

St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye
St Mary, Layer Breton with Birch
St Mary, Layer Marney
St Michael and All Angels, Copford
St Mary, Easthorpe



**News for The Layers
with Birch, Copford &
Easthorpe**

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

Sunday 21st February 2021 First Sunday of Lent

Today's Services & Readings

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Peter 3:18-end;
Mark 1:9-15

9.30am Sunday Morning Service for on Zoom:

*join us live for our service led by Revd Lydia Smith,
and with preacher: Nick Clarke. Do get in touch
with Lydia or Christine Hall for joining details.*

Sunday Service of Morning Prayer: premieres
at 9.00am <https://youtu.be/rFnicoOVfSk>

Pre-recorded audio services are also available
every Sunday via a local phone no. - ring Lydia
our vicar on 01206 738759 for more info.

This week please pray for

The Family & friends of Mervyn Lumley, whose
funeral will take place soon. Also continue to
pray for the family & friends of Peter Goodchild,
whose funeral was on Thursday.

Chelmsford Cathedral's Live-streamed Sunday
Service: <https://www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/>

Coming Up This Week:

Virtual Village Voices on Zoom, Wed 24th Feb at
8.00pm, contact Debbie: dwalsham63@gmail.com

Online Lent Group, Thursday 25th Feb, at
5.30pm. *Contact Lydia for login information.*

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*please see over the page for more details of Lent
resources and courses this year, both from our
churches & the Diocese*

Please contact Lydia if you need to chat or if you
have any prayer requests as we go through this
difficult phase of the lockdown, and are unable
to meet in church. 01206 738759.

Next Sunday: 21st February, First Sunday of Lent

Opening our Churches for Private Prayer:

St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye: Sunday &
Wednesday, from 10.00am to 4.00pm

St Mary the Virgin, Layer Marney: open on
Sunday & Wednesday, from 10.00am to 4.00pm

St Michael & All Angels, Copford: open daily from
9.00am until 4.00pm.

St Mary the Virgin, Easthorpe: open Sunday,
Wednesday & Friday, from 10.00am to 4.00pm

*Layer de la Haye Church: 'Spring is coming',
from Rosemary*



Collect non-perishable food to help others:

Join us at St John the Baptist Church and Layer
School as we collect food items to make up
hampers for families in need in our village.
You can drop these off at the village shop (in the
box by the freezer), at the Church (Sun & Wed,
10.00am to 4.00pm) or at 82 Old Forge Road
(box on the doorstep). *Thank you for helping!*

Church Giving thank you to everyone who gives to
us by whatever means, it is so appreciated. If you
feel you would like to help us with our costs, please
contact Lydia.

Get in touch:

News sheet & Team Administrator, Christine
Hall: Please send items for next Sunday **by
midday on Tuesday**. Normal working hours:
10.00am to 12.30pm; Tue Weds & Thurs: **07421
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Find our Church Websites & Social Media:

go to <http://www.thurstablewinstreechurches.org> or search for our churches on Facebook



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Lent Groups and Resources

Lent Course: the 'I am sayings' of Jesus in John's Gospel, join Lydia on Zoom, Thursdays at 5.30pm from 18th February. Contact Lydia or Christine Hall for Log-in details.

Lent Zoom Course (in the Celtic Tradition): "We shall be changed" with Anne-Marie, Christine, Anne & Harold on Tuesdays, 7.30pm, for 5 weeks starting on 23rd February. Login details available from Anne-Marie or Christine Hall.

A musical Lent Calendar Lydia has set this up, rather like the one she made for Advent, do take a look at this and enjoy the music she has chosen for each day: <https://calendar.myadvent.net/?id=4698e2115737f621389bb2ae3668e8eb>

#Live Lent: Lent 2021: God's Story, Our Story, join the Diocese's joyful invitation to make witness a normal part of the Christian life for Lent. Find resources including the App, reflections, books, broadcasts, Lent Groups, Lent Modules & the Lent Appeal, go to the website: <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/livelent>

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2021: Empower Marsabit, please send your donations directly to the appeal by visiting the website: <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/bishops-appeal/>

Diocesan Lent Bible Studies the series of weekly bible studies on the theme of '*stewardship and giving*' begin on Sunday, 21st February. *The programme is as follows:*

- Week 1, Sunday 21st February, 6pm- 7pm: Generous God – John 3:11-21, Led by Bishop Peter,
- Week 2: Sunday 28th February 6pm- 7pm. Generous Disciples – Romans 11:33-12:8. Led by Archdeacon Vanessa.
- Week 3: Sunday 7th March, 6pm - 7pm Generous Giving – 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. Led by Bishop John.
- Week 4: Sunday 14th March, 6pm - 7pm Generous Loving – James 2:8-17 . Led by Archdeacon Ruth.
- Week 5: Sunday 21st March, 6pm - 7pm Generous Living – 1 Peter 4:7-11. Led by Bishop Roger.

To register for any or all of these, please go to the website: <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/livelent> and follow the instructions given there.

Children's Society Lent & Mothering Sunday resources: find out more from their website: <https://sway.office.com/NABeyU6OCLB80UmJ?ref=Link>

Keep in touch with our churches on Facebook and our websites:



Easthorpe: <http://fb.me/stmthevine>

Copford: [/copfordchurch](http://fb.me/copfordchurch)

Layer de la Haye: <http://fb.me/stjthebinlh>

Layer Marney: <http://fb.me/stmthevinlm>

Our Websites:

<https://stmaryseasthorpe.wordpress.com>

<http://copfordchurch.org.uk>

www.layerchurches.org.uk

<http://www.thurstablewinstreechurches.org>