

**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 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026**  
**Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**Today's Services & Readings**

**Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-15;**

**Romans 7:15-25a\*; Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30**



The Font, at Layer Marney

**St Mary, Layer Marney**

**9 am Morning Prayer**

*Graham Howlett*

**St Luke's, Tiptree**

**9.30 am Family Communion**

*Revd Christine Newmarch*

**Hymns Video: My Jesus, my Saviour; 222 Gloria, 321,**

**Video: give thanks with a grateful heart**

**All Saints', Great Braxted**

**11.15 am Parish Communion, with Baptism of Louie Stubbings**

*Service led by Revd Liz Barnes. We meet on the first Sunday of every month up to and including October*

**All Saints', Inworth**

**11.15 am Matins**

*Harold Toms*

**Hymns 261, 56, 495, 26**

**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 this & next week***

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026**  
**Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

**Today's Services & Readings**

**Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65; Romans 8:1-11\*;**

**Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23**



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**St Mary, Layer Marney**

**9 am Holy Communion**

*Revd Christine Newmarch*

**11 am Civic Service for the new Mayor of Colchester**

**St Luke's, Tiptree**

**9.30 am Café Church**

*Café Church Team*

*Join us in the hall for a light breakfast and worship, with activities for children. Everyone is welcome.*

**All Saints', Messing**

**11.15 am Morning Worship**

*Anne Wild*

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*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)*

***To Receive the Weekly News Sheet by E-mail please contact Christine Hall the Team Administrator: [thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com)***

### Regular Diary Dates for this week, Mon 6<sup>th</sup> to Sat 11<sup>th</sup> July

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> , 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> , 7.30 pm	Bible Study on Zoom on the Beatitudes, to join us contact <a href="mailto:w.borgartz@btinternet.com">w.borgartz@btinternet.com</a>
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> , 10 am	Confirmation Class meets in Tiptree, Contact Revd Christine Eaton for details
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> , 10.15 am	Coffee Morning, at Messing Village Hall. Tea, coffee, cake & chat. Come along!
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> , 11 am	Funeral of Peter Outen, at St Luke's
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> , 9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> , 10 am	Holy Communion at St Luke's
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> , 1 pm	Wedding of Paul & Rhiannon, Great Braxted

### Diary Dates & News

**Services & Events elsewhere this & next Sunday**, All-age Service with Revd Jo Wood on 5<sup>th</sup> July (& team) and Holy Communion 12<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30 am at Layer de la Haye; who also welcome all to Morning Prayer, 9.15 am on Thursdays.

**Open Door: deadline for items for the August/September Issue**: please send your items to Martin the Editor by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July [m.borgartz@btinternet.com](mailto:m.borgartz@btinternet.com)

**All Saints', Great Braxted**: we are delighted to welcome everyone to our first Sunday service this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, at 11.15 am and to welcome family and friends for Louie's Baptism.

**No Layer Marney Art group at the church this week**. Our sessions start again in September, to find out more please contact [layermarneychurchsec@icloud.com](mailto:layermarneychurchsec@icloud.com)

**Admin/Office Hours at St Luke's** the office is closed the week of 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July as I am on leave. Messages may be left on my mobile 07421 078981 or sent by email, and will be replied to on 14<sup>th</sup> July. Urgent enquiries may be directed to Revd Liz Barnes, 01621 333027, or the Churchwardens. *Christine Hall.*

**Messing Summer Fayre, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 12 noon** food, drink & stalls.

**Tiptree Food Bank** this week we are short of: Soup (basic flavours), Pasta, Baked beans, Hand soap, Female deodorant, Washing detergent & Large sturdy bags. **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 Rd, 2-4pm on Thursdays. *Thank you to all who donated last week – every single one is appreciated.*

### News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

**St Luke's Church Contemplative Retreat Day Away**, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 10.15 am - 4 pm at the Monastery of St John the Baptist, Tolleshunt Knights. Can you hear that small voice calling you? come and spend a day listening - we will be reflecting, listening, praying both as a group and in smaller groups/as individuals. If you would like to take part please see Sue Lyne, or email her: [suzylyne@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suzylyne@hotmail.co.uk) by 12<sup>th</sup> July. *Please bring your own packed lunch, refreshments will be available.*

**Tiptree Youth Project - Youth Worker Vacancy**, for groups meeting on Wednesday afternoons & Friday evenings. For more details contact Christine Hall or Andy Butt. **The deadline for applications is the 20<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Training Session for Local Worship Teams**, with Revd. Canon Phil Ritchie (Colchester Area Mission & Ministry Adviser) providing an overview of what is involved in leading services, practical tips on reading & leading prayers and a look at some resources. Everyone welcome - from across the Benefice, whether completely new to this, or involved in reading, leading prayers or serving. **Choose from two sessions: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 10 am – 12 pm at St John the Baptist, Layer de la Haye or Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 7 – 9 pm at St Mary's, Tollesbury.** To book, please contact Revd Jo Wood, 01621 503802 [josephine.h.wood@btinternet.com](mailto:josephine.h.wood@btinternet.com) or Rosie [office.blackwaterbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:office.blackwaterbenefice@gmail.com)

**Revd Chris Garland's visit, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July** join us at Easthorpe Church from 4pm for tea & cake, followed by Evensong at 6 pm. Please let Sue Collins know if you are coming for tea: [suecollins0512@gmail.com](mailto:suecollins0512@gmail.com) 01206 211294, 07919 948955.

**Messing Summer Concert with Yuri Sabatini, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August 7 pm**: please contact Paul Marven to book your discount tickets £15 [p4ul.marven@gmail.com](mailto:p4ul.marven@gmail.com).

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

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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).

**St Luke's Hall bookings:** Gareth Williams, 07857 632603 [hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com](mailto:hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com)



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