

Weekly News sheet for The Heathland Parishes, we are the churches of:

All Saints, Great Braxted

St Luke, Tolleshunt Knights with Tiptree

St Mary, Layer Breton with Birch

St Mary, Layer Marney

All Saints, Inworth

All Saints, Messing

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



Sunday 25th January 2026, Conversion of Paul

Today's Services & Readings

Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Psalm 67; Acts 9: 1-22;

Matthew 19:27-end

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion Revd Christine Newmarch &

Hymns 360, 146, 376, 415 Wendy Borgartz

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion Revd Liz Barnes

Hymns 186, 743, 334, 688, 755, 190

Prayer ministry will be offered after the service

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Parish Communion Revd Liz Barnes

Hymns 133, 500, 231, 362

Sunday Morning Resources you can find sermons, readings & intercessions for this week on the Homepage of our website:

thurstablewinstreechurches.org

Weekday Opening Times of The Heathland Parish Churches – details of times when we are open for private prayer & visitors may be found on the Thurstable & Winstree Churches website, click on 'Our Churches' on the far right of the Homepage: thurstablewinstreechurches.org

See over page for events & weekly notices for the next two weeks

Next Sunday's Services, 1st February 2026 Presentation of Christ in the Temple

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer Graham Howlett

3 pm Celebration of Baptism and Candlemas Service

Led by Revd Liz Barnes

Everyone welcome, for catering let us know if you are coming by Friday 28th January: layermarneychurchsec@icloud.com

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Family Communion Revd Christine Newmarch

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Matins Harold Toms

Celebration of Marriage Service & Afternoon Tea at St Mary's Church, Layer Marney

We invite our wedding couples and wedding blessing couples from past years to this Service on Sunday 15th February at 3 pm. Please let Gill know if you are coming by Friday 6th February:

layermarneychurchsec@icloud.com

Date for your diary:

Our joint Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, will be held at St Mary, Layer Breton on 18th February at 7.30 pm.

To Receive the Weekly News Sheet by E-mail please contact the Team Administrator, Christine Hall: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Church Diary for the week Monday 26th to Saturday 31st January

Mon, 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon, 12 noon	Lunch at the New Times. £14.50 per head, just turn up – no need to book.
Mon, 7.30 pm	Team Council Meeting, St Luke's Church Hall
Thu, 9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Thu, 10 am	Holy Communion at St Luke's, followed by coffee at the New Times – <i>people from all churches welcome</i>
Thu, 2-4 pm	Tiptree Foodbank open, at the URC Chapel Road
Fri, 2 pm	Funeral of June Dennis, St Luke's Tiptree
Sat, 9.30 am	Marriage Preparation Day, St Luke's Tiptree
Sat, 7.30 pm	Copford Barndance raising funds for the church

Please note: No Zoom Bible Study this Monday, we return as usual next Monday 2nd February at 7.30 pm.

Diary Dates & News

Services elsewhere in our group, this Sunday, 25th January, Layer de la Haye have Morning Praise at 10.30 am led by Wendy Borgartz; Copford have Holy Communion at 10.30am with Revd Ruth Hatchett.

Barndance in Copford School hall - less than 10 tickets left! Saturday 31st January, 7.30pm. Tickets £20 per person for admission, soft drinks, nibbles & the raffle (adults/16+ only). Contact annewhistler2766@gmail.com

Marriage Preparation Day 2026, takes place this Saturday 31st January in St Luke's Church Hall, Tiptree, from 9.30 am when wedding couples register and have coffee. The sessions begin at 10 am and lunch is at 12.45 pm and churches representatives meet with their couples over lunch. Thank you to all who have been in touch and have offered contributions of food for the buffet lunch. If you would like to contribute, please contact Christine Hall to find out more: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

News from Tiptree Food Bank we would now really appreciate donations of toilet rolls; bottles of squash; soap; long-life milk; jam; long-life fruit; juice; toilet cleaner; washing up liquid; shampoo; cleaning cloths. **These can be taken to:** the donation tub at ASDA, left in the yellow box just inside St Luke's Church 9 am to 4 pm daily, or the Foodbank at the United Reformed Church Thurs 2-4 pm. *Thank you to all who support us.*



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Please remember to bring last years' Palm Crosses back to church for ashing ready for Ash Wednesday, by Sunday 9th February

Messy Church dates for Spring 2026, children with their parents/carers are invited to join us for Messy Church at St Luke's from 3pm to 5.30 pm on Friday 6th February, when our theme is Candlemas. On 6th March our theme is Prayer & Daniel in the lion's den. Details: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Quiz Night Fundraiser, at Layer Marney Tower in aid of Layer Marney Church, Friday 6th February, doors & bar open 6.30 for 7pm. Bring your own picnic, drinks are purchased from the bar (beer, wine & soft drinks). Tables or tickets available; teams for a max. of 8 people & tables for up to 6 people are £35 each, two more tickets can be bought per table at a cost of £10 each. Book early to avoid disappointment using the link: app.tickettailor.com/events/layermarneychurch/2017994 *The Friends of Layer Marney Church.*

Beetle Drive at St Luke's, the Friends of St Luke's have arranged a beetle drive on Saturday 21st February, 2 – 4 pm. Tickets will be £5 each, tea/coffee and biscuits included. Find out more from foslbookings@gmail.com

Parent & Toddler Group at St Luke's is seeking more helpers/leaders to set up before the group begins on Mondays at 9.15am. Volunteers can be from the church or community and are needed for the group to be able to continue into 2027. To find out more please contact Christine Hall thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com or see the churchwardens.

FoSL Coffee Morning bottle Stall, next Christmas the Friends of St Luke's are planning to have a bottle stall. Please pass any donations to Sheila Gunson at church or contact Sandra Redgewell of FoSL foslbookings@gmail.com

Get in Touch – our Contact details:

While we are in vacancy please contact Revd Liz Barnes, Associate Priest - liz_barnes@sky.com Tel: 01621 333027. Day off - Mon

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Days of work: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, available for phone enquiries from 10 am to 12.30 pm on the mobile: 07421 078981 (with voicemail). **Available in St Luke's Church Office on Tuesday mornings by appointment only & Thursdays from 10 am to 12.30 pm.** The office number is 01621 819557 (with voicemail).

St Luke's Hall bookings: Gareth Williams, 01621 818069 hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com



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