

Church Diary for the week Monday 19th to Saturday 24th January

Mon, 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon, 7.30 pm	Bible Study on Zoom
Mon, 2 pm	Friends of St Luke's Committee Meeting, in the 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	Games Afternoon, St Luke's Church Hall Tiptree
Fri, 11.30 am	Funeral of Nina Watts, Three Counties Crematorium

Diary Dates & News

Services elsewhere in our group, this Sunday, 18th January, Layer de la Haye have Holy Communion Service at 10.30 am led by Revd Jo Wood.

Zoom Bible Study we meet this Monday, 19th January, when we will be starting a new series of sessions looking at Paul's letters to the Thessalonians. To take part contact: w.borgartz@btinternet.com

Games Afternoon, Friday 23rd January 2-4 pm, St Luke's Church Hall, Tiptree. £3 for tea and biscuits, all the games you can play and good company!

Team Council Meeting Mon 26th January 7pm, St Luke's Church Hall, Tiptree.

Marriage Preparation Day 2026, this takes place on Saturday 31st January in St Luke's Tiptree Church Hall from 9.30 am when our weddings couples register and have coffee. The sessions begin at 10 am and lunch is at 12.30 pm (TBC). Churches with couples attending are invited to send a representative to meet them around lunchtime, and are asked to contribute towards the buffet lunch. Details have been circulated, if you would like to offer a contribution, please contact 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 everyone who donated last week. Your generosity makes such a difference.*



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Lunch at the New Times, Monday 26th January, 12 noon. Cost: £14.50, just turn up, no need to book. Contact Christine for details: 01621 819166.

Tiptree Housegroups at Jenny & Christine's, we are taking a short break and will reconvene on the first Tuesday of Lent, 24th February at 10 am.

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
Money raised is for Copford Church & The British Heart Foundation.

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

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 our more from fosbookings@gmail.com

Return to regular services at All Saints', Great Braxted: services at the Church will resume on Easter Day, 7th April at 11.15 am.

Looking for something new to do in Tiptree for 2026? two Church Hall Groups are looking for volunteers:

Parent & Toddler Group helpers/leaders from the church or community are needed for the group to be able to continue into 2027. To find our more please contact Christine Hall thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com or see the churchwardens. Please help us if you can.

The Friends of St Luke's (FoSL) needs committee members. FoSL arrange social events for the church and community while fundraising for the care and maintenance of the hall (like re-surfacing the driveway). Contact Sandra to find our more: fosbookings@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

News sheet & Team Administrator, Christine Hall: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com
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).