

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 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Presentation of Christ in the Temple

### Sunday's Readings

Malachi 3:1-5; Psalm 24:7-end; Hebrews 2:14-end\*; Luke 2:22-40

### Sunday's Services

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

**9.30 am** Joint Communion      *Revd Liz Barnes*  
(please note earlier time)

#### St Mary, Layer Marney

**4 pm** Candlemas Service  
*Led by Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw*

### 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 ....*

*Those returning to our churches to join us for our  
Candlemas Services today.*

### Events This Week:

Layer Breton PCC, meet in church on Monday 31<sup>st</sup>  
January, 9.30 am

Layer de la Haye PCC, meet on Monday 31<sup>st</sup>  
January at 7.30pm

Online Bible Study on Zoom, 7.30 pm Monday,  
31<sup>st</sup> January. Contact Wendy for the link -  
[w.borgartz@btinternet.com](mailto:w.borgartz@btinternet.com) 01376 573184

Layer Breton Coffee Shop, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
February, 10 am – 11.30am. Join us at the church  
for coffee & homemade cakes. More details from  
Debbie: [dwalsham63@gmail.com](mailto:dwalsham63@gmail.com)

Team Council Meeting, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
at 7.30 pm on zoom.

Village Voices, 8 pm, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at  
Layer de la Haye Church. Contact Debbie Walsham  
[dwalsham63@gmail.com](mailto:dwalsham63@gmail.com)

Rota Meeting on Zoom, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 8 pm

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

## Next Sunday – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Fourth Sunday before Lent

### Sunday's Services

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

**10.30 am** All-age Service      *Worship Team*  
*'The Servant Queen' - we celebrate the life of  
our Queen who ascended the throne 70 years  
ago today.*

#### St Mary, Layer Marney

**9 am** Holy Communion  
*Led by Revd Michael Hatchett*

#### St Michael, Copford

**10.30 am** Holy Communion  
*Led by Revd Michael Hatchett*

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### Sundays Morning Services & Resources Online

*To find our sermons, readings & intercessions,  
and our church opening times for visitors and  
private prayer during the week, please visit our  
Team website:*

<https://thurstablewinstreechurches.org>

\* Login details for our 9.30am Sunday morning  
service on Zoom available from Anne-Marie,  
Rosemary Gissler Weber or Christine Hall  
[thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com)



Easthorpe  
Snowdrops,  
sent in by  
Sue Collins

### 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

01621 815260 [amlrenshaw@btinternet.com](mailto:amlrenshaw@btinternet.com)

 @RectorTiptree

Day off – Friday

**Covid Update:**  
**From 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022**

The Government have announced that it will no longer be compulsory to wear a face covering in church, but we will continue to encourage you to do so, especially in our smaller churches, at large services and when singing.

We will ensure that those who wish to be socially distanced are able to, 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)

## **Lent Studies 2022**

We have four Lent Groups to choose from, full details to follow, or contact Christine Hall to find out more.

### **Lent Bible Studies**

#### **God at Work in the Lives of Women**

Tuesdays on Zoom, at 8 pm, and also on Thursdays in St Luke's Church, 11 am

Session 1, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Hannah: Chosen and appointed to bear fruit, led by Jonathan Greenwood

#### **Lent Lunches, Tuesdays 12 pm at Heath House, Layer Breton 'God at Work in the Lives of Women'**

There will be 5 lunches beginning on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 'Hannah: Tears, prayers and giving back to God'

We begin with soup, bread and cheese and discuss and pray together. Please let Julia know if you would like to come along 01206 330235. You will find us two doors down from the Hare and Hounds pub.

### **Living in Love & Faith**

This is a 5 week course on Zoom led by Revd Liz Barnes on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm

**We begin on 9<sup>th</sup> March.** The course invites the whole Church to look at and feedback how the questions of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage need to be addressed.

For Login details please email [liz\\_barnes@sky.com](mailto:liz_barnes@sky.com)

### **Diocesan – Lent Modules**

To apply to take part (deadline Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February) contact Diane Hardy, [dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org](mailto:dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org) 01245 294449 For details of all the courses/modules available go to

[https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/pages/Lent-leaflet\\_2022.pdf](https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/pages/Lent-leaflet_2022.pdf)

**Colchester Borough Council, Interfaith Coffee Morning** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January, you can join this 'in person' or on Zoom. In person at the Quaker Meeting House, 6 Church Street, Colchester, CO1 1NF (nearest car park, St Mary's). For the Zoom details please contact Christine Hall for the link.

**JB Tots, Layer de la Haye:** begin again in February, after half term.

Contact Barbara, 01206 734600 or Rina, 01206 734495.

### **Special Services in our Churches**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February a Celebration of Marriage Service at St Mary, Layer Marney at 3 pm.

Ash Wednesday Services, 2<sup>nd</sup> March,

7.30 pm at St Michael, Copford and

8 pm at All Saints, Great Braxted.

**Vacancy: Foundation Governor, Birch Church of England School**, we would like this to be someone from one of our churches, and the person doesn't have to be a PCC member or live in Birch. Please contact Anne-Marie if you are interested in finding out more about this.