

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 20th September 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services & Readings

Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8;

Philippians 1:21-30*; Matthew 20:1-16



St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer

Graham Howlett

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Revd Liz Barnes &

Hymns 422, 652, 273, 360, 506, 435 *Harold Toms*

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Parish Communion

Revd Michael Hatchett

Hymn 337, 287, 464, 560

Sunday Morning Resources you can find sermons, readings & intercessions for this week as well as opening times for our churches here: thurstablewinstreechurches.org

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.

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

Photo: 'All God's Creatures', Messy Church September 2026 St Luke's

Sunday 27th September 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services & Readings

Ezekiel 18:1-4; 25-end; Psalm 25:1-8; Philippians 2:1-13;

Matthew 21:23-32

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion

Revd Julia Russell Grant

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Revd Liz Barnes

Hymns 241, 500, 52, 299, 398, 14

Prayer ministry will be offered after the service

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Parish Communion

Revd Liz Barnes

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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 (church open all weekend)

Sunday 11th October

6 pm St Mary Layer Marney, followed by a shared Supper

11.15 am All Saints' Messing (bring harvest gifts Wed - Saturday)

Harvest Gifts are for the Foodbank this year – items from their shopping list are all welcome. Thank you.

Regular Diary Dates, from Mon 21st September to Sat 3rd October

Mon 21 st & 28 th 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon 21 st & 28 th 7.30 pm	Bible Study on Zoom 'The Covenants', to join us contact Wendy: w.borgartz@btinternet.com
Mon 28 th , 12 noon	Lunch at the New Times, Tiptree - just turn up on the day, £15.50 for 2 courses & a hot drink
Tue 22 nd & 29 th 7.30pm	Pilgrim Course – more details, see next page
Tue 22 nd , 7.30 pm	PCC Meeting, Layer Marney Church
Thu 24 th & 1 st Oct 9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Thu 24 th & 1 st Oct 10 am	Holy Communion at St Luke's join us for coffee afterwards at The New Times
Thu 24 th & 1 st Oct 10 am	Layer Marney Art Club, at the church
Thu 24 th & 1 st Oct, 2-4 pm	Tiptree Foodbank open, URC Chapel Road
Thu 24 th , 7.30 pm	St Luke's PCC meeting, in the hall
Fri 25 th , 10.30 am	Macmillan Coffee Morning, Layer Marney
Fri 25 th , 2 pm	Games Afternoon, St Luke's Hall FoSL
Sat 26 th , 7.30 pm	Dance Thru the Decades, St Luke's Church Hall
Wed 30 th 2 pm	Baynards School Harvest Festival, St Luke's
Thu 1 st Oct, 1.30 pm	Wedding of Stephen & Davina at Gt Braxted
Fri, 2 nd Oct, 3 pm	Messy Church, St Luke's Church Hall. Theme this time: Harvest, and the story of Ruth
Sat 3 rd , 12.30 pm	Wedding of Dominic & Isobel, Layer Marney
Sat 3 rd , 7 for 7.30 pm	Quiz Night, St Luke's Church Hall

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere, Sunday 20th September Wendy Borgartz from our Ministry Team is leading Morning Praise, 10.30 am at Layer de la Haye, Revd Michael Hatchett is at Goldhanger 9.30 am & Revd Ruth Hatchett is at Gt Totham at 10 am. *Everyone welcome to services across our Benefice.*

Team Administrator, I will be on leave for the week of Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th September returning on Tuesday 29th. For urgent matters please contact the Churchwardens or Revd Liz Barnes. *Christine Hall.*

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. *Thank you for your generosity and donations last week, they are all appreciated.*



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives: session 2 & 3 of the five week reflective journey in our wider Blackwater Benefice are 7.30-9 pm on Tue 22nd September at St Mary, Tollesbury & Tue 29th at Kelvedon. Contact: kandfchurches@gmail.com

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

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. Tickets £12 from foslbookings@gmail.com or Don Tyler Opticians in the village. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. *A Friends of St Luke's, fundraiser for the hall (FoSL).*

Revd Trevor Walt supports the ministry in the Roman Road Parishes. He has decided to step down from priestly ministry at the end of this month, when he marks 40 years as a priest. Trevor will preside at Holy Communion on Sunday 27th September for the last time at All Saints' Feering at 10 am. If you wish to contribute to our gift for Trevor, please contact Fleur kandfchurches@gmail.com

Quiz Night, Saturday 3rd October, 7 for 7.30 pm, in the hall at St Luke's Church, Tiptree. Entry £5 per head, contact Sandra to book foslbookings@gmail.com Teams are of up to 8 people, but if you haven't got a team - we will find you a place! Bring your own drinks & nibbles. *Friends of St Luke's fundraiser.*

Harvest Displays and photo's of Inworth through the Ages, come and enjoy the displays and tea & cakes, 12.30 - 4.30 pm Sat 3rd & Sunday 4th October.

Harvest Festival Lunch at St Luke's, 12 pm on Sunday 4th October, after coffee and our Harvest Service. See the sign-up sheet in the lobby, with ideas of food contributions to bring. Offers of help setting up/clearing away will be much appreciated, please contact Christine Eaton 079611 29422. *Everyone welcome.*

Get in Touch with us – Contact Details:

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



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