

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Third Sunday of Advent

#### Today's Services & Readings

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

#### Today's Services

##### St Luke's, Tiptree



9.30 am Parish Communion

service followed by refreshments in the hall

Hymns: 286, 589, 727, 535

9.30 am Parish 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](mailto:thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com)

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

#### The Week Ahead:

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

Mon, 9.15 am St Luke's Parent & Toddler

Mon, 7.30 pm Online Bible Study (Zoom)

Wed, 11 am St Luke's School Christingle  
Service in the church

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

Thurs, 10 am Holy Communion

Thurs, 2-4 pm Tiptree Foodbank open

Sat, 5 pm Messing Village Carol Service,  
on the Green

#### Christmas Tree Festival at St Luke's,

Tiptree continues until Sunday  
12<sup>th</sup> December. Weekday opening  
times: 9.30 am to 4 pm.

Some trees will be left up for Christmas,  
the rest will be taken down on Monday.  
We have been sharing some of the trees  
on our Facebook page, if you can't get  
into church, do take a look. In aid of  
Farleigh Hospice & St Luke's.



## Next Sunday – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Advent 4



#### 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.

3 pm Carol Service

#### All Saints', Great Braxted

11.15 am Carol Service

#### All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Parish Communion

No service at All Saints' Messing

#### Covid 19 Guidelines for Coming to Church

##### Updated: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Following the Government's announcement on 8<sup>th</sup>  
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

If you have any questions or concerns,  
please contact Anne-Marie, 01621 819260,  
Christine Hall 07421 078981  
[thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com)

**'Let us Pray'** our prayers for December will be  
circulated with the news sheet soon.

**Receiving 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](mailto:thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com)

#### Donations now 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.

## Events This Week:

### Sunday Resources, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December,

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

<https://thurstablewintreechurches.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>

Christmas Tree Festival at St Luke's, we are open until Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December, our last day.

Weekday opening: 9.30 am - 4 pm and Sunday 10.30 am - 4 pm. Our theme this year 'Festive Carols & Songs', we hope you enjoy spotting them! Supporting Farleigh Hospice & St Luke's.

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](mailto:thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com)

Zoom Bible Study sessions, Mondays, 7.30-9 pm:  
**Next one: Mon 13<sup>th</sup> December. We are following a study for Advent called 'Lighten our Path'.** All welcome - contact Wendy Borgartz for the link: 01376 573184 [w.borgartz@btinternet.com](mailto:w.borgartz@btinternet.com).

## News:

Open Door December & January, copies of the magazine are now available in church and online <http://www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk/Dec%2021-Jan%2022a.pdf>

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 by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This will be assembled and sent to everyone with the news sheet just before Christmas, and a copy will be printed for display in church. Hope to hear from you soon! [thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com)

Christine Eaton, thanks everyone for their good wishes. She sends her best wishes and says people are welcome to visit, but please phone beforehand.

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



## Our Christmas Services

Please join us for our services and remember to bring your face coverings to wear in church



**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 4 pm, Tiptree Village Carol Service on Windmill Green**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 5 pm, Messing Village Carol Service on the Green**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 11.15am, Carol Service, All Saints, Great Braxted**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec, 3 pm, Carol Service, St Luke's, Tiptree**

### Christmas Eve, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December

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

**6.30 pm Carol Service, All Saints Church, Inworth**

**10 pm Midnight Communion, All Saints, Gt Braxted**

**11.30 pm Midnight Communion, St Luke's, Tiptree**

### Christmas Day Family Communion, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

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

**11.15 am All Saints, Great Braxted**

**11.15 am All Saints, Inworth**

Friends of St Luke's, the Jazz concert in November raised a fantastic £568.50 which will go towards the cost of some of the recent refurbishments in the hall. Thank you all, and to Andy Brush & the band.

Christmas Lunch, Tiptree Volunteers are delighted to be able to offer those who won't be spending Christmas surrounded by family a safe place to come and enjoy a free Christmas dinner on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec in St Luke's Church Hall. Places must be booked, if you are interested please contact Christine Hall who can pass your details onto the group, organised by Clare Howlett. 🎄

Christmas Day Community Lunch 2021 if you will be alone and would like a lunch delivered on Christmas Day for you to heat up at a time to suit you, Joe Birkin & her elves can provide you one. There is no charge for this, if you do wish to contribute towards costs it will very gratefully received but is not at all necessary. To order your lunch please call Joe Birkin on 01376 561969 or 07710 432908 with your name & number **by 16<sup>th</sup> December**, and Santa's little helpers will prepare!

## Contact us:

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**@RectorTiptree**

**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.

Mob: 07421 078981 [thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com)

**Hall bookings queries:** call Gareth, 01621 818069

[hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com](mailto:hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com)

**Our Churches open for Private Prayer & Visitors at the following times:**

**St Luke's Tiptree is open daily, 9 am to dusk**

**All Saints Messing from 9.30 am to 6 pm**

To enquire about visiting our other churches, please contact the Churchwardens