

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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 The Sunday Next before Lent

Today's Services & Readings Exodus 34:29-end; Psalm 99;  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2\*; Luke 9:28-36

### St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer *Graham Howlett*

### St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Family Communion *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw*

Hymns 524, 222, 507, 349

### St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye

10.30 am All-age Worship with Baptism of Dylan Mills

*Led by Revd Michael Hatchett, Revd Christine Newmarch  
& the Family Service Team*

Hymns: 240, 740, 510, 19

### All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Matins *Harold Toms*

Hymns 53, 82, 485, 356

### St Mary, Easthorpe

6 pm Evensong *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw*

Hymns 10, 75, 85, 129

Sunday Morning Resources Online to find our sermons, readings &  
intercessions please visit our Team website: [thurstablewinstreechurches.org](http://thurstablewinstreechurches.org)

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

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

## Ash Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

### St Mary, Layer Breton

Readings Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-18;  
2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10; John 8:1-11

8 pm Holy Communion

Hymns 56, 113, 97, 230

*Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw*

*& Revd Liz Barnes*

*Everyone is invited to join us for the service, from all of our churches*



## Next Sunday's Services – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025 The First Sunday in Lent

### St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw*

### St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion *Revd Christine Newmarch*

### St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye

10.30 am Holy Communion *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw*

### St Michael, Copford

10.30 am All-age Worship *Revd Ruth Hatchett*

### All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Morning Worship *Anne Wild*

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## Church Diary for this week Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sat 8<sup>th</sup> March

- Tue 10 am Tiptree House Groups meet at Jenny & Christine's  
Tue 12.30 pm Funeral of John Francis at Maldon Fields Crematorium  
Tue 1 pm Funeral of Paul Jackson at St Luke's  
Tue 7 pm Vacancy Meeting for Layer de la Haye PCC, at Tolleshunt Major Village Hall  
Wed 10.30 am Funeral of Baby Ollie Manchester-Spratt at St Luke's  
*please note: there will be a horse-drawn hearse, no parking at the church to allow room for turning.*  
Wed 10 am Layer Breton Pop-up Coffee Shop at the Church. We are open until 11.30 am; with collection for Tiptree Foodbank  
Wed 2 pm St Luke's School Ash Wednesday Service  
Wed 8 pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, St Mary Layer Breton  
Thur 2 pm JB Tots meet in the Queen Elizabeth Hall (annexe) Layer de la Haye. Call Barbara, 734600 or Rina, 734495 (01206)  
Thur 2 pm Layer Breton PCC meeting  
Thur 3 pm Funeral of Ricardo Paul Hull, at St Luke's  
Fri 10 am World Day of Prayer Service, at St John Houghton RC in Tiptree. Everyone welcome  
Fri 3 pm Messy Church, at St Luke's

### St Luke's Tiptree, regular weekly events:

Morning Prayer: 9 am on **Thursday only** 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 open at Tiptree URC, Chapel Rd

## Diary Dates & News

**Deadline for Open Door, April/May** please send your items for the next issue of the magazine to Martin [mborgartz@btinternet.com](mailto:mborgartz@btinternet.com) by Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**FoSL Quiz Night with Guest Hosts Steve Scruton and Ian Wyatt from BBC Essex** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm, St Luke's Church hall. Tickets £5 each, bring your own drinks & nibbles; to book contact Sandra Redgewell, [foslbookings@gmail.com](mailto:foslbookings@gmail.com)

**Tiptree Food Bank - This week we need:** Breakfast cereals, Tinned fruit, Baked beans, Toilet cleaner, Tablets of soap. **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. *Please remember to ensure donations are unopened and in date. Thank you.*

## Looking ahead - Diary Dates & News

**Lent Bible Studies: this year - 'A Christian Look at the Environment'** beginning on 11<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup> March, meeting weekly at St Luke's Church Tiptree on **Tuesdays 7.30-9.00pm** (with refreshments) and on **Thursdays, 12 for 12.30-2pm** at 7 Birch Way, Birch Green, CO2 ONQ with a soup lunch. To book your lunch (for catering) please email Liz: [emdinge@aol.com](mailto:emdinge@aol.com) Full details: see flyers in church or on our website [thurstablewinstreechurches.org](http://thurstablewinstreechurches.org)

**Layer Marney Tower Quiz Night** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 7 pm in the barn. Tables are £30 each for up to 6 people. Bring your own table picnic; all proceeds from drinks at the bar are for the Friends of the Church fundraising. To book see the website: [www.layermarneytower.co.uk/events/quiz-night/](http://www.layermarneytower.co.uk/events/quiz-night/)

**The Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal 2025: supporting the Christian charity 'Housing Justice'** This charity works in partnership with churches, community & faith groups across England & Wales to help those experiencing homelessness find a safe and stable home, including in areas of our own Diocese. If you would like to support the appeal by making a donation these can be made in church, online or by bank transfer. See the posters in church and on the noticeboards for more details or contact Christine Hall. To donate online visit: [www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/our-faith-in-action/bishop-of-chelmsfords-lent-appeal-2025](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/our-faith-in-action/bishop-of-chelmsfords-lent-appeal-2025)  
*Donations are accepted until 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025.*

**The Electoral Roll** all churches need to prepare a new electoral roll this year. Everyone who comes to church and is baptised over the age of 16 needs to fill in a form to apply to be on the new roll (even if on the current one). This allows you to attend the Annual Meeting (APCM) and vote or stand for election to the PCC. Look out for the forms and notices in your church, in the lead up to the APCM. **Deadlines for entries: Tiptree 20/4/25** – see your envelope in the church lobby, or ask a churchwarden for a form. **Deadline for Layer de la Haye is 31/3/25**

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Works Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, available for phone enquiries from 10 am to 12.30 pm on the mobile: 07421 078981 (with voicemail). I am available in St Luke's Church at the Office: on Tuesday by appointment only & on Thursday from 10 am to 12.30 pm. The office number is 01621 819557 (with voice-mail).

### LENT COURSE 2025 — A CHRISTIAN LOOK AT THE ENVIRONMENT

Join us this Lent as we use materials produced by the John Ray Initiative to think about what a Christian approach to environmental issues might look like. Each session will look at a Bible passage in the context of the environment, then there will be a reflector from a different angle drawing on the wisdom of theologians and scientists to apply the biblical thinking to current environmental issues, sparking questions and issues for discussion. See [www.jri.org.uk/resources-studies/](http://www.jri.org.uk/resources-studies/) for further information.

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Thursdays at 12 for 12.30 — 2pm at 7 Birch Way, Birch Green, CO2 ONQ with a soup lunch

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US  
FOR ANY OR ALL SESSIONS,  
ATTENDANCE IS FREE

