptist Layer de la Haye;

11 pm St Michael & All Angels, Copford; 11.30pm St Luke's, Tiptree

Christmas Day Services, Monday 25th December

9 am Holy Communion, St Mary, Easthorpe 9 am Family Communion, All Saints' Messing 9 am Holy Communion, St Mary, Layer Marney 10 am Family Communion, St Luke's, Tiptree 10.30 am Family Communion, St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye 11.15am Family Communion, All Saints', Inworth

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