

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 13th September 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services & Readings

Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13;

Romans 14:1-12*; Matthew 18:21-35



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St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion *Revd Christine Newmarch*

We hope you will join us afterwards for refreshments

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Café Church *Café Church Team*

We meet up in the hall for a light breakfast and informal worship and children's activities. An opportunity to chat too.

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Morning Worship *Anne Wild*

Also this This Sunday, at Chelmsford Cathedral
Penny Adams of our Blackwater Benefice will be Ordained Deacon
at 11 am by Bishop Guli.

We are asked to pray for Penny as she begins her curacy in the Heymaldon churches, and all who are to be ordained on Sunday.

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 week

Sunday 20th September 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer

Graham Howlett

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Revd Liz Barnes & Harold Toms

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Parish Communion

Revd Michael Hatchett

Harvest Festivals in the Heathland Parishes 2026

Sunday 4th October

9.30 am St Luke's, Tiptree

11.15 am All Saints' Gt Braxted

11.15 am All Saints' Inworth

Sunday 11th October

6 pm St Mary Layer Marney

11.15 am All Saints' Messing

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
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 14th to Sat 19th September

Mon, 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon, 7.30 pm	Bible Study on Zoom on <i>The Covenants</i> , to join us please contact w.borgartz@btinternet.com
Tue, 11.30 am	Layer Marney Community Hub, at the Church. Drop in stay a while, chat. Tea and Coffee available.
Thu, 9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Thu, 10 am	Holy Communion at St Luke's Join us afterwards for coffee at <i>The New Times</i> , Maldon Road
Thu, 2 pm	Funeral of Sarah Rosetta Pannett at St Luke's
Thu, 2-4 pm	Tiptree Foodbank open at the URC, Chapel Road
Sat, 7 pm	Concert, with organist Stephen Hogger, Layer Marney

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere, Sunday 13th September Morning Praise, 10.30 am at Layer de la Haye, with Nick Clarke. All-age Worship with Baptism, 11 am at Copford led by Revd Canon Simon Garwood. Also in the Benefice Revd Christine Newmarch is at Kelvedon at 11 am, Revd Michael Hatchett is at Goldhanger 9.30 am & Revd Ruth Hatchett is at Gt Totham at 10 am. *Everyone is welcome to our services across the Benefice.*

Organ Recital by Stephen Hogger at St Mary Layer Marney, 7 pm, this Saturday 19th September. Free entry - there will be light refreshments with a retiring collection in aid of the church. Find out more from: Revd Julia Russell Grant revjulia.jrg@googlemail.com *Do come and enjoy a lovely evening of music!*

Harvest Festival Lunch, St Luke's & Gt Braxted, Sunday 4th October after our Harvest Service and coffee at 12 pm. Harvest lunch will be our usual buffet, a list of ideas of food to bring is detailed on the sign-up sheet in the lobby. Any queries, please contact Christine Eaton 079611 29422. Offers of help with setting up/clearing away will be much appreciated. *Join us and share fellowship as we celebrate Harvest Festival together.*

Tiptree Food Bank – thank you all for your donations last week. This week
all items on our shopping list will much appreciated, e.g.: pasta/rice, tinned vegetables, breakfast cereal, tinned tuna, jam, teabags, toiletries & washing detergent. Donations can be left in the donation tub by the checkouts at Asda, in the yellow box just inside the door of St Luke's Church or brought to Tiptree United Reformed Church in Chapel Road, 2-4pm on Thursdays. *Thank you for your generosity it is appreciated.*



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives: Exploring Life as God's Pilgrim People hosted by our wider Blackwater Benefice - a five week reflective journey exploring the early English Saints and what it means to live life as God's Pilgrim People today. Tuesday evenings from 7.30-9pm, beginning 15th September at Copford Church. Attend sessions as a one-off, or do the complete set. kandfchurches@gmail.com

Dance Through the Decades Music Night with DJ Mick Boot, Saturday 26th September, 7.30 pm in the hall at St Luke's Church, Tiptree, CO5 0SU. Tickets are £12 from foslbookings@gmail.com or Don Tyler Opticians in the village. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. **Next Diary Date: Quiz Night**, Saturday 3rd October, 7 for 7.30 pm, in the hall. *Friends of St Luke's Fundraisers for the hall (FoSL).*

St Luke's 170th Anniversary Weekend,

16th to 18th October 2026

Concert by KYDS music & drama group, 7.30 pm Friday 16th October
Coffee Morning*, History Display & Talk about St Luke's, 10 am to 1 pm
Saturday 17th October in the hall, with a Talk* by Local Historian Elaine
Bamford in the Church **both events free to enter*

Concert by Vocalise Saturday 17th October, 7.30 pm in the Church.
Concert tickets £10 each, available from Don Tyler Opticians & at the door
Anniversary Morning Worship with Archdeacon Ruth, Sunday, 18th
October at 9.30 am, 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.

Get in Touch with us – Contact Details:

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Days of work: usually Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, available for phone enquiries from 10 am to 12.30 pm on the mobile: 07421 078981 (with voicemail). Available in St Luke's Church Office from 10 am to 12.30 pm on Tuesday mornings (by appointment only) & Thursdays. The office number is 01621 819557 (with voicemail).

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 look out for the nearby churches of Layer de la Haye, Copford, Easthorpe & Kelvedon