

Sunday 5th December 2021 Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Services & Readings

Baruch 5; Psalm Benedictus; Philippians 1:3-11;
Luke 3:1-6



Today's Services

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Family Communion

service followed by refreshments in the hall

Hymns: on the screen. Please arrive 10 minutes
early, if you can, to practise our near song.

9.30 am Family Communion on Zoom

we join the service in church using the usual link.

Login details available from Anne-Marie or Christine
Hall: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

4 pm Christingle Service

Hymns: 114, 499, Christingle song, 479

All Saints', Great Braxted

11.15 am Christingle Service

Hymns: Colours of day*, 519, Christingle song*
513 * see hymn sheets

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Matins

Hymns: 196, 401, 98, 358

No service at All Saints' Messing

The Week Ahead:

Morning Prayer at St Luke's: 9 am in church on
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Mon, 9.15 am St Luke's Parent & Toddler

Mon, 7.30 pm Online Bible Study (Zoom)

Wed, 7.30 pm Choir Practice at St Luke's,

Thurs, 10 am Holy Communion

Thurs, 2-4 pm Tiptree Foodbank open

Sat, 7.30 pm Tiptree Choral, Christmas
Concert, at St Luke's

Christmas Tree Festival & Bazaar at St Luke's
Continues all week until Sunday 12th December.
Weekday opening times: 9.30 am to 4 pm.
In aid of Farleigh Hospice & St Luke's.

Please Pray for ... for our pharmacy and medical
centre staff teams

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St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion, *with Sunday Club.*
Service followed by refreshments in the hall.

9.30 am Parish Communion on Zoom

we join the service in church using the usual link.

4 pm Tiptree Village Carol Service on
Windmill Green

All Saints', Messing

11.00 am Morning Worship

No service at All Saints' Inworth & All Saints' Gt Braxted

Covid 19 Guidelines for Coming to Church

Following the Government's announcement about the
new Omicron Covid variant on the 28th November 2021
we now ask that everyone wears face coverings when
attending church for services (including parents
attending school services and audiences at concerts),
unless exempt or under 11 years. We will also ask that
social distancing is maintained where possible, especially
for those who request it in order to attend church.

Anne-Marie

If you have any questions or concerns,
please contact Anne-Marie, 01621 819260,
Christine Hall 07421 078981
thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com
or contact the Churchwardens

Following the Prime Minister's press conference on
Saturday, the Bishop of London has issued the following
statement about the Omicron variant of Covid:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/press-releases/omicron-variant-covid-19-comment-bishop-london>

 St Luke's Facebook page: /tiptreestlukes

Receive Our Church Resources by Post & Email,
contact Anne-Marie if you would like to receive readings,
sermons & prayers by post/email and Christine Hall for
the news sheet: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Donations welcome for the Foodbank,

*The Foodbank is open on Thursdays, from 2 to 4 pm, at
Tiptree URC, Chapel Road. Anyone in need
of a food parcel should go along on Thursday, or
contact Anne-Marie.*

Reminder about Covid 19:

As we know, coughs and colds are in the community and **for those who are vaccinated the symptoms are very similar, and lateral flow tests may not always accurate.** We ask if you have a cough or a cold, please don't come to church or to a meeting. Even if it is just a cold, we don't all want to catch it. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe. **Anne-Marie**

Events This Week:

Sunday Resources, Sunday 5th December,

for sermon, readings & intercessions go to the team website and scroll down to find this Sunday:

<https://thurstablewinstreechurches.org> or <http://www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk/index.html>

Sunday services are Live-streamed from Chelmsford

Cathedral: <https://www.chelmsford-cathedral.org.uk/worship/regular-worship>

St Luke's Parent & Toddler Mondays, 9.15am in the church hall; £2 per family. Mums, dads, grandparents, carers & children all welcome. Face coverings needed (unless exempt). Details from: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Zoom Bible Study sessions, Mondays, 7.30-9 pm:

Next one: Mon 6th December. We are starting a new Advent study called 'Lighten our Path'. All welcome - contact Wendy Borgartz for the link: 01376 573184 w.borgartz@btinternet.com.

Christmas Tree Festival open every day at St Luke's, until Sunday 12th December. Weekday opening times: 9.30 am to 4 pm. In aid of Farleigh Hospice & St Luke's. Sunday 10.30 am – 4 pm. We have a theme this year for our decorated trees 'Festive Carols & Songs'. We hope you enjoy spotting them!

News:

Open Door December & January, copies of the magazine are now available in church and online.

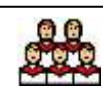
Our Congregational Christmas Card if you would like to send greetings to others in our congregations as part of our 'Virtual' Christmas card this year please send your Christmas messages to Christine Hall. These will be assembled to make a card which will be sent to everyone with the news sheet just before Christmas, and printed for display in church. Please send your greetings to Christine by Thur, 16th December. thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Christmas Community Lunch 2021 if you will be alone or unable to prepare your own Christmas Day lunch this year, you may be interested in a chilled Christmas lunch provided by Joe Birkin & her band of little elves. Last year some diners got together in

Our Christmas Services



please remember to bring your face coverings to wear at our services



Sunday 12th December, 4 pm, Tiptree Village Carol Service on Windmill Green

Saturday 18th December, 5 pm, Messing Village Carol Service on the Green

Sunday 19th December, 11.15am, Carol Service, All Saints, Great Braxted

Sunday 19th Dec, 3 pm, Carol Service, St Luke's, Tiptree
Christmas Eve, Friday 24th December

4 pm Crib Service at St Luke's Church, Tiptree

6.30pm Carol Service, All Saints Church, Inworth

10 pm Midnight Communion, All Saints, Gt Braxted

11.30pm Midnight Communion, St Luke's, Tiptree

Christmas Day Family Communion, Saturday 25th

9 am All Saints, Messing 10 am St Luke's, Tiptree

11.15am All Saints, Great Braxted

11.15am All Saints, Inworth

their bubbles. There is no charge for the lunches, and if you do wish to contribute towards costs, it will very gratefully received but is not necessary. To order your lunch please call Joe Birkin on 01376 561969 or 07710 432908 with your name & number by 16th December, and Santa's little helpers will prepare!

St Luke's Christmas Tree, thank you to the kind anonymous donor who paid for our tree this year.

Friends of St Luke's, the concert last Saturday raised a wonderful total of £735 which will be shared between St Luke's and Farleigh Hospice. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Free Diocesan Foundation Course in Pastoral Care looking at developing our understanding of pastoral care from a Christian perspective, and make us more effective in caring for others. The course is online in the new year **on Thursdays using Zoom;** there will be two sessions afternoons from 2 pm to 4.30 pm or evenings, 7 pm to 9.30pm. Contact Diane Hardy, dhardy@chelmsford.angli-can.org or 01245 294449.

Contact us:

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Day off – Friday

Christine Hall Editor, Newsletter & Team Administrator, please send items for the **Sunday News sheet** by midday on the **Tuesday** before. **My working days and hours are:** 10.00am to 12.30pm on Tue, Wed and Thurs.

I may also work some Friday mornings during Covid.

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