

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 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 The Second Sunday in Lent

Today's Services & Readings Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18\*; Psalm 27;  
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-end

### St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer *Graham Howlett*

### St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw  
& Harold Toms*  
Hymns 407,841,627,776, 570,544

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

10.30 am Holy Communion *Revd Liz Barnes*  
Hymns 281, 71, 423, 357

### All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Parish Communion *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw*  
Hymns 15, 478, 429, 305

### St Mary, Easthorpe

6 pm Holy Communion *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw*  
Hymns 210, 299, 90

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 ...**

## Next Sunday's Services – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 The Third Sunday in Lent

### St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion *Revd Liz Barnes  
& Wendy Borgartz*

### St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw  
& Sue Lyne*

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

10.30 am Morning Praise *Wendy Borgartz*

### St Michael, Copford

10.30 am Holy Communion *Revd Ruth Hatchett*

### All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Parish Communion *Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw  
& Sue Lyne*

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## Church Diary for this week Mon 17<sup>th</sup> to Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Mon	7 pm	Layer de la Haye PCC
Tue	2 pm	St Luke's Music Meeting
Tue	7.30 pm	Lent Course at St Luke's
Thur	10 am	Coffee Morning at Easthorpe Church Hall to 12 pm. All welcome for Coffee/tea, home made cakes
Thur	12 pm	Lent Course at 7 Birch Way
Thur	2 pm	JB Tots meet in the Queen Elizabeth Hall (annexe) Layer de la Haye. Call Barbara, 734600 or Rina, 734495 (01206)
Thurs	7.30 pm	St Luke's Youth and Children's Work Team
Fri	12.15 pm	Funeral of Olive Hodges at Colchester Crematorium

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

Morning Prayer: 9 am on **Tuesday and Wednesday only** this week

Mon, 9.15 am Parent & Toddler;

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

**Lent Bible Studies: 'A Christian Look at the Environment'** continue this week, meeting 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 0NQ 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).

**Monday Night Bible Studies on Zoom**, during Lent we will join the Lent Course held on Thursdays, 7.30 pm at St Luke's. The Monday evening groups will begin again after Easter on 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm. As always, everyone is welcome to join in, just contact Wendy Borgartz for the link [w.borgartz@btinternet.com](mailto:w.borgartz@btinternet.com)

**Tiptree Food Bank - This week we need:** Long life milk, long life fruit juice, tinned potatoes, tinned fish, men's razors, shaving gel, toilet cleaner.

**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

**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/)

**Last Words, a reflection of the last words of Christ on the cross, with music, hymns, anthems & readings** compiled by the RSCM. Palm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 6 pm, St Luke's Church Tiptree. Speaker: Rt Revd Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester, with Cantus Firmus Choir. There will be a retiring offering.

**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**

**Easter Lilies at St Luke's** £3.50 per stem, list in lobby, please write name, how many, paid or not and take an envelope for your money, sorry no change given. Order by **6 April** and return money to Alison Weston

**Confirmation** Our next confirmation service is on 24 September. Preparation for adults and young people will begin after Easter. Please speak to Anne-Marie if you are interested in being confirmed.

### Get in touch – our Contact details:

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Day off - Friday

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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).