

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

All Saints, Great Braxted

St Mary, Layer Breton with Birch

All Saints, Inworth

St Luke, Tolleshunt Knights with Tiptree

St Mary, Layer Marney

All Saints, Messing

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



Sunday 21st December 2025, Fourth Sunday of Advent



Today's Services & Readings

Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer

Graham Howlett

Hymns 9, 161, 298, 11

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Rev'd Liz Barnes &

Hymns 140, 194, 463, 505, 497, 535

Harold Toms

4 pm Carol Service

Rev'd Christine Newmarch

All Saints', Great Braxted

11.15 am Carol Service

Rev'd Liz Barnes

special order of service – this is our final service of 2025, do join us

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Parish Communion

Rev'd Michael Hatchett &

Hymns 98, 136, 333, 358

Harold Toms

All Saints', Messing

4.30 pm Carols for Christmas

Anne Wild

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

thurstablewinstreechurches.org

See over page for events & our weekly notices for the coming week

Thursday 25th December 2024, Christmas Day



9 am Holy Communion, at Layer Marney

Hymns 30, 32, 33, 26

Rev'd Christine Newmarch

9.30 am Family Communion, St Luke's, Tiptree

Hymns from carol booklet

Rev'd Liz Barnes

11.15 am Family Communion, All Saints', Inworth

Hymns 357, 283, 34, 199

Rev'd Liz Barnes

9 am Holy Communion, St Mary Easthorpe & 10.30 am Family Communion, St John the Baptist Layer de la Haye

Next Sunday's Services, 28th December 2025 Christmas 1

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Rev'd Ruth Hatchett

Prayer ministry will be offered after the service

St Mary, Layer Breton

10.30 am Joint Communion Service for Christmas & New Year

Led by Rev'd Michael Hatchett

For Christmas Eve & Carol Services, see over page

To Receive the Weekly News Sheet by E-mail please contact the Team

Administrator, Christine Hall: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

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Church Diary for the week, Mon 22nd to Sat 27th December

Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December - please note: there is no 10 am Holy Communion at St Luke's today or on New Year's Day, 1st January. We resume again at 10 am on Thursday 8th January, *all welcome*.

St Luke's Tiptree, regular weekly events after Christmas:

No Morning Prayer over Christmas & New Year (25th December & 1st January) until Thursday January 8th at 9 am. *Join us if you can.*

No Parent & Toddler 22nd & 29th Dec, we return 9.15 am Mon 5th January

Next Bible Study Group on Zoom: Monday 5th January 2026 at 7.30 pm

Tiptree House Groups next meet: Tues 6th Jan, at Jenny and Christine's

Tiptree Food-bank next open: Thursday 8th Jan, 2-4 pm at Tiptree URC

St Luke's Choir Practice resumes: Wednesday 14th January, 7.30 pm

Diary Dates & News

The Ministry Team wish everyone a peaceful Christmas
and a hopeful new year

Services elsewhere in our group, Holy Communion at 10.30 am this Sunday, 21st December, at Layer de la Haye with Revd Christine Newmarch.

Christmas Lunch at the New Times, Monday 22nd December, 12 noon. Still time to sign the list in the lobby if you would like to join us. Cost: £18 for 3 courses & a hot drink. Any queries/to pay your deposit, please contact Revd Christine Eaton or David. 01621 819166 christine.gorringe@btinternet.com

Special Christmas Eve Crib Service at St Mary's Layer Breton, join us at 6.30 pm. With mulled wine & mince pies afterwards – everyone welcome!

St Luke's Christmas Cards sent to the whole congregation are on display on the board in the lobby (*donations have been made instead to church funds*).

Zoom Bible Study we will continue on Monday 5th Jan, looking at Bishop Guli's book 'Listening to the Music of the Soul'. Contact: w.borgartz@btinternet.com

Tiptree Food Bank we are now all fully stocked with our Christmas Treats, regular items from our shopping list always welcome. *Please ensure all contributions are within their best before date.* 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. *Many thanks for your support this year.*



Carol Services 2025

Sunday 21st Dec, 11.15 am at Great Braxted, 4 pm at Tiptree,
4 pm at Layer de la Haye, 4 pm at Easthorpe
& 4.30 pm at Messing

Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December, Carol Service 6.30pm at
All Saints' Church, Inworth

Crib Services, Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December
4 pm at St Luke's Church, Tiptree & 6.30 pm St Mary, Layer Breton

*also at 4 pm St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye &
5 pm St Michael & All Angels, Copford*

Midnight Communion, Wednesday 24th December

11.30 pm All Saints', Messing & 11.30pm St Luke's, Tiptree

also at 11 pm at St Michael & All Angels, Copford

more details on our website: thurstablewinstreechurches.org

News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Christmas Services at Messing: we are delighted to welcome Bishop Roger for our Midnight Communion Service on Christmas Eve at 11.30 pm. There will be no Christmas Morning Service this year, we are invited to join our friends at Inworth, Layer Marney or St Luke's instead. *No service Sunday 28th Dec.*

Office Opening Hours at St Luke's over Christmas and the New Year the office is open 10 am to 12.30 pm on Tuesday 23rd December and then closed over Christmas and the New Year, re-opening on Tuesday 6th January 2026. Wishing you all very Happy Christmas. Christine Hall.

Sunday 11th January – deadline for contributions to **Open Door for Feb/March**, please send these to Martin the Editor: m.borgartz@btinternet.com

Get in Touch – our Contact details:

While we are in vacancy please contact Revd Liz Barnes, Associate Priest -
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Christmas & New Year Office hours: open 10 am to 12.30 am on Tuesday 23rd December then re-opens on Tuesday 6th January. Messages may be sent by email and left on the office number: **01621 819557** (with voicemail) or mobile: **07421 078981**, with contact details for any urgent matters over the holiday.

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



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