

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 12th December 2021, Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday's Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-end*; Psalm 146:4-end;
Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

Sunday's Services

St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye

10.30 am Holy Communion

Led by Revd Michael Hatchett

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer *Graham Howlett*

St Michael, Copford

6 pm Carol Service

Sunday's Morning Service Online

Join us on Zoom Sunday Morning at 9.30 am,
from St Luke's, Tiptree *using the usual link.* *

This week please pray for

The family and friends of Bryan Boardman whose funeral is on Wednesday at Layer de la Haye. Also for **Luke & Melanie**, who are to be married at Layer de la Haye on Saturday.

Coming Up This Week:

Online Bible Study on Zoom, 7.30 pm Monday,
13th December. Contact Wendy, 01376 573184.

Copford School Carol Service Tuesday, 14th
December at 1.45 pm.

Funeral of Bryan Boardman Wednesday 15th
December, 11 am at Layer de la Haye.

Village Voices, term ends 8 pm, Wed, 15th Dec,
Layer de la Haye Church. dwalsham63@gmail.com

Wedding of Luke & Melanie, Saturday 18th
December, 1 pm at Layer de la Haye.

Loop System in our churches: this is available on the
'T' position at St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye &
St Michael Copford.

Under Pew Heaters, St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye: please avoid putting coats etc. under the pews

Next Sunday – 19th December 2021, Advent 4

St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye

10.30 am Morning Praise

Nick Clarke

6 pm Carol Service

Led by Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion

Led by Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw

St Mary, Easthorpe

4 pm Carol Service

Revd Liz Barnes

Weekly Sunday Resources:

*To find our weekly Sunday resources - sermons,
readings & intercessions, go to our Team
website: <https://thurstablewinstreechurches.org>*

*Sunday services are Live-streamed from
Chelmsford Cathedral: <https://www.chelmsford-cathedral.org.uk/worship/regular-worship>*

**Watch the Kelvedon & Feering Churches Sunday
Morning Reflections on Youtube** led by Revd
Simon Garwood [https://www.youtube.com/
channel/UCmW9OUftNbcTbMcVBzPMuA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmW9OUftNbcTbMcVBzPMuA)

* **For Login details to the Sunday service at
St Luke's please contact: Anne-Marie, Rosemary
Gissler-Weber or Christine Hall – details below***
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<https://www.facebook.com/StJohntheBinLH>
<https://www.facebook.com/StMtheVinE>
<https://www.facebook.com/StMtheVinLM>
or, search for St Michael's, Copford.

Get in touch:

News sheet & Team Administrator, Christine Hall:
Please send items for Sunday **by midday on the
Tuesday before**. My normal working days and hours
are: 10.00am to 12.30pm on Tue, Wed and Thurs.
I may also work some Friday mornings due to Covid.
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Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw, Team Rector
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@RectorTiptree

Day off – Friday

Find our Church Websites & Social Media:

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

Covid 19 Guidelines for Coming to Church

Updated: 9th December 2021

Following the Government's announcement on 8th December 2021, the wearing of face coverings in church is now mandatory, 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.

Please also remember to stay at home if you are not well, even if it is just a cold.

Thank you for keeping everyone safe. *Anne-Marie*

News and Events this Week & Looking Ahead:

Help needed with our church websites, after doing such a good job for a long time now with our church websites hosted by the Church of England 'A Church Near You', Revd Richard Carr has decided it is time to hand over to someone new. If anyone would be interested in helping with this, please contact Anne-Marie or Christine Hall in the first instance. Richard has set up the pages already, so we are looking for someone interested in maintaining these pages with seasonal information. As an example here is the page for St Mary, Layer Breton:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6191/>

Open Door December & January, copies of this magazine are now available online with some lovely pictures from Liz's Licensing service: <http://www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk/Dec%2021-Jan%2022a.pdf>

Read the Bishop of London's recent statement about the Covid Omicron variant: <https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/press-releases/omicron-variant-covid-19-comment-bishop-london>

Our Christmas Services

Please remember to bring your face coverings to wear at our Christmas services, and help us to continue to keep each other safe

Carol Services

Sunday 12th December, 6 pm at St Michael's Copford

Sunday 19th December, 4 pm at St Mary's Easthorpe

Sunday 19th December, 6 pm at St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye

Layer Marney Nativity, Monday 20th December, 5 pm "The Shepherds come to Layer Marney"

We will begin in The Barn and Courtyard at Layer Marney Tower. We join Mary and Joseph when they travel to Bethlehem and arrive at The Stable in the Church. Together we will celebrate the Nativity with Carols and Mulled wine and Mince pies.



Crib Services, Christmas Eve, Friday 24th December

3.30pm St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye

5 pm St Michael & All Angels, Copford

6.30 pm St Mary, Layer Breton

Mince pies & mulled wine, all are welcome, young and old

Midnight Communion, Friday 24th December

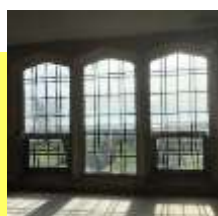
11.30pm St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye

Christmas Day Services, Saturday 25th December

9 am Family Communion, St Mary, Easthorpe

10 am Family Communion, St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye

10 am Family Communion, St Mary, Layer Marney



Our Churches are open at the following times for Private Prayer and visitors:

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

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

St Mary the Virgin, Easthorpe: open daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm

St Mary the Virgin, Layer Marney every day, from 10.00am to 4.00pm