

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 3rd December 2023, The First Sunday of Advent



Today's Services & Readings Isaiah 64:1-19*;
Psalm 80: 1-8, 18-20; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer *Graham Howlett*

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Family Communion *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw*

Hymns 500, 785, 519, 319

4 pm Christingle Service
Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw & Revd Christine Newmarch

Come and make your own Christingle to take home.

Collection in aid of the Children's Society



St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye

10.30 am Christingle Service

*Led by Revd Jackson Crompton-Battersby & Parish Service Team
Everything is provided to make your own Christingle. Also, bring along your wrapped gifts for Homestart, for disadvantaged children & young people in Colchester aged 3-16. Please attach a label stating girl/boy, age & contents*

All Saints', Gt Braxted

11.15 am Christingle Service *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw & Revd Christine Newmarch*
*Hymns provided on sheets
Collection in aid of the Children's Society*

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Matins *Harold Toms*
Hymns 401, 196, 98, 20

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

Next Sunday's Services – 10th December 2023, The Second Sunday of Advent



St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion *Revd Jackson Crompton-Battersby*

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*

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

If you would like to join our 9.30 am Sunday Service on Zoom, please contact Christine Hall by Thursday lunchtime, 07421 078981
thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Church weekday opening times for private prayer & visitors:
please check the Team website: thurstablewinstreechurches.org and click on the drop-down menu, 'Our Churches'.

Week of Mon 4th to 9th December in our Churches:

Tue	2 pm	Funeral of Jimmy Taylor, at St Luke's. Please note: no viewing for the Christmas Tree Festival this afternoon.
Wed	10 am	Coffee Morning at Copford Church, 'til 12 noon
Wed	10 am	Pop-up Coffee Shop, at St Mary, Layer Breton. We are open until 11.30 am; <i>with Tiptree Foodbank collection.</i>
Wed	8 pm	Village Voices, in the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Layer de la Haye. Details from Debbie: dwalsham63@gmail.com
Thur	1.45 pm	JB Tots meet in the Queen Elizabeth Hall (annexe) Layer de la Haye. Call Barbara, 734600 or Rina, 734495 (01206)
Thur	9.30 am	Layer de la Haye School Carol Service
Sat	7.30 pm	Tiptree Sings Winter Concert, at St Luke's

All week, whenever the churches are open, you can visit to see the Angel Festival at Copford, the Christmas Tree Festival at Tiptree (apart from Tuesday pm) and the decorated Christmas Trees at Messing.

St Luke's Tiptree, regular events this week:

Morning Prayer: 9 am on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

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

Messing Travelling Crib, homes in the village, with or without children are all welcome to host the Crib. Contact: Helen Longman: helenlongman@aol.com

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

Christmas Tree Festival, at St Luke's in Tiptree – Theme: 'Christmas Words',

The Church is open for you to see the trees from 9.30 am to 4 pm daily this week, apart from Tuesday afternoon when we have a funeral. Sunday: 12 noon - 4 pm.

St Luke's Congregational Christmas Cards 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 19th December. 07421 078981 thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

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

If you know of anyone struggling to afford food, pass them our details.

Christmas Services

Carol Services

Sunday 10th December, 6 pm at St Mary's Easthorpe
Sunday 10th Dec, 4 pm, Carols & Tree-Lighting on Windmill Green, Tiptree
Sunday 10th December, 6 pm Carols by Candlelight at
St Michael and All Angels Copford
Saturday 16th December, 4 pm, Carols by Candlelight,
All Saints' Messing
Sunday 17th December, 11.15am, Carol Service, All Saints', Great Braxted
Sunday 17th December, 4 pm, Carol Service, St Luke's, Tiptree
Sunday 17th December, 4 pm at St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye
Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th 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 24th 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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