

**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 30<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

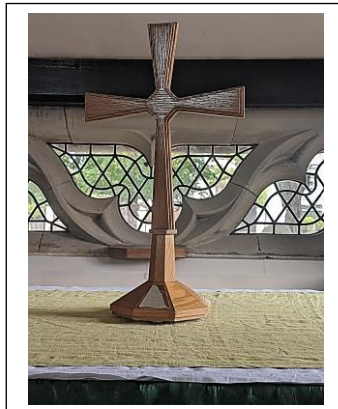
**Thirteenth Sunday  
after Trinity**

**Today's Services & Readings**

**Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8;**

**Romans 12:9-21\*;**

**Matthew 16:21-28**



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Joint Benefice Service of Holy Communion**

**9.30 am at St Luke's Tiptree**

**our service today is led by Revd Liz Barnes**

**Hymns: 387, 690, 689, 268, 688, 764**

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

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

**[thurstablewinstreechurches.org](http://thurstablewinstreechurches.org)**

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

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**St Mary, Layer Marney**

**9 am Morning Prayer**

*Graham Howlett*

**St Luke's, Tiptree**

**9.30 am Family Communion**

*Revd Christine Newmarch*

**All Saints', Great Braxted**

**11.15 am Parish Communion**

*Revd Christine Newmarch*

**All Saints', Inworth**

**11.15 am Matins**

*Harold Toms*

*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](http://thurstablewinstreechurches.org)*

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sheet, please contact Christine.***

**Have you got items for the October/November issue of church  
magazine 'Open Door'? Please send these to Martin by  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September: [m.borgartz@btinternet.com](mailto:m.borgartz@btinternet.com)**

### Regular Diary Dates for this week, Mon 31<sup>st</sup> August to Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Bank Holiday Monday - no Parent & Toddlers or Bible Study this week**  
*(we return next week, 7<sup>th</sup> September)*

**Wed, 10 am** Layer Breton Church Pop-up Coffee Shop, open  
'til 11.30 am; with collection for Tiptree Foodbank

**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, Maldon Road, after the service

**Thu, 2-4 pm** Tiptree Foodbank open at the URC, Chapel Road

**Fri, 11 am** Funeral of Bill Anderson, at St Luke's

**Fri, from 3 pm** Messy Church meets in St Luke's Hall; our theme is:  
*All God's Creatures, The Garden of Eden.* Details from:  
[thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com)

*No Choir Practice at St Luke's during August, & no Games Afternoon this month*

### Diary Dates & News

**Services & Events elsewhere, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August** joint services of worship in the Waterside Cluster will be held at 10 am at Tolleshunt Major, and for the Roman Road Cluster 10 am at Kelvedon. On Thursdays, Layer de la Haye have Morning Prayer at 9.15 am. *You are welcome to services across our Benefice.*

**Coggeshall Flower Festival: 'The Women Who Made us Bloom'** continues 11 am to 5 pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> & 10 am to 5 pm on Monday 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Announcement from Clive Eastbrook, St Luke's:** I am sorry to inform you that after reflection Sheila our Churchwarden has decided to step down from her role at St Luke's. This is for personal reasons, and will be with immediate effect. On your behalf I would like to thank Sheila for all that she has contributed during her time working with me here as Churchwarden. Sheila will carry on with her many varied other roles here at St Luke's for which we are all very grateful. *Clive Eastbrook, Churchwarden.*

**Tiptree Food Bank – thank you all for your donations.**

**This week we are in need of:** Long grain/easy-cook rice, Breakfast cereal, Baked beans, Tuna, Jam, Teabags, Toothpaste & Washing detergent.

**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 – every donation however small is appreciated.*



### News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

**Cream Tea Afternoon, at All Saints' Feering with Harp concert by Lynne Creasey** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2.30-4 pm. All proceeds to the church fund.

**Continuing: Copford & Easthorpe Scarecrow Festival**, look out for the scarecrows around the villages. Festival Day & judging: is Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept, 11.30am at Copford Village Hall.

**National Day of Prayer for Schools 9<sup>th</sup> September**, Andy Butt invites you to join him for an hour of interactive prayer for our local schools, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30-11.30am in St Luke's Church. *Please come along.*

**Ride & Stride Fundraiser, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**, let us know if you, or someone you know, is taking part by exploring villages & our parish churches by bike or on foot. Funds raised by sponsorship will go to the nominated church and the FOEC. Find out more here: [www.friendsofsexchurches.org.uk/ride-stride](http://www.friendsofsexchurches.org.uk/ride-stride)

**Dance Through the Decades Music Night**, with DJ Mick Boot, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm in the hall at St Luke's Church, Tiptree, CO5 0SU. Tickets are £12 from [foslbookings@gmail.com](mailto:foslbookings@gmail.com) or Don Tyler Opticians in the village. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. *Friends of St Luke's Church Hall fundraiser - FoSL.*

### St Luke's 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend, 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2026

**Concert by KYDS, 7.30 pm Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**Coffee Morning, History Display & Talk about St Luke's, 10 am to 1 pm**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October in the hall, with a Talk by Local Historian Elaine**

**Bamford in the Church both events are free**

**Concert by Vocalise Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 pm in the Church.**

*Ticket details for the concerts - to follow*

**Anniversary Morning Worship with Archdeacon Ruth, Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### Get in Touch with us – Contact Details:

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