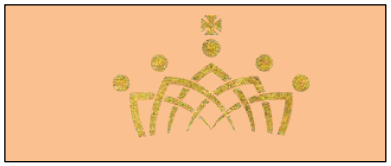
Weekly News sheet for The Heathland Parishes, we are the churches of:

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 22nd November 2026
Christ the King



Today's Services & Readings
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-23*;
Psalm 95:1-7a; Matthew 25:31-46

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

St Luke's, Tiptree
9.30 am **Parish Communion** *Revd Christine Newmarch*
Hymns **99, 715, 387, 667, 205, 14** *& Sue Lyne*
Prayer ministry will be offered after the service

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

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

Sunday 29th November 2026
Advent Sunday

St Luke's, Tiptree
9.30 am **Advent Sunday Carol Service for the Benefice, with Holy Communion** *Revd Liz Barnes*
friends from all churches are welcome to join us
11.30 pm **Baptism of Darcie, Thomas and Dottie**



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.

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 23rd to Sat 28th November

Mon	**Please note: no St Luke's Parent & Toddlers this week, we're back again next Monday at 9.15 am.**
Mon, 12 noon	**Lunch at the New Times, Tiptree – join us if you'd like to, no need to book. 2 courses & a hot drink for £15.50**
Mon, 7.30 pm	**Bible Study on Zoom *Walking backwards to Advent* to join us contact Wendy: w.borgartz@btinternet.com**
Tue, 2.30 pm	**Friends of St Luke's meeting, in the hall**
Wed, 7 pm	**Friends of Messing Church AGM & social**
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 2-4 pm	**Tiptree Foodbank open, at the URC in Chapel Road**
Thu, 7.30 pm	**St Luke's PCC meeting, in the Hall**
Fri, 2 – 4 pm	**Games Afternoon in St Luke's Hall – *FoSL, £3 entry, everyone welcome. Just come along!***

Diary Dates & News

Services elsewhere, Sunday 2nd November: Holy Communion 10.30 am at Layer de la Haye *Revd Jo Wood*; Sung Communion, 11 am at Copford *Revd Ruth Hatchett*. *Everyone is welcome to our services across the Benefice.*

Dates this term for St Luke's Parent & Toddlers, no meeting this Monday, 23rd November, we're back again next Monday at 9.15 am. Our last session before Christmas will be on Monday 14th December.

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

Friends of Messing Church AGM, Wednesday 25th November at 7 pm, with wine & nibbles. Anyone interested in finding out more is welcome!

As Christmas draws near, Tiptree Foodbank would welcome donations of Christmas treats for our clients, in particular:

tinned salmon, tinned ham, savory snacks & festive biscuits. Please note *that we are unable to accept any food containing even the slightest trace of alcohol*. 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

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. *Everyone welcome.*

Safeguarding Audit of our Diocese by ineque, **please remember to complete your survey by Sunday 8th Sun December** ineqe.com/churchofengland/chelmsford/

Messy Church for December, children with their parents/carers are invited to join us at St Luke's in the hall on 4th December from 3 pm, finishing in time for St Luke's School Winter Fair next door by 5 pm. Our focus is on Advent and the prophets. To find out more contact: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Maldon Orchestra Christmas Concert, 2.30 pm Sunday 13th December at St Luke's. A festive fundraiser of music with full orchestra, Colin Bellett on vocals and audience carols. Tickets £10 for adults & free for under 16s. To book see Ticketsource: www.ticketsource.com/maldon-orchestra/sounds-of-christmas/2026-12-13/14:30/t-yzpgzxd (plus booking fee), or contact Sandra, foslbookings@gmail.com *with festive interval refreshments for a donation.*

Christmas Coffee Morning, 10 am to 1 pm Saturday 12th December in the hall at St Luke's. Craft Stalls, Tombola, Coffee, Cake & Bacon Rolls. ***Free entry – FoSL fundraiser.***

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, and will be much appreciated. *Thank you.*

Parent and Toddler Group, St Luke's we would love to welcome some extra helpers for our group, whether regular or to cover staff holidays/absence. Please see Wendy Borgartz or me to find out more. Thank you, *Penni Vigar.*

Get in Touch with us – Contact Details:

While we are in vacancy please contact Revd Liz Barnes, Associate Priest - **liz_barnes@sky.com** **Tel: 01621 333027** **Day off - Monday**

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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.