

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 10th May 2026
Easter 6, Rogation Sunday



Today's Services & Readings

Acts 17:22-31*; Psalm 66.7-end; 1 Peter 3:13-end; John 14:15-21

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*

Rogation Sunday Walk & Worship the service is led by Revd Jo Wood & Revd Liz Barnes.

Anyone unable to walk may like to join us by car for the church services & refreshments along the way.

8.30 am We begin our Rogation Service at **St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye** with a light breakfast

We then walk to **St Mary, Layer Breton with Birch**, for the next part of the service at **10.30 am** followed by 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, with drinks provided

Please see over page for events & notices for this week

Sunday 17th May 2026
Sunday after Ascension

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer *Graham Howlett*

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion *Revd Liz Barnes & Harold Toms*

11 am APCM

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Holy Communion *Revd Michael Hatchett*

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

Find out about the weekday opening times of our Heathland Churches for visiting & private prayer from our website, see the drop-down menu 'Our Churches': thurstablewinstreechurches.org

To Receive the Weekly News Sheet by E-mail please contact Christine Hall the Team Administrator: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com
If you are on the mailing list and no longer wish to receive the news sheet, please contact Christine.

Regular Diary Dates for this week, Mon 11th to Sat 18th May

Mon, 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon, 7.30 pm	Bible Study on Zoom '100 Days of Prayer'
Tue, 2 pm	New Benefice Ministry Team Meeting, Kelvedon
Wed, 10.15 am	Coffee Morning, at Messing Village Hall. Tea, coffee, cake & chat. Come along! <i>Donations to church funds</i>
Wed, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice, at St Luke's
Thu, 9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Thu, 10 am	Holy Communion at St Luke's
Thu, 7.30 pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion, at Layer de la Haye, for all in the benefice, followed by refreshments
Thu, 2-4 pm	Tiptree Foodbank open at the URC, Chapel Road
Fri, 9.15 am	Church Visit, by St Luke's School

Diary Dates & News

Christian Aid Week, Sunday 10th to Saturday 16th May

Services & Events elsewhere this Sunday, 10th May, Rogation Sunday Walk & Worship – see services for this Sunday. All-age service, 11 am at Copford led by Revd Ruth Hatchett. Thursday: Morning Prayer 9.15 am at Layer de la Haye. *Everyone welcome.*

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

Monday Bible Study on Zoom, if you would like to join us as we follow the Diocese's *100 days of prayer*, contact Wendy: w.borgartz@btinternet.com

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

Tiptree Food Bank as well as our usual list of items we are especially in need 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 for helping us support people locally.*



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

APCM & AMP Dates in the Heathland Parishes

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 are available from Ian Calvert on Sundays and Christine Hall thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Leading your Church into Growth 2026 the Diocese have announced a series of LyCiG conferences taking place this year. This is a chance to experience collaborative team training, like no other! The sessions for our area are on the 17 & 18th October at The Salvation Army Chelmsford Citadel, 70 Baddow Rd, Chelmsford CM2 0DD. If you would be interested in being part of a group attending this from our church (or churches), please get in touch with Christine Hall thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com Once a team of at least 5 people is assembled, tickets can be booked; there is a cost of £15 for the two days per person, it is hoped that PCCs may help to cover this.

Lunch at the New Times, Tiptree we next meet 25th May at 12 pm (4th Monday of the month). It's great value - £14.50 for 2 courses & a hot drink. Find out more from Revd Christine Eaton, 01621 819166 christine.gorringe@btinternet.com

The Andy Brush Jazz Quintet, return to St Luke's Hall on Saturday 13th June with vocalist Jessica Sillett, doors open 7 for 7.45 pm. Tickets are £15 from 'The Computer Guys' in Tiptree or from Andy Brush. Proceeds are in aid of FoSL, who are providing refreshments in the interval for a donation, and also a raffle.

Come & Sing Choral Evensong, for Music Sunday 14th June at St Luke's, Tiptree. Choir workshop 3 – 5 pm, or join the service at 6 pm. *Details next week.*

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, 07857 632603 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.

Also see our friends in the churches of Layer de la Haye, Copford, Easthorpe & Kelvedon