

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 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024, Advent Sunday



### Today's Services & Readings:

Jeremiah 33:14-16\*; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13;  
Luke 21: 25-36

### St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer *Graham Howlett*  
11.30 am Baptism of Sasha Compton

### St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Family Communion *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw*  
Hymns 319, 785, 639, 307  
4 pm Christingle Service, *with collection for the Children's Society*

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

10.30 am Christingle Service *Revd Michael Hatchett,*  
*Revd Christine Newmarch & Family Service Team*  
Hymns 97, 614, The Christingle Hymn (song sheet), 416

### All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Matins *Harold Toms*  
Hymns 358, 196, 98, 307

### All Saints', Messing

5.30 pm Christmas Tree Lighting *Friends of Messing Church*

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](http://thurstablewinstreechurches.org)

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

## Next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday of Advent



### St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw*

### St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Café Church *Revd Christine Newmarch,*  
*Sue Lyne & 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*

### St Michael & All Angels, Copford

6 pm Carol Service *Revd Ruth Hatchett*

### All Saints, Messing

11.15 am Morning Worship *Anne Wild*

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### **Our Carol Services 2024**



*Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 6 pm at Copford*  
*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 4 pm at Easthorpe*  
*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 5 pm at Layer de la Haye*  
*Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 4 pm at Messing*  
*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 11.15 am at Great Braxted*  
*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 4 pm at Tiptree*  
*Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30 pm at Inworth*

*Watch out for more details on our website:* [thurstablewinstreechurches.org](http://thurstablewinstreechurches.org)

## This week in our Churches, Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sat 7<sup>th</sup> December

St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival is open daily in the church until dusk up to and including Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December.



Mon	7.30 pm	Easthorpe PCC meeting
Tue	9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's
Tue	9.30 am	St Luke's Music Meeting
Tue	2 pm	FoSL committee meeting, at Sandra's
Wed	8 pm	Village Voices, at Layer de la Haye Village Hall. Contact Debbie 01206 331898, <a href="mailto:dwalsham63@gmail.com">dwalsham63@gmail.com</a>
Wed	10 am	Layer Breton Pop-up Coffee Shop at the Church, open until 11.30 am; with collection for Tiptree Foodbank
Thur	9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's
Thur	2 pm	Layer Breton PCC meeting
Thur	2 pm	JB Tots meet in the Queen Elizabeth Hall (annexe) Layer de la Haye; Barbara, 734600 & Rina, 734495 (01206)
Fri	10 am	Funeral of Carole Bysouth, at Colchester Crematorium
Fri	1 pm	Wedding of Sercan Gungormus & Lauren Palmer, at Layer Marney
Sat	7.30 pm	'Music for Christmas' Tiptree Choral concert at St Luke's

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

Morning Prayer is on Tuesday & 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

## Diary Dates for this week & News

St John the Baptist's Presents for Home-Start, Colchester, at our Christingle Service this Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, we will collect Christmas presents for children aged 3-16. These need to be wrapped and a removable label attached to show if suitable for a girl and/or boy, age & contents. These may also be left in church by the font, or in the box outside 82 Old Forge Road.

Concert at Easthorpe Church, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 4pm, with the music group from the Church of the Seventh Day Adventists. No charge, but donations invited for our Church funds. Refreshments will be served. All welcome.

Tiptree Food Bank: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December is the last day to donate treats for our Christmas food parcels (please check use-by dates are after Christmas), such as Christmas Cake, Pies, Christmas Pudding, chocolates, nice biscuits & toiletries etc. (no alcohol please). 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. Other items can be left at the United Reformed Church on Thursdays 2-4 pm as usual. *Thank you for your continued support.*

Maldon Orchestra - Christmas Concert at St Luke's Church, 2.30 pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The orchestra are celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> 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, so **tickets are £10 or £5 for under 16s**. These can be purchased from their website: [www.maldonorchestra.co.uk/](http://www.maldonorchestra.co.uk/) or from Ticket Source: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/maldon-orchestra](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/maldon-orchestra) or by contacting [mlbaker@sky.com](mailto:mlbaker@sky.com)

Friends of St Luke's, thank you to the committee and all who supported our Games Afternoons & 60s Night - money raised from these events is being earmarked for further improvements in the hall.

A 'One-Man Christmas Carol' by candlelight, performed at Copford Church by Jackson Crompton-Battersby, tickets still available for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 5 pm. Tickets £10 from Anne [annewhistler2766@gmail.com](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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?](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/now-thats-what-i-call-a-christmas-sing-along-tickets-1085158039909?)

Colchester Foodbank are in need winter coats and school uniform, if you can help at all they are at No. 3 Tollgate Retail Park from 10 am to 2 pm, Monday to Saturday (opposite McDonalds, between Currys and B&M Bargains) CO3 8RG.

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 11<sup>th</sup> 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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Usual office hours: Tuesday mornings by appointment & 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.

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The Hall is also on Facebook: search for [tiptreechurchhall/](https://www.facebook.com/ptiptreechurchhall/)



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