

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

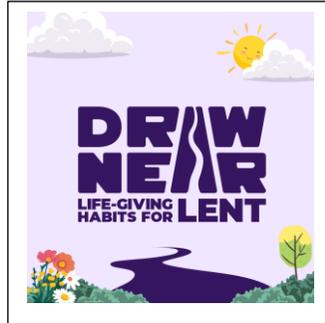


Sunday 22nd March 2026
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Today's Services & Readings

Ezekiel 37: 1-10*; Psalm 130;

Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45



St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion

*Revd Christine Newmarch
& Sue Lyne*

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Revd Liz Barnes

Hymns 627, 675, 747, 87, 743, 777

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 on the Homepage of our website: thurstablewinstreechurches.org Also you can find the weekday opening times of our Heathland Churches for visiting & private prayer.

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

To Receive the Weekly News Sheet by E-mail please contact Christine Hall the Team Administrator: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Sunday 29th March 2026, Palm Sunday

St Mary, Breton

10.30 am Holy Communion with Passion Reading

Revd Christine Newmarch

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion with Passion Reading

Revd Liz Barnes

The Way of the Cross, Cantus Firmus Choir present a Palm Sunday reflection in Words & Music, 6.30 pm at Castle Methodist Church, CO1 1TT

Please Note the Clocks go forward next Sunday 29th March

Easter Day Services, Sunday 5th April 2026

9 am Holy Communion, St Mary Layer Marney

9.30 am Parish Communion, St Luke's Tiptree

11.15 am Holy Communion, Gt Braxted

11.15 am Holy Communion, Inworth

11.15 am Holy Communion, Messing

The Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal 2026, is raising funds to support climate resilience in our linked dioceses in Kenya. Details are on the Diocesan Website: www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/our-faith-in-action/the-bishop-of-chelmsfords-lent-appeal-2026

Church Diary for the weeks, Mon 23rd to Saturday 28th March

Mon, 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon, 12 noon	Lunch at the New Times, Tiptree. No booking needed.
Tue, 1.30 pm	St Luke's School Easter Service, in the church
Tue, 7.30 pm	Lent Course 5, St Luke's Tiptree
Wed, 2.30 pm	St Luke's School Easter Service, in the church
Wed, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice, at St Luke's
Thu, 9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Thu, 10 am	Holy Communion at St Luke's
Thu, 10 am	Layer Marney Art Club, at the church
Thu, 11.30 am	Lent Course 5, Layer Breton
Thu, 2-4 pm	Tiptree Foodbank at the URC, Chapel Road
Thu, 1.30 pm	Funeral of Margaret Arrowsmith, at St Luke's
Fri, 1 pm	Wedding of Will & Rachael at Gt Braxted
Fri, 2 pm	Games Afternoon in St Luke's Hall – FoSL
Sat, 7.15 pm	Tiptree Choral Society Concert with reception, St Luke's

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere this Sunday, 22nd March 10.30 am Morning Praise at Layer de la Haye with Tim Whitfield. 11 am Holy Communion at Copford, Revd Ruth Hatchett. On Thursdays everyone is welcome to join Layer de la Haye for Morning Prayer at 9.15 am. Other events this Sunday - Layer Marney Tower are holding a Wedding Show.

Easter Lilies for St Luke's final orders are due this Sunday, 22nd March, lilies cost £3.50 a stem. Please put leave your name and number of lilies on the list in the lobby, and place your payment in the envelope provided (sorry no change given), and **return this to Alison Weston**. Thank you.

Electrical work scheduled at St Luke's Tiptree, this work is on Monday 30th March to Wednesday 1st April and will last three days, it is expected that the power will be off throughout. Thank you for your understanding while this essential work is carried out. Clive Eastbrook, Churchwarden.

Tiptree Food Bank we are in need of donations of tinned potatoes, Jam, 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, placed 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. *Thank you for your support.*



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Agape Meal with Service of Holy Communion Maundy Thursday, 2nd April, at St Luke's, Tiptree everyone is welcome to join our simple bring and share meal at 5.30 for 6pm. Courses of the meal are interspersed with the service, we move into the church for the Peace and remainder of the Eucharist and conclude with the stripping of the Altar, signifying how Christ was left alone to face his accusers. Please sign your name against the list of suggested food in the church lobby if you are attending, everyone is welcome even if unable to make a contribution of food. Volunteers to help set up beforehand and tidy away needed, if you are able to help please let Wendy Borgartz know.

Messy Good Friday, children with their parents/carers are invited to join us for Messy Good Friday from 1 pm to 2.30 pm on 3rd April. Get in touch for more details. thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Active Revision Residential at Fellowship Afloat, Tollesbury, Monday 30th March to Friday 3rd April, in the Easter holidays. This will be a great mixture of study & adventure, for school years 10-13. Get in touch for more information.

Mission Two of the Mighty Convoy Andrew from Messing Church and his neighbour Marco have a plan under way for another trip to Ukraine in April. More funds and support are needed. If you would like to donate please, please do: www.justgiving.com/page/essex-ukraine-mighty-convoy

Line Dance Afternoon, led by Caroline in St Luke's Church Hall on Saturday 26th April, 2 to 4 pm. Cost: £7 a head including tea & Coffee and biscuits. Contact Sandra for tickets foslbookings@gmail.com Donations for the raffle and for our Christmas bottle Tombola are always welcome.

Get in Touch – our Contact details:

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

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