

**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 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

**Trinity Sunday**

**Today's Services & Readings**

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end\*; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-end;  
Matthew 28:16-end

**St Luke's, Tiptree**

**9.30 am Heathland Parishes Benefice Communion**

*Led by Revd Christine Newmarch & Wendy Borgartz*

**Hymns 706, 506, 349, 310, 326, 777**

**11.30 pm Baptism of Sophie and Nathan Joseph**

**Sunday Morning Resources you can find sermons, readings & intercessions for this week on the Homepage of our website: [thurstablewinstreechurches.org](http://thurstablewinstreechurches.org)**

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**[Please see over page for events & notices for this week](#)**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**First 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 Liz Barnes*

**All Saints', Inworth**

**11.15 am Matins**

*Harold Toms*

**Choral Evensong, 6 pm on Music Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Join us in the congregation at St Luke's, Tiptree – everyone welcome.

If you are interested in being part of the choir, and can make the afternoon rehearsals at 3 pm, please contact Norman Eastbrook –  
07762 836395

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

### Regular Diary Dates for this week, Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June

Mon, 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon, 7.30 pm	No Zoom Bible Study – back next week
Mon, 7.30pm	Benefice Team Council Meeting, at St Bartholmew's Church, Wickham Bishops
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
Thu, 10 am	Layer Marney Art Club, at the church
Thu, 2-4 pm	Tiptree Foodbank open at the URC, Chapel Road
Fri, 10.30 am	Funeral of Michael Marshall, at All Saints' Inworth
Fri, 3 pm	Messy Church at St Luke's. Theme: 'the wise & foolish builders'
Sat, 7 pm	Concert at All Saints', Great Braxted

### Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere this Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, Holy Communion led by Revd Jo Wood, 10.30 am Layer de la Haye; Thursday Morning Prayer, 9.15 am at Layer de la Haye. *All welcome.*

This Sunday we welcome congregations from all of our Heathland Parishes joining us for Benefice Communion at St Luke's, Tiptree at 9.30 am (31<sup>st</sup> May) the service is led by Revd Christine Newmarch and Wendy Borgartz. Everyone is welcome - from the Heathland Churches and our friends old and new from neighbouring churches in the Benefice - all are invited to join us. Afterwards we have time to catch up in the hall for coffee.

Messy Church Summer Term dates, children with their parents/carers are invited to join us for Messy Church at St Luke's in the hall on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June & 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Get in touch to find out more: [thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com)

**Tiptree Food Bank** updates this week - we are in need of: toilet cleaner, shaving foam/gel, shampoo, toothpaste, kitchen cleaner, unisex/men's shower gel, laundry power/capsules, and any spare strong bags you may have in your cupboards. 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 generous support.*



### News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Witham Choral Concert with Hannah Ambrose Soprano, at All Saints, Great Braxted Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June, at 7 pm. Tickets £12 on the door, or [ticketsource.com](http://ticketsource.com).

Visit by Revd Chris Garland, past Rector of Copford, Easthorpe, Messing & Inworth Chris will be staying with us in July, and we invite anyone who knew him to join us at Easthorpe Church on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 4pm for tea and cake, followed by Evensong at 6 pm. Please let me know how many to expect for tea, Sue Collins. [suecollins0512@gmail.com](mailto:suecollins0512@gmail.com) 01206 211294, 07919 948955.

St Luke's Quiet Day, thank you to all for their responses, if you would like send us your suggestions or express an interest in attending please see Sue Lyne at St Luke's, or email: [thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com).

Hymns & Pimms at Easthorpe, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 6 pm. Everyone is invited, with hymns chosen by the congregation.

Confirmation Course in Tiptree is held on Tuesdays at 10 am, please contact Revd Christine Eaton to find out more: [christine.gorringe@btinternet.com](mailto:christine.gorringe@btinternet.com) 079611 29422. The Deanery Confirmation service will be later in the year.

Licensing of Revd Andrew Vince as Associate Priest in the local Ministry Team by the Bishop of Colchester, is at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at St Mary's Church, Tollesbury & followed by refreshments in the Parish Rooms. Everyone welcome from across the parishes to support Andrew and pray for him as he is licensed to this new role.

The Andy Brush Jazz Quintet, at St Luke's Hall, Tiptree, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June with vocalist Jessica Sillett, doors open 7 for 7.45 pm. Tickets are £15 from 'The Computer Guys' in Tiptree or from Andy Brush. Proceeds are in aid of FoSL, who are providing refreshments in the interval for a donation, and also a raffle.

### Get in Touch – our Contact details:

While we are in vacancy please contact Revd Liz Barnes, Associate Priest - [liz\\_barnes@sky.com](mailto:liz_barnes@sky.com) Tel: 01621 333027 Day off - Monday

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