

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 7th December 2025, Second Sunday of Advent



Today's Services & Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer

Graham Howlett

Hymns 5, 15, 500, 10

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Family Communion

Revd Christine Newmarch

Hymns How Great is our God, Kyrie, Everlasting God, 506, 537,
King of Kings (Majesty)

4 pm Christingle Service

Wendy Borgartz

See special order of service

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Matins

Harold Toms

Hymns 196, 489, 520, 334



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 & our weekly notices for the coming week

Next Sunday's Services, 14th December 2025 Third Sunday of Advent

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion

Revd Liz Barnes

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Archdeacon Ruth

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Morning Worship

Anne Wild

Lead-up to Christmas services 2025

*Nativity at St Mary Layer Marney and in
the Barn at Layer Marney Tower,
Wednesday 17th December at 5.30 pm*



*Carols in the Crown, at Messing, Wednesday 17th December at 7 pm -
everyone welcome!*

For Carol Services, please see over page

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 week, Mon 8th to Sat 13th December

Tue	10 am	Tiptree House Groups meet at Jenny and Christine's
Tue	2 pm	Friends of St Luke's Committee, meets in the hall
Wed	10 am	Coffee Morning, at Messing Village Hall. Tea, coffee, cake & chat. Come along! <i>Donations to church funds</i>
Wed	2.30 pm	Funeral of Eileen Tubbs at St Luke's, Tiptree
Fri	5 pm	Baynards School Carol Concert, at St Luke's
Sat	7.30 pm	Tiptree Sings Winter Concert at St Luke's, Tiptree, with farewell to Martyn

St Luke's Tiptree, regular weekly events:

Morning Prayer, 9 am on Thursdays – everyone welcome, please join us

Mon 9.15 am Parent & Toddler; Mon 7.30 pm Bible Study on Zoom;
Wed 7.30 pm St Luke's Choir Practice; Thur 10 am Holy Communion, followed by coffee at The New Times; Thur 2-4 pm Tiptree Food-bank open at Tiptree URC, Chapel Road

Diary Dates & News

Services elsewhere in our group, Layer de la Haye have their Christingle Service this Sunday 10.30 am, with the Family Service Team & Revd Michael Hatchett. Bring your gifts for the children of the charity 'HomeStart'.

Advent Bible Study Group on Zoom, Mondays at 7.30 pm, we are looking at Bishop Guli's book 'Listening to the Music of the Soul'. If you are interested in joining us please contact Wendy Borgartz w.borgartz@btinternet.com

Christmas Concert at St Mary's Easthorpe, this Sunday 7th December, 4 pm with The Seventh Day Adventist Music Group. Traditional & contemporary songs. Entry & refreshments free of charge, donations gratefully received to help us keep the doors at Easthorpe Church open. *Thank you for your support.*

Christmas Tree Festival, at St Mary's Kelvedon, continues this Sunday 7th December, 11 am to 5 pm with a closing service at 5 pm.

Tiptree Food Bank contributions of Christmas Treats needed: tinned salmon, tinned ham, savoury snacks, hot chocolate, mince pies, Christmas cake, fancy biscuits, chocolates/selection packs, jam/chutney by Thursday 18th December at latest. *All items should have a best before date of at least the end of Dec and must not contain any alcohol.* **Contributions can be taken to:** the donation tub at ASDA, 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.



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Carol Services 2025

Sunday 21st December, 11.15 am at Great Braxted
(our final service of 2025, do join us)

Sunday 21st December, 4 pm at Layer de la Haye

Sunday 21st December, 4 pm at Tiptree

Sunday 21st December, 4.30 pm at Messing

Wednesday 24th December, 6.30 pm at Inworth

Look out for details on our website: thurstablewinstreechurches.org

'Carols in the Crown', at Messing, Wednesday 17th December at 7 pm. Church members and Friends of Messing Church will be there and dressed as far as possible in Victorian-style clothes to lead the singing. We hope you will join us, we reinstated this tradition last year and it was great fun!

Parish Communion with Archdeacon Ruth,

Sunday 14th December at St Luke's, 9.30 am - Everyone welcome

Read the December/January issue of Open Door, copies now available in church at Tiptree, Inworth, Messing and Great Braxted or read it on-line here: www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk/opendoor.html

St Luke's Congregational Christmas Card Board is now available to receive your cards in the lobby, donations to church funds are welcome in return.

St Luke's Christmas Trees, in the church this year is a Tree of Remembrance provided by Eustace King & Birkin for Advent and Christmas for anyone wishing to place a star on it in memory of a loved-one. The Church Christmas Tree this year is kindly donated by Wilkin & Sons, as part of their community outreach to the village.

Get in Touch – our Contact details:

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