

**Blackwater Benefice
The Waterside Parishes
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

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

SUNDAY 15th MARCH 2026



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| 9.00am | Messy church | The Congi, Tollesbury |
| 9.30am | Morning Prayer with Tim Whitfield | St Nicholas, Tolleshunt Major |
| 9.30am | Morning Prayer with Isabel Adcock | St Mary The Virgin, Tollesbury |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion & Baptism with Rev Jo Wood | St John The Baptist, Layer de la Haye |
| 11.30am | Lay Led service | St Mary's Salcott |

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

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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 15th March | | |
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| WHEN? | WHAT? | WHERE? |
| Monday 16th March: 9am | Morning Prayer | Tolleshunt D'Arcy |
| Monday 16th March: 10-11am | Edward Bear | St Mary The Virgin, Tollesbury |
| Monday 16th March: 10.30-12pm | Play Morning for children with childminders, grandparents or parents - drinks & biscuits included | Elmcroft Care Home, Brickhouse Road, Tolleshunt Major |
| Monday 16th March: 1-3pm | Lent course | The Lighthouse, 55a East Street, Tollesbury CM9 8QE |

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| Tuesday 17th March: 9.15-10am | Morning Prayer | St Mary The Virgin, Tollesbury |
| Tuesday 17th March: 2-3.30pm | Lent Course in Kelvedon & Copford: 'Instruments of the Passion' | The Vicarage, Kelvedon |
| Tuesday 17th March: 7.30-9pm | Lent Course - Christ and the Chocolaterie | St Luke's, Tiptree |
| Wednesday 18th March: 10am | BCP Holy Communion | St Nicholas, Tolleshunt D'Arcy |
| Wednesday 18th March: 7.30-9pm | Lent Course in Kelvedon & Copford: 'Instruments of the Passion' | Wendy Pagden's home, Copford -contact Simon Garwood for details |
| Wednesday 18th March: 8-9.30pm | Village Voices Details from Debbie: dwalsham63@gmail.com | The Queen Elizabeth Hall, Layer de la Haye |
| Thursday 19th March: 11.30am for 12-2pm | Lent Course: Christ and the Chocolaterie | 7 Birch Way, Birch Green |
| Thursday 19th March: 1.45-3pm | JB Tots (Baby & Toddler group) | The Queen Elizabeth Hall Annexe, Layer de la Haye |

PLANNING AHEAD - SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 22nd MARCH

9.30am Holy Communion with Rev Jo Wood at St Mary The Virgin, Tollesbury followed by the APCM

10.30am Morning Praise with Tim Whitfield 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....

Sunday 22nd March - St Mary's Tollesbury APCM after the service

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...

- for those people who have nurtured and disciplined us on our journey of faith
- for all nurture groups, homegroups and study groups that meet in our churches and communities and support people in their discipleship
- for all schools, colleges and places of education
- for those who disciple our children and young people through Sunday School, Messy Church, Toddler Groups and Youth Groups

We pray that...

- we would grow in confidence to witness to our faith
- that each church and worshipping community would be a welcoming and nurturing place for all
- that our churches would be ready to support those who come seeking baptism and confirmation or who simply want to know more about Jesus

O God unknown,
in our mother's womb you formed us for your glory.
Give us a heart to long for you, grace to discern you,
and courage to proclaim you;
through the one whom you loved
before the foundation of the world,
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.