

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026, Sunday Next before Lent

### Today's Services & Readings

**Exodus 24: 12-18; Psalm 2; Peter 1: 16- 21\* Matthew 17: 1-9**

#### St Mary, Layer Marney

**9 am Morning Prayer** *Graham Howlett*

**Hymns 234, 509, 343, 377**

**3 pm Celebration of Marriage Service** *Revd Liz Barnes*

*For catering please get in touch if you are hoping to be here:*

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#### St Luke's, Tiptree

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

**Hymns 105, 15, 88, 775, 600, 349** *Harold Toms*

#### All Saints', Inworth

**11.15 am Holy Communion** *Revd Michael Hatchett*

**Hymns 82, 14, 70, 242**

**Sunday Morning Resources** you can find sermons, readings & intercessions for this week on the Homepage of our website, as well as our church weekday opening times: [thurstablewinstreechurches.org](http://thurstablewinstreechurches.org)

**Please see over page for events & weekly notices for this week**

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## Ash Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February

### St Mary, Layer Breton, Heathland Parishes

**7.30 pm Holy Communion** *Revd Liz Barnes*

*& Revd Christine Newmarch*

*Everyone is invited to join us, from all of our churches.*



**We are also able to join The Waterside Parishes for their Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday, 10 am at St Nicholas, Tolleshunt D'Arcy** *led by Revd Jo Wood*

**For those who are unable to attend** there will be an opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes after the 10 am Holy Communion Service at St Luke's on Thursday morning.

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## Next Sunday's Services, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

### First Sunday in Lent

#### St Mary, Layer Marney

**9 am Holy Communion** *Revd Christine Newmarch*

#### St Luke's, Tiptree

**9.30 am Parish Communion** *Revd Liz Barnes & Wendy Borgartz*

#### All Saints', Messing

**11.15 am Parish Communion** *Revd Liz Barnes & Wendy Borgartz*

**The Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal 2026**, is raising funds to support climate resilience in our linked dioceses in Kenya, [www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/our-faith-in-action/the-bishop-of-chelmsfords-lent-appeal-2026](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/our-faith-in-action/the-bishop-of-chelmsfords-lent-appeal-2026)

## Church Diary for the week Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Mon, 9.15 am Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall

Mon, 1 pm Lent Course at The Lighthouse Café, Tollesbury

Mon, please note: No Bible Study on Zoom (during Lent)

Tue, 10.40 am St Luke's School Worship, in the church

Ash Wednesday Services of Holy Communion:

10 am at Tolleshunt D'Arcy & 7.30 pm at Layer Breton

Thu, 9 am Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree

Thu, 10 am Holy Communion (imposition of ashes) at St Luke's, Followed by coffee at the New Times – *people from all churches welcome*

Thu, 2-4 pm Tiptree Foodbank open at the URC, Chapel Road

Thu, 7.30 pm St Luke's Ladies Group, talk by Alan Wiltshire

Fri, 1 pm Funeral of Terence Horsfall, at St Luke's

Sat, 2-4 pm Beetle Drive, at St Luke's. Tickets £5 from [foslbookings@gmail.com](mailto:foslbookings@gmail.com) includes tea/coffee & biscuits

## Diary Dates & News

This Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, we are delighted to welcome back wedding couples, blessing couples and their families to join us for our **Celebration of Marriage Service & afternoon tea at St Mary's Church, Layer Marney**

**Services & Events elsewhere in our group**, this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, Layer de la Haye have Morning Praise at 10.30 am led by Tim Whitfield. St Mary Easthorpe, have their Pancake Lunch this Sunday at 12.30 pm. Bookings now closed, details from Sue: 01206 211294.

**Bible Study on Zoom**, we have now paused while we take a break and join the Lent Course, returning on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to take part when we return, please contact [w.borgartz@btinternet.com](mailto:w.borgartz@btinternet.com)

**St Mary's Easthorpe, Coffee Morning** third Thursday of the month, 19<sup>th</sup> February, at the new time of 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

**Tiptree Food Bank** we are in need of donations of tinned potatoes, Custard (tins/cartons/packets), Long-life fruit juice, Pasta sauce, Coffee, Baked beans, Laundry powder/liquid. **These may be taken to:** the donation tub at ASDA, left 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.



## News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

### Lent Courses in our Blackwater Benefice - open to all:

**The 'Resurrection Journeys' is the theme for the Waterside Parishes**, beginning this Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 1-3pm at The Lighthouse Café, Tollesbury CM9 8QE. Using resources provided with Bishop Guli's '100 Days of Prayer', this is preparing for a conversation in the autumn about how we sustain Ministry in the Diocese of Chelmsford

[www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/travelling-well-together/travelling-well-together-sustaining-ministry#Prayer](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/travelling-well-together/travelling-well-together-sustaining-ministry#Prayer)

**'Christ and the Chocolaterie' is the theme for the Heathland Parishes** the course is by Hilary Brand, based on the film 'Chocolat', which will be shown in full on the first of the Tuesday meetings, which begin on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February/Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February for five weeks. All are welcome to join us for any or all of these; attendance is free. There is no need to book for Tuesdays, but please let us know if you will be there for the Thursday lunches by contacting Liz Dingle: [emdingle@aol.com](mailto:emdingle@aol.com)

**Games Afternoon**, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2-4 pm, St Luke's Church Hall, Tiptree. £3 for tea and biscuits, all sort of games and good company!

**Return to regular services at All Saints', Great Braxted**: services at the Church will resume on Easter Day, 7<sup>th</sup> April at 11.15 am and then be on every first Sunday of the month.

**Confirmation** if you are interested in finding out about making your personal commitment to follow Christ, please see Revd Liz Barnes, Revd Christine Newmarch or anyone on the Ministry team. There will be a short course to prepare for confirmation, where we find out what is involved in being a disciple of Christ, and there will be a service later in the year.

### Get in Touch – our Contact details:

While we are in vacancy please contact Revd Liz Barnes, Associate Priest -

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Days of work: 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** on Tuesday mornings by appointment only & Thursdays from 10 am to 12.30 pm. The office number is 01621 819557 (with voicemail).

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