

**Blackwater Benefice
The Waterside Parishes
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

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

SUNDAY 8th MARCH 2026

9.30am	Holy Communion with Rev Jo Wood	St Mary The Virgin, Tollesbury
10.30am	Holy Communion with Rev Liz Barnes	St John The Baptist, Layer de la Haye
11.00am	Holy Communion With Rev Jo Wood	St Nicholas, Tolleshunt D'Arcy

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 8th March		
<u>WHEN?</u>	<u>WHAT?</u>	<u>WHERE?</u>
Monday 9th March: 9am	Morning Prayer	Tolleshunt D'Arcy
Monday 9th March: 10-11am	Edward Bear	St Mary The Virgin, Tollesbury
Monday 9th March: 10.30-12pm	Play Morning for children with childminders, grandparents or parents - drinks & biscuits included	Elmcroft Care Home, Brickhouse Road, Tolleshunt Major
Monday 9th March: 1-3pm	Lent course	The Lighthouse, 55a East Street, Tollesbury CM9 8QE
Tuesday 10th March: 9.15-10am	Morning Prayer	St Mary The Virgin, Tollesbury
Tuesday 10th March: 2-3.30pm	Lent Course in Kelvedon & Copford: 'Instruments of the Passion'	The Vicarage, Kelvedon
Tuesday 10th March: 7.30-9pm	Lent Course - Christ and the Chocolaterie	St Luke's, Tiptree
Wednesday 11th March: 10am	BCP Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Tolleshunt D'Arcy

Wednesday 11th March: 7.30-9pm	Lent Course in Kelvedon & Copford: 'Instruments of the Passion'	Wendy Pagden's home, Copford -contact Simon Garwood for details
Wednesday 11th March: 8-9.30pm	Village Voices Details from Debbie: dwalsham63@gmail.com	The Queen Elizabeth Hall, Layer de la Haye
Thursday 12th March: 11-12pm (Rearranged from last week)	Friendship Cafe	The Centre in Tollesbury (Congi Church Building)
Thursday 12th March: 11.30am for 12-2pm	Lent Course: Christ and the Chocolaterie	7 Birch Way, Birch Green
Thursday 12th March: 1.45-3pm	JB Tots (Baby & Toddler group)	The Queen Elizabeth Hall Annexe, Layer de la Haye

PLANNING AHEAD - SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 15th MARCH (Mothering Sunday)

9.00am Messy Church at the Congi, Tollesbury

9.30am Morning Prayer with Isabel Adcock, St Mary The Virgin, Tollesbury

9.30am Morning Prayer with Tim Whitfield, Tolleshunt Major

10.30am Holy Communion and Baptism with Rev Jo Wood at St John The Baptist, Layer de la Haye

11.30am Mothering Sunday Service (Lay Led) at St. Mary's Salcott

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...

- for our churches, schools and worshipping communities
- for our congregations, wherever they meet, whether in churches, schools, community centres, halls or outdoors
- for those who are new to church and who bring vitality and change

We pray that...

- our churches would grow in number, spiritual commitment and service
- we would be expectant and ready for growth

God of Mission,

who alone brings growth to your Church,

send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,

wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship and power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,

in spiritual commitment to you,

and in service to our local community,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 contact Rosie.