

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

All Saints, Great Braxted

St Luke, Tolleshunt Knights with Tiptree

St Mary, Layer Breton with Birch

St Mary, Layer Marney

All Saints, Inworth

All Saints, Messing

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



Sunday 11th October 2026
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services & Readings

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106.1-6, 19-23;

Philippians 4:1-9*; Matthew 22:1-14

**Harvest Festival: Deut 8:7-18; Psalm 65;
2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19**

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion

Led by Revd Christine Newmarch

6pm Harvest Festival Archdeacon Ruth

followed by shared supper at The Tower – details over page

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion Revd Liz Barnes

Hymns 822, 445, 515, 166, 398, 273

11.30 am Baptism of Chester Swanson

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Harvest Festival Anne Wild

Harvest gifts may be brought to church ahead of the service

Sunday Morning Resources you can find sermons, readings & intercessions for this week as well as opening times for our churches here: thurstablewinstreechurches.org

Please see over page for events & notices for the coming weeks



Sunday 18th October 2026
Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer

Graham Howlett

St Luke's, Tiptree Luke the Evangelist

9.30 am Parish Communion with 170th Celebration

led by Archdeacon Ruth, and followed by the cutting of the special cake in the hall

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Parish Communion

Revd Liz Barnes

Harvest Festivals in the Heathland Parishes 2026

11.15 am All Saints' Messing

(bring harvest gifts beforehand or on Sunday)

Sunday 11th October

6 pm St Mary Layer Marney, followed by a shared Supper

Harvest Gifts are for the Foodbank this year – items from their shopping list are all welcome. Thank you.

To Receive the Weekly News Sheet by E-mail please contact Christine Hall the Team Administrator: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

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Photo: Inworth Church, from across the fields at Messing, by Kate Jackson

Regular Diary Dates for this week, Monday 12th to Sat 17th October

Mon 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon 2.30 pm	Friends of St Luke's Committee, in the church office
Mon 7.30 pm	No Bible Study this or next week, next one: 17 th October
Tue 11.30 am	Funeral of Pat Beech at Messing
Tue 2 pm	Funeral of Alan Salmon at St Luke's Tiptree
Tue 7.30pm	Pilgrim Course (session 4) at St Peter's Great Totham
Wed, 10.15 am	Coffee Morning, at Messing Village Hall. Tea, coffee, cake & chat. <i>Come along and join us!</i>
Thu 9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Thu 10 am	Holy Communion at St Luke's <i>join us for coffee at The New Times afterwards</i>
Thu 2-4 pm	Tiptree Foodbank open, URC Chapel Road
Thu 7.30 pm	St Luke's Ladies Group, Charity Night in the hall
Sat 2 pm	Wedding of Alex & Sophie, at Layer Marney

St Luke's 170th Anniversary Weekend, 16th to 18th October

Concert by KYDS music & drama group, 7.30 pm Friday 16th October. To book see poster QR code (+ booking fee), or £10 adults & £7 for under 18s at the door

Coffee Morning, History Display & Talk about St Luke's, free to enter
10 am to 1 pm Saturday 17th October in the hall;

11 am Local Historian Elaine Bamford will give her talk in the Church

Concert by Vocalise Saturday 17th October, 7.30 pm in the Church.

Concert tickets £10, available from Don Tyler Opticians & at the door

Anniversary Morning Worship with Archdeacon Ruth, 9.30 am Sunday, 18th October, followed by tea/coffee & the cutting of the Celebratory Cake in the hall, and a final chance to see the history display. *We hope you will join us.*

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere, Sunday 11th October Holy Communion, 10.30 am, Layer de la Haye Revd Andrew Vince; Harvest Festival All-age Worship 11 am Copford; Revd Michael Hatchett is leading Gt Totham Harvest worship & Revd Christine Newmarch is at Kelvedon. *Everyone welcome.*

Layer Marney Harvest Festival Service & Shared Supper this Sunday 11th October at 6 pm. Everyone is invited from all parishes, our service is led by Archdeacon Ruth and followed by our Shared Supper. Please let us know if you would like to come and what food you are able to bring (sweet, savoury or salad); call Marney Tower: 01206 330784. *Please bring own drinks.*

Tiptree Food Bank – all items on our shopping list are much appreciated this week. Donations can be left in the tub by the



checkouts at Asda, in the yellow box just inside the door of St Luke's Church or can be brought to Tiptree United Reformed Church in Chapel Road, 2-4pm on Thursdays. *Thank you for your generosity and support.*

News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Frank & Family, express their sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way at the Celebration & Thanksgiving for Ruth on Monday at St Luke's.

Saying Goodbye Service, Tuesday 13th October, 7pm at Chelmsford Cathedral. This is an annual family service for anyone affected by the loss of a baby at any stage however long ago, whether personally, as a supporting family member/friend, or if grieving for not having children. www.sayinggoodbye.org

Zoom Bible Study, next meet on 19th October at 7.30 pm, using 'Walking Backwards to Advent', to join contact Wendy: w.borgartz@btinternet.com

Preparation for Confirmation meetings are planned for Tuesdays, 5.30 pm, at St Luke's. More details from Revd Jo Wood or Wendy Borgartz.

Raffle Prizes for FoSL events at St Luke's, any contributions can be passed to Sheila Gunson at church or Christine Hall in the Church Office. *Thank you.*

Diary Dates for early November:

Service to Remember those we have lost in the past year,

4 pm, Sunday 1st November at St Luke's

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed at Holy Communion,

10 am, Thursday 5th November at St Luke's

Remembrance Sunday, falls on 8th November when services will be held in our churches and villages

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