

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 23rd August 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services & Readings

Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138;

Romans 12:1-8*; Matthew 16:13-20

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion

Led by Revd Liz Barnes

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Revd Christine Newmarch

Hymns 19, 73, 299, 687, 561, 706 & Sue Lyne

Prayer ministry will be offered after the service

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Parish Communion

Revd Liz Barnes

St Mary, Layer Breton

12 pm Baptism of Noah Clarke

Revd Christine Newmarch

Sunday Morning Resources you can find sermons, readings & intercessions for this week on the Homepage of our website:

thurstablewinstreechurches.org

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

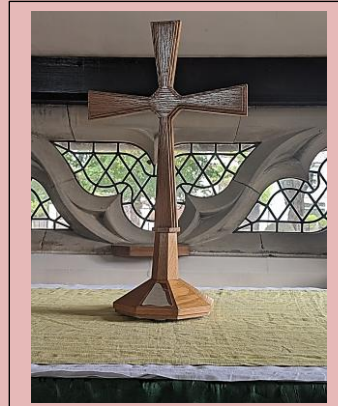
Sunday 30th August 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

**5th Sunday Joint Benefice Service
of Holy Communion
at St Luke's Tiptree**

9.30 am, Sunday 30th August

our service will be led by
Revd Liz Barnes

*Everyone in our Heathland parishes, and
friends in the new wider Blackwater
Benefice are welcome to join us*



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

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

Regular Diary Dates for this week, Mon 24th to Sat 29th August

Mon, 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon, 12 pm	Lunch at the New Times, Tiptree, £14.50 for 2 courses & a hot drink. Just turn up, no need to book.
Mon, 2 pm	Friends of St Luke's Committee, St Luke's Church Office
Mon, 7.30 pm	Bible Study on Zoom, our new theme is <i>The Covenants</i> . <i>To join us please contact w.borgartz@btinternet.com</i>
Tue, 10 am	Confirmation Class meets in Tiptree, <i>contact Revd Christine Eaton for details</i>
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 after the service</i>
Thu, 2-4 pm	Tiptree Foodbank open at the URC, Chapel Road

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

No Choir Practice at St Luke's during August, & no Games Afternoon at St Luke's - next one: Friday 25th September.

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere, Sunday 23rd August, Services of Holy Communion: 10.30 am at Layer de la Haye led by Revd Jo Wood & 11 am at Copford, led by Revd Ruth Hatchett. Also Revd Michael Hatchett is in Great Totham at 10 am. On Thursdays, Layer de la Haye have Morning Prayer at 9.15 am. *All are welcome to attend our services across the Benefice.*

Coggeshall Flower Festival, 29th to 31st August, 10 am to 10pm Sat, 11 am to 5 pm Sun, 10 am to 5 pm Mon. The theme this year is 'The Women Who Made us Bloom'; with flower displays, refreshments, music recitals & historical talks – something for everyone: www.coggeshallflowerfestival.org.uk

Continuing: Copford & Easthorpe Scarecrow Festival, look out for the scarecrows. Festival Day: is Sunday 6th Sept, 11.30am at Copford Village Hall.

Tiptree Food Bank – thank you all for your donations.

This week we are in need of: Jars of pasta sauce; tins of vegetables – carrots, peas & sweetcorn; breakfast cereal; toilet cleaner; shower gel plus any items on our shopping list. 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 Road, 2-4pm on Thursdays. *Thank you for your generosity – everything is appreciated.*



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Ride & Stride Fundraiser, Saturday 12th September, are you taking part or know someone who would enjoy this? It helps to raise funds for your church by collecting sponsorship, while enjoying exploring villages & parish churches by bike or on foot. See more here: www.friendsofsexchurches.org.uk/ride-stride

Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives: Exploring Life as God's Pilgrim People are you curious about Pilgrimage? Our wider Blackwater Benefice churches are hosting a five week reflective journey exploring the early English Saints and what it means to live life as God's Pilgrim People today. The course will run on Tuesday evenings from 7.30-9pm, beginning on 15th September at Copford Church. Each week can stand-alone and attended as a one-off, or as part of a complete set. More details from Fleur: kandfchurches@gmail.com or 07803 366268.

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

Concert by KYDS, 7.30 pm Friday 16th October

Coffee Morning, History Display & Talk about St Luke's, 10 am to 1 pm Saturday 17th October in the hall, with a Talk by Local Historian Elaine

Bamford in the Church *both events are free*

Concert by Vocalise Saturday 17th October, 7.30 pm in the Church.

Ticket details for the concerts - to follow

Anniversary Morning Worship with Archdeacon Ruth, Sunday, 18th October at 9.30 am, followed by tea/coffee & the **cutting of the Celebratory Cake** in the hall and a final chance to see the history display. *We hope you will join us.*

Weddings at St Luke's if you have a picture to share with us, please see Sheila Gunson or Christine Hall (office).

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 on Tuesday mornings by appointment only & Thursdays from 10 am to 12.30 pm. The office number is 01621 819557 (with voicemail).

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