

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 25th October 2026

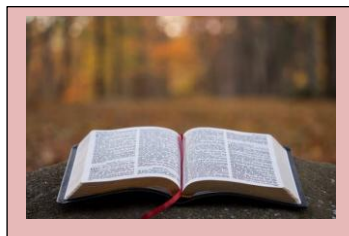
Bible Sunday

Today's Services & Readings

Nehemiah 8:1-4a (5-6), 8-12;

Psalms 119.9-16;

Colossians 3:12-17*; Matthew 24:30-34



St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion

Rev'd Christine Newmarch

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Rev'd Liz Barnes &

Hymns 425, 641, 238, 459, 638, 698

Wendy Borgartz

Prayer ministry will be offered after the service

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Parish Communion

Rev'd Liz Barnes &

Wendy Borgartz

Sunday Morning Resources you can find sermons, readings & intercessions for this week on our website: thurstablewinstreechurches.org

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

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

Sunday 1st November 2026

All Saints' Sunday

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer

Graham Howlett

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Family Communion

Rev'd Christine Newmarch

3 pm Memorial Service for the bereaved

Service led by Rev'd Christine Newmarch

All are welcome – at the service the names of those lost in the past year are read out, whether conducted by our ministry team in our churches or locally at a crematorium.

Followed by refreshments in the hall

All Saints', Inworth

Patronal Festival

11.15 am Matins

Harold Toms

St Luke's 170th Anniversary Weekend - a thank you

Thank you to all who took part, came along and supported us or helped make this weekend possible. It was a weekend full of joy, thank you all.

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

**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, Monday 26th to Sat 30th October

Mon 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon, 12 pm	Lunch at the New Times, Tiptree – all welcome, just turn up and order from the menu for the day
Mon, 7.30 pm	Bible Study on Zoom: 'Walking backwards to Christmas'. <i>To join us contact Wendy: w.borgartz@btinternet.com (please note: no Bible Study next week)</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 afterwards</i>
Thu 2-4 pm	Tiptree Foodbank open, at the URC in Chapel Road

Diary Dates & News

Sunday, 25th October, daylight saving begins: Clocks go back at 1 am.

Services & Events elsewhere, Sunday 25th October Holy Communion is led by Revd Christine Newmarch, 10.30 am at Layer de la Haye. At Copford at 11 am Holy Communion, led by Revd Ruth Hatchett. *Everyone is welcome to our services across the Benefice.*

Lunch at the New Times, Tiptree we meet this Monday, 26th October, at 12 pm; cost: £15.50 for 2 courses & a hot drink. **Please note: our Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday December 23rd** – to book or find out more contact Revd Christine Eaton, 01621 819166 christine.gorringe@btinternet.com

Fundraiser by the Friends of St Mary's Kelvedon, Saturday 31st October, 7 pm. A Ghostly evening of stories at the church read by candlelight from MR James' classic collection. A donation of £20 is suggested, with drinks & canapes. More details from: friendsofstmaryskelvedon@gmail.com

Items for Open Door Magazine – December to January issue, please send these to Martin Borgartz by Sunday, 1st November. m.borgartz@btinternet.com

Deanery Confirmation Service, Monday 1st November at St Nicolas' Witham, when 26 candidates are being confirmed.

Tiptree Food Bank – all items on our shopping list are welcome this week. As usual 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 all for your generosity and support.*



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead to November

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

at Holy Communion 10 am, Thursday 5th November at St Luke's
please see the list in the lobby to add the names of those you would like to have remembered at this service

Remembrance Sunday Services, 8th November

- 9 am Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance, Layer Marney
- 9.30 am Café Church at St Luke's in the hall, followed by Act of Remembrance in St Luke's Church, 10.55 am
- 10.45 am Remembrance Service at the Memorial Cross, Birch
- 10.50 am Remembrance Sunday Service, Messing
- 12.30 pm Act of Remembrance, Inworth
- 2.10 pm Parade to Tiptree War Memorial & service there at 2.20 pm, departing for 3.15 pm Remembrance Service at Tiptree URC

Messy Church, Friday 6th November, after school from 3 pm - children with their parents/carers are welcome to join us at St Luke's in the church hall when our theme is **Remembrance** - Jesus wanted his disciples to remember him. To find out more please contact: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Colchester Area Vocations Day, on Saturday 7th November at Great Notley Church CM77 7GN

Quiz Night fundraiser for St John the Baptist Layer de la Haye, Friday 13th November, 7.30 pm in the village hall. Tickets £5, from Anne Hughes 07388 689379; tables of 6-8, bring your own drink & nibbles.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal Tiptree, we have a plastic collection box for contributions and shoe-boxes for you to assemble at the back of the Church at St Luke's. Completed Shoeboxes need to be brought to church by 8th November. *Thank you for your support. Penni Vigar.*

Get in Touch with us – Contact Details:

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St Luke's Hall bookings: Gareth Williams, 07857 632603 hall.stluketiptree@btinternet.com



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.