

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



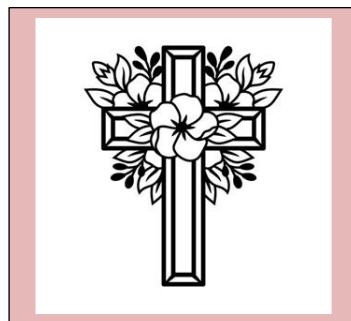
Sunday 18th October 2026
Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services & Readings

Exodus 33:12-end; Psalm 99;

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*;

Matthew 22:15-22



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

Hymns 635, 645, 487, 842, 420, 192 *Archdeacon Ruth*

See special order of service, with readings for St Luke.

Join us in the hall afterwards for coffee & cutting of the cake

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Parish Communion

Revd Liz Barnes

Hymns 94, 442, 182, 372

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

You can also find out about the weekday opening times of our churches for visiting & private prayer - see the drop-down menu 'Our Churches':

thurstablewinstreechurches.org

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

Sunday 25th October 2026
Bible Sunday

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

Prayer ministry will be offered after the service

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Parish Communion

Revd Liz Barnes & Wendy Borgartz

Café Church, 9.30 am at St Luke's Tiptree

Sunday 8th November

we meet together in the hall for a light breakfast and informal worship, with an opportunity to chat & activities for children

We are The Heathland Parishes, part of the new larger Blackwater Benefice with the Waterside, Beacon and Roman Road Parishes.

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, Monday 19th to Sat 24th October

Mon 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon 3 pm	Layer Marney PCC meeting with the DAC, in the church
Mon, 7.30 pm	Bible Study on Zoom: Walking backwards to Advent. <i>To join us contact Wendy: w.borgartz@btinternet.com</i>
Tue, 11.30 am	Layer Marney Drop-in at the Church Community Hub
Tue 1.30 pm	St Luke's School Harvest Festival in the church
Tue 7.30pm	Pilgrim Course (Session 5) at All Saints, Messing
Wed 2.30 pm	St Luke's School Harvest Service for Parents in the church
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, 10 am	Layer Marney Art Club, in the church
Thu 2-4 pm	Tiptree Foodbank open, URC Chapel Road
Fri 2-4 pm	Games Afternoon in St Luke's Hall – FoSL, £3 entry

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere, Sunday 18th October Morning Praise is led by Wendy Borgartz & Team, 10.30 am at Layer de la Haye. Revd Michael Hatchett will lead worship at Goldhanger at 9.30 am. *Everyone welcome.*

St Luke's 170th Anniversary Worship

9.30 am Sunday 18th October

Our service is led by Archdeacon Ruth, with dedication of our new banner. This is followed by tea/coffee & cutting of the Celebratory Cake in the hall (kindly donated by Sarah York Cakes).

Plus, a final chance to see the history display.

We hope you will join us.

Harvest Gifts, a Thank You from the Foodbank, we would like to thank the church community for their generous donations to the foodbank in thanks-giving for harvest this year. Our shelves are already much more well-stocked than in recent months. *With best wishes, Ruth - Lead Volunteer Tiptree Churches Foodbank (a satellite of Colchester Foodbank working with Trussell).*

Tiptree Food Bank – all items on our shopping list are welcome

this week. As usual 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

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

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal, instruction leaflets are available at St Luke's along with shoeboxes to assemble. If you would like to contribute individual items, we have a plastic collection box at the back of the Church e.g. for toys, stationery & personal care items (no liquids please). Completed Shoeboxes need to be brought to church by 8th November. *Thank you for your support. Penni Vigar.*

Lunch at the New Times, Tiptree we next meet up on Monday 26th October at 12 pm, cost: £15.50 for 2 courses & a hot drink. **Please note: our Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday December 23rd** – to book or find out more contact Revd Christine Eaton, 01621 819166 christine.gorringe@btinternet.com

Diary Dates for early November:

Sunday 1st November, All Saints' Inworth Patronal Festival

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

3 pm, Sunday 1st November at St Luke's Tiptree

followed by refreshments in the hall

Deanery Confirmation Service, at St Nicolas' Witham, Monday 2nd November.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed at Holy Communion,

10 am, Thursday 5th November at St Luke's - *see the list in the lobby to add the names of those you would like to have remembered at the service*

Remembrance Sunday, falls on 8th November when services will be held in our churches and villages. *Full details to follow.*

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