

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 28th December 2025, Christmas 1



Today's Services & Readings

Jeremiah 31: 15-17; Psalm 124; 1 Corinthians 1:26-29;
Matthew 2.13-18

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion *Revd Ruth Hatchett*

Hymns 782, 784, 766, 812, 448, 254

Prayer ministry will be offered after the service

St Mary, Layer Breton

10.30 am Joint Communion Service for Christmas & New Year

Led by Revd Michael Hatchett

Hymns 39, 465, 40, 52

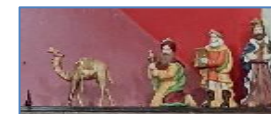
Sunday Morning Resources you can find sermons, readings &
intercessions for this week on the Homepage of our website:

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, 4th January 2026 Epiphany



Today's Services & Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6*; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer

Graham Howlett

Hymns 47, 48, 49, 44

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Family Communion

Revd Christine Newmarch

Hymns 117, 222, 650, 463

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Matins

Harold Toms

Hymns 41, 440, 71, 118

Sunday's Services, 11th January 2026

Baptism of Christ

Holy Communion, 9 am at St Mary's Layer Marney

Café Church, 9.30 am at St Luke's Tiptree

Morning Worship, 11.15 am at All Saints Messing

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

Administrator, Christine Hall: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

*If you are on the mailing list and no longer wish to receive the news sheet, please
let Christine know - we are happy to help.*

Church Diary for the weeks, Mon 29th December to Sat 10th January

New Years' Day, Thursday 1st January - please note: there is no 10 am Holy Communion at St Luke's today, and also no Morning Prayer. Both resume on Thursday January 8th at 9 am. *Join us if you can – everyone welcome.*

Mon 5 th January, 9.15 am	Parent & Toddler resumes, St Luke's Tiptree
Mon 5 th January, 1 pm	Funeral of Roger Traveller, at St Luke's
Mon 5 th January, 7.30 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Tue 6 th January, 10 am	Tiptree House Groups, at Jenny & Christine's
Wed 7 th January, 10 am	Layer Breton Church Pop-up Coffee Shop, open til 11.30 am; & collection for Tiptree Foodbank
Thu 8 th January, 9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Thu 8 th January, 10 am	Holy Communion at St Luke's, followed by coffee at the New Times
Thu 8 th January, 2-4 pm	Tiptree Foodbank open, at the URC Chapel Rd

Diary Dates & News

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

Services elsewhere in our group, we all join together at Layer Breton for Holy Communion on Sunday 28th December at 10.30 am. On Sunday 5th January Layer de la Haye have their All-age Epiphany Service at 10.30 am, with the All-age Team and Revd Jo Wood.

Christmas Newsletter from Anne-Marie to our congregations a copy has been sent out to everyone with this news sheet, if you would like one please contact Christine Hall thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

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

Zoom Bible Study we will resume 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 collecting regular items from our shopping list. *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.*



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Christmas Services at Messing: *please note: no service Sunday 28th December, next service January 11th.*

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

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

Café Church at St Luke's, Sunday 11th January at 9.30 am, we meet together in the hall at tables for a light breakfast, activities and worship.

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

Games Afternoon, Friday 23rd January 2-4 pm, St Luke's Church Hall, Tiptree.

Lunch at the New Times, next one: Monday 26th January, 12 noon. Cost: £14, just turn up, no need to book.

Barndance in Copford School hall, Saturday 31st January, 7.30pm. Tickets are £20 per person includes admission, soft drinks, nibbles & automatic entry into the raffle. Adults/16+ only. Numbers are limited, please email Anne to reserve your ticket annewhistler2766@gmail.com Money raised is for Copford Church & The British Heart Foundation.

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

Get in Touch – our Contact details:

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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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