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

Sunday 30th 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

<u>9.30 am</u> **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:

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

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

<u>Online Bible Study on Zoom</u>, 7.30 pm Monday, 31st January. Contact Wendy for the link w.borgartz@btinternet.com 01376 573184

Layer Breton Coffee Shop, Wednesday 2nd February, 10 am – 11.30am. Join us at the church for coffee & homemade cakes. More details from Debbie: *dwalsham63@gmail.com*

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

<u>Village Voices</u>, 8 pm, Wednesday 2nd February at Layer de la Haye Church. Contact Debbie Walsham <u>dwalsham63@gmail.com</u>

Rota Meeting on Zoom, Thursday 3rd 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.



News for The Layers with Birch, Copford & Easthorpe

To be a transforming presence in our community, open and welcoming to all and serving all

Next Sunday – 6th 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

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



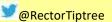
Easthorpe Snowdrops, sent in by Sue Collins

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.

* thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com 07421 078981

Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw, Team Rector 01621 815260 amlrenshaw@btinternet.com



Day off – Friday

Covid Update: From 27th 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

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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 8th & Thursday 10th 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 8th 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 9th 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

Diocesan – Lent Modules

To apply to take part (deadline Friday 18th February) contact Diane Hardy, 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

<u>Colchester Borough Council, Interfaith Coffee Morning</u> Monday 31st 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.

<u>JB Tots, Layer de la Haye</u>: begin again in February, after half term. Contact Barbara, 01206 734600 or Rina, 01206 734495.

Special Services in our Churches

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

Ash Wednesday Services, 2nd March, 7.30 pm at St Michael, Copford and 8 pm at All Saints, Great Braxted.

<u>Vacancy: Foundation Governor, Birch Church of England School</u>, 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.