

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



Sunday 26th April 2026

Easter 4

Today's Services & Readings

Acts 2: 42-end*; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-end; John 10:1-10

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion *Revd Christine Newmarch*

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion *Revd Liz Barnes*

Hymns 715, 495, 723, 45, 166, 491

Prayer ministry will be offered after the service

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Parish Communion *Revd Liz Barnes*

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 & weekly notices for this week

Find out about the weekday opening times of our Heathland Churches for visiting & private prayer from our website:

thurstablewinstreechurches.org

Sunday 3rd May 2026, Easter 5

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer *Graham Howlett*

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Family Communion *Revd Christine Newmarch & Wendy Borgartz*

All Saints', Great Braxted

11.15 am Parish Communion *Revd Christine Newmarch & Wendy Borgartz*

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Matins *Harold Toms*



All are invited to join the walk along the way, or travel by car between churches for all or part of our 'Walk & Worship'.

We begin at 8.30 am from St John the Baptist Layer de la Haye for breakfast and a short service. We then walk to Layer Breton for the next part of the service and refreshments at 10.30 am. We complete this by walking to Layer Marney, gathering for Holy Communion at 12 noon.

Drinks will be provided when we reach Layer Marney, remember to bring your own Picnic! We hope you will be able to join us.

Regular Diary Dates for this week, Mon 27th April to Sat 2nd May

Mon, 9.15 am Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon, 7.30 pm Bible Study on Zoom returns for a new session
Tue, 10.30 am St Luke's School Assembly, in the church
Wed, 7.30 pm Choir Practice, at St Luke's
Wed, 7.30 pm Worship and Discipleship meeting, St Luke's
Thu, 9 am Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Thu, 10 am Holy Communion at St Luke's
Thu, 2-4 pm Tiptree Foodbank open at the URC, Chapel Road
Thu, 7 pm Messing PCC meeting, followed by, at 7.30 pm
Messing APCM & AMP
Fri, 3.15 pm Messy Church meet in the hall at St Luke's, when our theme will be *The parable of the sower*

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere this Sunday, 26th April, 10.30 am at Layer de la Haye, Morning Praise with Revd Christine Newmarch; Holy Communion at Copford, 11 am. On Thursdays Layer de la Haye have Morning Prayer at 9.15 am. Everyone welcome.

Bible Study on Zoom, returns this, Monday 27th April. To join us, please contact Wendy: w.borgartz@btinternet.com

Messy Church date this month and summer 2026, children with their parents/carers are invited to join us for Messy Church at St Luke's in the hall on Friday May 1st, Friday 5th June & 3rd July. Get in touch with us to find out more: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Open Door Magazine for June & July

the deadline for items to include in the next issue is Sunday 3rd May.
Please send these to m.borgartz@btinternet.com

Tiptree Food Bank thank you to everyone who donated last week. We are currently short of **breakfast cereal (particularly 'child-friendly' varieties), tinned fruit & toilet rolls**. 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.



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

APCM & AMP Dates in the Heathland Parishes

Thursday 30th April, Messing 7.30 pm (preceded by the PCC meeting, 7 pm)
Tuesday 5th May, Layer Breton with Birch at 2pm
Sunday 17th May, Tiptree & Great Braxted at 11 am
Tuesday 19th May, Layer Marney APCM, AMP & PCC at 7.30pm in the church

Please send any remaining APCM reports for St Luke's & Gt Braxted to

Christine Hall thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com Thank you.

Application forms for St Luke's APCM (Electoral Roll, PCC, Churchwarden & Deanery Synod) available from Ian Calvert on Sundays and Christine Hall thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Services at All Saints', Great Braxted: we are delighted to invite you to our next service at 11.15 am on Sunday, 3rd May (and every first Sunday of the month).

Café Church, 9.30 am at St Luke's Tiptree Sunday, May 10th

we meet together in the hall for a light breakfast, activities & worship
Our theme this time is Christian Aid week which runs from 10th to 16th May

Raffle Prizes and bottles needed for the Christmas Bazaar, in addition to our raffle the Friends of St Luke's are planning a bottle tombola. Please pass your donations to Sheila Gunson at church, contact Sandra Redgewell of FoSL, foslbookings@gmail.com or leave them items in the office with Christine Hall.

Ascension Day Service the Waterside Parishes invite us to join them at St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye on Thursday 14th May at 7.30 pm for a short service of Holy Communion. This will be followed by refreshments, and will be an opportunity to catch up as well as share worship together on Ascension Day.

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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Days of work: 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).

St Luke's Hall bookings: Gareth Williams, 01621 818069 hall.stlukestiptree@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.