

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 3rd May 2026

Easter 5

Today's Services & Readings

**Acts 7: 55-end*; Psalm 31. 1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10;
John 14:1-14**

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer *Graham Howlett*

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Family Communion

Led by Revd Christine Newmarch & Wendy Borgartz

Hymns 702, 222, Video: My Jesus, my Saviour; 789

All Saints', Great Braxted

11.15 am Parish Communion *Revd Christine Newmarch*

Hymns 585, 599, 523, 429 *& Wendy Borgartz*

*Join us every first Sunday of the month for Parish Communion at
11.15 am, next one: June 7th*

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Matins *Harold Toms*

Hymns 76, 220, 504, 142

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

thurstablewinstreechurches.org

Please see over page for events & weekly notices for this week

Sunday 10th May 2026

Easter 6, Rogation Sunday

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Café Church meets in the hall *Café Church Team*

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Morning Worship *Anne Wild*

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Sunday 10th May

Rogation Sunday
Walk & Worship

A traditional blessing of fields, gardens, and farmyards.

Our service is led by Revd Jo Wood & Revd Liz Barnes

***Everyone is invited to join the walk along the way, or travel by car
between churches for all or part of our 'Walk & Worship'***

**8.30 am We begin our Rogation Service at St John the Baptist, Layer
de la Haye with a light breakfast (provided*) & a short service.**

* please let Christine Hall know if you plan to join us for breakfast, to allow
for catering thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

We then walk to St Mary, Layer Breton with Birch, for the next part of
the service at **10.30 am** & refreshments

Then we walk to St Mary, Layer Marney, gathering there for the final
part of our service **Rogation Holy Communion at 12 noon**

We finish off with a 'Bring your own' Picnic, drinks will be provided

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Regular Diary Dates for this week, Mon 4th to Sat 9th May

Mon, Bank Holiday – no Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's
Mon, 7.30 pm Bible Study on Zoom '100 Days of Prayer'
Tue, 2 pm St Mary, Layer Breton with Birch APCM
Wed, 10 am Layer Breton Church Pop-up Coffee Shop, open
til 11.30 am; & collection for Tiptree Foodbank
Wed, 7.30 pm Choir Practice, at St Luke's
Thursday, all day: Polling Station at St Luke's, Tiptree
Thu, 9 am Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Thu, 10 am Holy Communion at St Luke's
Thu, 2-4 pm Tiptree Foodbank open at the URC, Chapel Road
Sat, 1 pm Wedding of Daniel Page & Sara Carew, at St Mary's
Layer Breton

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere this Sunday, 3rd May, 10.30 am at Layer de la Haye, All-age Service with Revd Jo Wood. On Thursdays Layer de la Haye have Morning Prayer at 9.15 am. Everyone welcome.

A message from Pat Southwood: thank you everyone for your kind thoughts and prayers, they have been a great comfort to me and the family, And a big thankyou to all those of you who helped make Brian's farewell a fitting recognition of his life, Pat.

Open Door Magazine for June & July

the deadline for items to include in the next issue is this Sunday, 3rd May.

Please send these to m.borgartz@btinternet.com

Bible Study on Zoom, this Monday 4th May, we are doing the 100 days of prayer from the Diocese. If you would like to join us, please contact Wendy: w.borgartz@btinternet.com

Tiptree Food Bank last week we helped a number of vulnerable people and families and are now particularly short of: long-life milk, long-life fruit juice, baked beans, tinned meat, tinned fish, washing up liquid and washing detergent. These may be taken to: the donation tub at ASDA, placed in the yellow box inside St Luke's Church (open 9 am to 4 pm daily) & the Foodbank at the United Reformed Church, Thursdays 2-4 pm. *Thank you.*



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

APCM & AMP Dates in the Heathland Parishes

Tuesday 5th May, Layer Breton with Birch at 2pm

Sunday 17th May, Tiptree & Great Braxted at 11 am

Tuesday 19th May, Layer Marney APCM, AMP & PCC at 7.30pm in the church

Application forms for St Luke's APCM (Electoral Roll, PCC, Churchwarden & Deanery Synod) available from Ian Calvert on Sundays and Christine Hall
thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Café Church, 9.30 am at St Luke's Tiptree Sunday, May 10th

we meet together in the hall for a light breakfast, activities & worship

Our theme this time is Christian Aid week, which runs from 10th to 16th May

Ascension Day Service the Waterside Parishes invite us to join them at St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye on Thursday 14th May at 7.30 pm for a short service of Holy Communion. This will be followed by refreshments, an opportunity to catch up as well as share worship together on Ascension Day.

Lunch at the New Times, Tiptree our lunches are on the fourth Monday of the month, next one 25th May at 12 pm. We hope you can join us. Great value - £14.50 for two courses & a hot drink. Enquiries to Revd Christine Eaton, 01621 819166 christine.gorringe@btinternet.com

Messy Church Summer Term dates, children with their parents/carers are invited to join us for Messy Church at St Luke's in the hall on Friday 5th June & 3rd July. Get in touch to find out more: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Raffle Prizes and Christmas Bottle Tombola, the Friends of St Luke's are collecting contributions for either of these. Donations to Sheila Gunson, at St Luke's, Sandra Redgewell foslbookings@gmail.com or in the church office.

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



Find us on Facebook: St Mary the Virgin Layer Marney, St Luke's Church Tiptree and St Luke's Tiptree Church Hall all have Facebook pages.