

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 19th December 2021, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday's Readings

Micah 5:2-5a*; Magnificat; Hebrews 10:5-10;
 Luke 1:39-55

Sunday's Services

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*

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 was last Wednesday at Layer de la Haye.
 Also for Lee & Lauren, who are to be married at
 St Mary, Layer Marney in January.

Events This Week:

Layer Marney Nativity Service

Monday, 20th December
 at 5 pm.

*Details for January events,
 over page*



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
 (the on/off switch is underneath, at the end)

To receive our news sheet by email, please contact
 Christine Hall by email or call 07421 078981

Christmas Eve Services, **Friday 24th December**

3.30 pm Crib Service at Layer de la Haye
 5 pm Crib Service at Copford
 6.30 pm Crib Service at Layer Breton
 11.30 pm Midnight Mass at Layer de la Haye



Christmas Day Services

9 am Holy Communion at St Mary the Virgin,
 Easthorpe *Led by Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw*
 10 am Holy Communion at St Mary, Layer
 Marney *Led by Revd Michael Hatchett*
 10 am Family Communion at St John the
 Baptist, Layer de la Haye
Led by Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw

*Join us at one of our family friendly Christmas
 Day Services*

Next Sunday – 26th December 2021, St Stephen

St Mary, Layer Breton

9 am Joint Communion Service
*Led by Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw. Everyone is
 very welcome to join us for this service.*


**The Ministry Team would like to wish
 you all a very happy Christmas and a
 peaceful new year.**

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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 @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 12 years old. 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:

Join the Carol Service, Midnight Communion and Christmas Day Services at St Luke's Church Tiptree on Zoom, this is by using the usual Sunday link*, which has been sent out to you with this news sheet.

If you would like to join in and do not have the link, please contact Anne-Marie, Rosemary Gissler-Weber or Christine Hall thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

St Mary's Church on Layer Breton Heath, Next Coffee Shop: Wed 5th January, 10 am – 11.30am.

Zoom Bible Studies in the New Year - Mondays, 7.30-9 pm: The Bible Study group are not meeting for the next three Mondays (December 20th, 27th, and January 3rd). **We start again on 10th January.**

All welcome - contact Wendy Borgartz for the link: 01376 573184 w.borgartz@btinternet.com.

Village Voices, return on Wednesday, 12th January at 8 pm in Layer de la Haye Church. For details contact Debbie: dwalsham63@gmail.com

Help needed with our 'A Church Near You' websites, if you would be able to help us with keeping the Church of England website for your church up to date, please contact Anne-Marie or Christine Hall.

Our Christmas Services at a glance

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 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 as 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.



Christmas Eve

3.30pm Crib Service, at St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye

5 pm Crib Service at St Michael & All Angels, Copford

6.30 pm Crib Service at St Mary, Layer Breton

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

11.30pm Midnight Communion at St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye



Christmas Day Services

9 am Family Communion, St Mary, Easthorpe

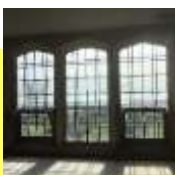
10 am Family Communion, St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye

10 am Family Communion, St Mary, Layer Marney

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

Chelmsford Cathedral's Live-streamed services: <https://www.chelmsford-cathedral.org.uk/worship/regular-worship>

Short services & reflections by Revd Simon Garwood <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmW9OUftNbcTbMcVBzPMuIA>



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