

**Blackwater Benefice  
The Waterside Parishes  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

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

**SUNDAY 29th March 2026, PALM SUNDAY**



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| 10.00am | All Benefice Service<br>Holy Communion<br>with Rev Jo Wood and<br>Rev Andrew Vince | St Nicholas,<br>Tolleshunt D'Arcy |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion with<br>Passion Gospel<br>Rev Christine Newmarch                    | Layer Breton                      |

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](http://www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding) or [www.chelmsford.anglican.org/safeguarding](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/safeguarding)

| <b>Week of<br/>Sunday 29th March HOLY WEEK</b> |  |   |
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| <b>WHEN?</b>                                   | <b>WHAT?</b>   | <b>WHERE?</b>   |
| Monday 30th March:<br>9am                      | Morning Prayer   | Tolleshunt D'Arcy   |
| Wednesday 1st April: 10am                      | BCP Holy Communion   | St Nicholas, Tolleshunt D'Arcy                                  |
| Wednesday 1st April: 8-9.30pm                  | Village Voices<br>Details from Debbie:<br><a href="mailto:dwalsham63@gmail.com">dwalsham63@gmail.com</a> | The Queen Elizabeth Hall,<br>Layer de la Haye                   |
| Maundy Thursday: 11am                          | Coffee Morning   | The Donkey and Buskins,<br>Layer de la Haye                     |
| Maundy Thursday: 11-12pm                       | Friendship Cafe  | The Centre in Tollesbury<br>(Congregational Church<br>Building) |
| Maundy Thursday: 5.30pm                        | Joint Supper at the Congi<br>followed by Holy Communion at<br>8pm with Rev Andrew Vince                  | Congi/St Mary's, Tollesbury                                     |

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| Maundy Thursday: 7.30pm | Agape Supper followed by Holy Communion with Rev Jo Wood    | St John The Baptist, Layer de la Haye |
| Good Friday: 11am       | Messy Church  | The Congi, Tollesbury                 |
| Good Friday: 2pm        | The Last Hour at the Cross<br>Rev Jo Wood and Isabel Adcock | St Nicholas, Tolleshunt D'Arcy        |
| Good Friday: 2pm        | Reflective Service for Good Friday                          | Layer Breton                          |
| Easter Eve: 7pm         | Easter Vigil  | St Peter's, Great Totham              |

Monday to Thursday: Holy Week Reflections at the Congi in Tollesbury – 10.30-11.00am

**PLANNING AHEAD - SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 5th APRIL - EASTER SUNDAY!**

6.15am Sunrise service with Rev Jo Wood and Penny Adams at St Nicholas, Tolleshunt Major

9.30am Holy Communion with Rev Jo Wood at St Mary's, Tollesbury

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

11.30am Holy Communion with Rev Jo Wood at St Mary's, Salcott Cum Virley

**Save The Date....**

20th April - Mother's Union meeting at 1pm: The Lighthouse East Street, Tollesbury CM9 8QE

9th May - plant sale at Salcott Village Hall, 10-1pm

10-16th May - Christian Aid Week

**Lent 2026: 100 Days of Prayer**

This week, we give thanks...

- for our clergy: retired, self-supporting, working in secular employment or in stipendiary roles

- our Diocesan Vocations Team and our area ordination advisors

- our ordinands and all of those in the discernment process

We pray that...

- more people would be called to serve as deacons and priests

- we would be open to reimagining our models of ministry across our diocese

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts,

by your Holy Spirit you have appointed

various orders of ministry in the Church:

look with mercy on your servants

called to be deacons and priests;

maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness,

that by word and good example they may faithfully serve you

to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church;

through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.



**DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS THIS WEEKEND! .....**