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

The Thurstable & Winstree Team Ministry

Sunday 15th November 2026
Second Sunday before Advent



Today's Services & Readings
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90. 1-8, 12;
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*; Matthew 25:14-30

St Mary, Layer Marney
9 am **Morning Prayer** *Graham Howlett*

St Luke's, Tiptree
9.30 am **Parish Communion** *Revd Liz Barnes*
Hymns **248, 299, 79, 465, 688, 232** *& Harold Toms*

All Saints', Inworth
11.15 am Parish Communion *Revd Michael Hatchett*
Hymns **15, 464, 52, 164**

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

Photo this week:
A picture of St Luke's All Saints Chapel Altar (through the window)

Sunday 22nd November 2026
Christ the King

St Mary, Layer Marney
9 am **Holy Communion** *Revd Liz Barnes*

St Luke's, Tiptree
9.30 am **Parish Communion** *Revd Christine Newmarch & Sue Lyne*

Prayer ministry will be offered after the service

All Saints', Messing
11.15 am Parish Communion *Revd Christine Newmarch & Sue Lyne*

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Advent Sunday Carol Service with Holy Communion
Sunday 29th November, 9.30 am at St Luke's Tiptree
our service is led by Revd Liz Barnes
this is a fifth Sunday Benefice Service for the Heathland Parishes
Friends from all churches are welcome to join us

To Receive the Weekly News Sheet by E-mail please contact Christine Hall the Team Administrator: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com
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We are The Heathland Parishes, part of the new larger Blackwater Benefice with the Waterside, Beacon and Roman Road Parishes.

Regular Diary Dates for this week, Mon 16th to Sat 21st November

Mon 9.15 am	**Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall. Please note: no group next week, 23rd November.**
Mon, 7.30 pm	**Bible Study on Zoom *Walking backwards to Advent to join us contact Wendy link:* w.borgartz@btinternet.com**
Tue, 1 pm	**Funeral of Graham Chislett, St Luke's**
Tue, 7.30 pm	**Layer Marney PCC meeting, in the church**
Thu 9 am	**Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree**
Thu 10 am	**Holy Communion at St Luke's** *join us for coffee at The New Times afterwards*
Thu, 10 am	**Layer Marney Art Club, meets in the church**
Thu 2-4 pm	**Tiptree Foodbank open, at the URC in Chapel Road**
Thu 7.30 pm	**St Luke's Ladies Group, meet in the hall** *with entertainment by singer: Lorraine Ely*
Fri, 1 pm	**Wedding of Jake Ferguson & Billie Woodman, Gt Braxted**
Fri, 6.30 pm	**Music Quiz Night at Easthorpe**

Diary Dates & News

Services elsewhere, Sunday 15th November: Morning Praise is led by the local team, 10.30 am at Layer de la Haye; Holy Communion, 11 am at Copford. Elsewhere, Revd Michael Hatchett is leading worship at Goldhanger at 9.30 am. *Everyone is welcome to our services across the Benefice.*

St Mary's Easthorpe Fundraising Music Quiz – Friday, 20th November 6.30 pm with DJ Marky Mark; Teams of six or we will find you a team. Cost £6 per person (£10 to join the Additional Music Bingo); bring your own drinks & nibbles. To book contact Matt (07501 886405) or Sarah (07979 157838).

Christmas Shoebox Appeal, Tiptree thank you to all of who have contributed in any way to the Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoe box appeal. We collected **twenty five** complete shoe boxes, with extra gifts that can be added to existing boxes or combined to make up new ones. The City youth group will check the boxes before they start on their journey to reach children in need all over the world. Thank you for sharing God's love in this way. *Penni Vigar.*

Tiptree Food Bank – all items on our shopping list will be much appreciated. 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.

News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Dates this term for St Luke's Parent & Toddlers, our last session before Christmas will be on Monday 14th December. Please note: we are also closed on 23rd November.

Christmas Lunch at the New Times, Tiptree – Correction! please note: this is on Monday December 21st – to book or find out more contact Revd Christine Eaton, 01621 819166 christine.gorringe@btinternet.com **Our next regular lunch is on Mon 23rd November**, at 12 noon, cost: £15.50 for 2 courses & a hot drink.

Friends of Messing Church AGM, Wednesday 25th November at 7 pm, with wine & nibbles. Anyone interested in finding out more is welcome to come along and join us.

Raffle Prizes & bottle tombola items for the FoSL Christmas Coffee Morning at St Luke's, any contributions can be passed to Sheila Gunson at church or Christine Hall in the Church Office. *Thank you.*

Parent and Toddler Group, St Luke's - help needed! we would love to welcome some extra helpers for our group, whether occasionally to cover for staff holidays/absence or on a regular basis. Please speak to Wendy Borgartz or myself if you would like to find out more. Thank you, *Penni Vigar.*

Safeguarding Audit of our Diocese by ineque, please remember to complete your survey by 1st Sun December. ineqe.com/churchofengland/chelmsford/

Messing Church Christmas Light switch on, Sunday 29th November at 4.45 pm. With music from the Harmonettes and festive refreshments.

Roman Road Churches Advent Carol Service, Sunday 29th November, 4 pm at Copford Church, with Cantus Firmus Choir. *A service of music & words reflecting on the themes of Advent. Everyone welcome.*

Get in Touch with us – Contact Details:

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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.