

**Blackwater Benefice
The Waterside Parishes
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Layer de la Haye, Tollesbury, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Tolleshunt Major, Salcott-Cum-Virley

SUNDAY 1st MARCH 2026



9.30am	Holy Communion with Rev Jo Wood	St Mary The Virgin, Tollesbury
10.30am	All Age Service with Isabel Adcock and All Age Team	St John The Baptist, Layer de la Haye
11.30am	Holy Communion With Rev Andrew Vince	St Mary The Virgin, Salcott

Please note: Cafe Church at Tolleshunt Major is not meeting this week.

For more information relating to our churches, please look at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

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Please email Rosie: office.blackwater@gmail.com with any items for this newsletter by Tuesday p.m. If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please let Rosie know.

SAFEGUARDING

We are committed to Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Benefice.

The PCC's have adopted the Church of England's policies and best practice of safeguarding which can be found via www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding or www.chelmsford.anglican.org/safeguarding

Week of Sunday 1st March		
WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE?
Monday 2nd March: 9am	Morning Prayer	Tolleshunt D'Arcy
Monday 2nd March: 10-11am	Edward Bear	St Mary The Virgin, Tollesbury
Monday 2nd March: 1-3pm	Lent course	The Lighthouse, 55a East Street, Tollesbury CM9 8QE

Tuesday 3rd March: 9.15-10am	Morning Prayer	St Mary The Virgin, Tollesbury
Tuesday 3rd March: 2-3.30pm	Lent Course in Kelvedon & Copford: 'Instruments of the Passion'	The Vicarage, Kelvedon
Tuesday 3rd March: 7.30-9pm	Lent Course - Christ and the Chocolaterie	St Luke's, Tiptree
Wednesday 4th March: 10am	BCP Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Tolleshunt D'Arcy
Wednesday 4th March: 7.30-9pm	Lent Course in Kelvedon & Copford: 'Instruments of the Passion'	Wendy Pagden's home, Copford -contact Simon Garwood for details
Wednesday 4th March: 8-9.30pm	Village Voices Details from Debbie: dwalsham63@gmail.com	The Queen Elizabeth Hall, Layer de la Haye
Thursday 5th March: 11am	Coffee Morning	The Donkey and Buskins, Layer de la Haye
Thursday 5th March: 11.30am for 12-2pm	Lent Course: Christ and the Chocolaterie	7 Birch Way, Birch Green
Friday 6th March: 7pm	World Day of Prayer	The Centre at the Congregational Church Building, East St, Tollesbury

PLANNING AHEAD - SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 8th MARCH

9.30am Holy Communion with Rev Jo Wood, St Mary The Virgin, Tollesbury

10.30am Holy Communion with Rev Liz Barnes at St John The Baptist, Layer de la Haye

11.00am Holy Communion with Rev Jo Wood at St Nicholas, Tolleshunt D'Arcy

Save The Date...

Saturday 28th March - An Easter Egg Hunt at Elmcroft Care home, Tolleshunt Major, 2-4pm

Maundy Thursday - Shared Meal - see details attached

Lent 2026: 100 Days of Prayer

This week, we give thanks...

- that Jesus comes near and journeys with us through change
- that through Jesus, our eyes are opened to God's longing for change, for us and for our communities

We pray that...

- we may see the changes taking place around us
- that God would equip us so that we are ready for the changes that God is calling us into

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.