

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 2nd August 2026
Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services & Readings

Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-end;
Romans 9:1-5*; Matthew 14:13-21

*The Font at Great Braxted,
decorated for a wedding**



St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer

Graham Howlett

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Family Communion

Revd Liz Barnes

Hymns Video: King of kings, Majesty, 222 Gloria,
Video: Bless the Lord; 275

12 pm Baptism of Kodie Waters

All Saints', Great Braxted

11.15 am Parish Communion

Revd Michael Hatchett

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Matins

Harold Toms

Hymns 174, 318, 201, 478

Sunday Morning Resources you can find sermons, readings & intercessions for this week on the Homepage of our website, as well as our church opening times: thurstablewinstreechurches.org

Sunday 9th August 2026
Tenth Sunday after Trinity

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion for Lammas *Revd Liz Barnes*

We hope you will join us afterwards for refreshments

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Revd Christine Newmarch

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Morning Worship

Anne Wild



Join us for a Celebratory Service for the 150th Anniversary of Mothers' Union at Copford Church on Sunday 9th August, at 11 am – everyone is invited! The Copford and Easthorpe branch of MU has been going for well over 100 years; there are now 4 million members in 80 countries.

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To Receive the Weekly News Sheet by E-mail please contact Christine Hall the Team Administrator: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com
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** Photo by Hannah Louise Flowers (daughter of Peter Curson & his late wife Toni, a great friend of All Saints)*

Regular Diary Dates for this week, Mon 3rd to Sat 10th August

- Mon, 9.15 am Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon, 9.30 am **Please note a change to plan** – come and meet up with Anne-Marie at 'Dear Grace' in Tiptree, for coffee
Mon, 12 pm Funeral of Patricia Walker, at Great Braxted
Mon, 7.30 pm Bible Study on Zoom on the Beatitudes, *to join us please contact* w.borgartz@btinternet.com
Tue, 10 am Confirmation Class meets in Tiptree, *contact Revd Christine Eaton for details*
Wed, 10 am Layer Breton Church Pop-up Coffee Shop, open 'til 11.30 am; *with collection for Tiptree Foodbank*
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 after the service*
Thu, 11 am Coffee Morning at Layer de la Haye, Donkey & Buskins

Layer Marney Art Group, next session - September, layermarneychurchsec@icloud.com

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere this Sunday, 2nd August, 10.30 am Morning Praise, led by Isabella Adcock at Layer de la Haye, & at 11 am St Mary's Kelvedon have their Pets Service. *All are welcome to our church services.*
Thursdays: join Layer de la Haye for Morning Prayer, 9.15 am *all welcome.*

Services at All Saints', Great Braxted: we welcome any visitors to our service this Sunday, 2nd August at 11.15 am (*don't forget that our regular services fall on the 1st Sunday of the month, up to and including October.*)

A change to plans, Monday 3rd August: Join us for Coffee with Revd Anne-Marie at 9.30 am at 'Dear Grace' in Tiptree, Anne-Marie is on a short visit, please come along and say hello to her - *everyone invited.*

Thursday 6th August onwards, see Copford & Easthorpe Scarecrow Festival

Tiptree Food Bank – thank you everyone for your generous donations to the foodbank. **This week we are in particular need of:** Jars of pasta sauce; tins of veg - especially carrots, peas & sweetcorn; breakfast cereal; toilet cleaner; shower gel. **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 Rd, 2-4pm on Thursdays. *Thank you for your generosity – it is all much appreciated.*



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Wedding Pictures of St Luke's needed if you were married at St Luke's and are happy to share a picture of your wedding for our 170th Anniversary display, please see Sheila Gunson, Sandra Redgewell (FoSL) or Christine Hall (office).

Diary dates for September & beyond:

Deanery Social Gathering, for anyone interested in environmental issues and/or Eco Church, Saturday 12th September, 6 pm at 7 Chippingdell, Witham, CM8 2JX. All welcome – contact Anna if you plan to be there: 07388 017312.

Dance Through the Decades, Music Night, Saturday 26th September, 7.30 pm in the hall at St Luke's Church, Tiptree, CO5 0SU. With DJ Mick Boot; Tickets £12 from foslbookings@gmail.com or Don Tyler Opticians in the village. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Fundraiser for the church hall by Friends of St Luke's - FoSL

St Luke's 170th Anniversary Weekend, 16th to 18th October 2026, we have quite a lot planned! **A concert by KYDS**, on Friday 16th October 7.30 pm in the Church, with refreshments in the hall; Saturday 17th October, 10 am to 1 pm, a **Coffee Morning & History Display** in the hall and a **talk by local Historian, Elaine Bamford, on St Luke's Church History**; refreshments to include: Bacon Rolls & Cake - *free entry.* Later on Saturday 17th October at 7.30 pm there is a **Concert by Vocalise** in the Church & refreshments in the hall (*the choir includes previous members of 'Tiptree Sings'*). On Sunday, 18th October we have our **Anniversary Morning Worship at 9.30 am** with Archdeacon Ruth, followed by tea/coffee & the cutting of the Celebratory Cake in the hall and a final chance to see the history display. *It's going to be busy, we hope to see you there!*

Raffle Prizes needed for FoSL events at St Luke's, please pass any donations to Sheila Gunson at church or see Christine Hall in the Church Office.

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