

**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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**Easter Day**

**Today's Services & Readings**

**Acts 10: 34-43\*; Psalm 118:14-24;**

**Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18**



**St Mary, Layer Marney**

**9 am Holy Communion**

*Revd Liz Barnes*

**St Luke's, Tiptree**

**9.30 am Parish Communion**

*Revd Christine Newmarch*

**Hymns 381, 15, 494, 420, 533, 32**

**All Saints', Great Braxted**

**11.15 am Parish Communion**

*Revd Christine Newmarch*

**Hymns 147, 153, 150, 160**

**All Saints', Inworth**

**11.15 am Holy Communion**

*Revd Michael Hatchett*

**Hymns 267, 228, 351, 503**

**All Saints', Messing**

**11.15 am Holy Communion**

*Revd Liz Barnes*

**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 & weekly notices for this week**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**Easter 2**

**St Mary, Layer Marney**

**9 am Holy Communion**

*Revd Michael Hatchett*

*with refreshments after the service*

**St Luke's, Tiptree**

**9.30 am Parish Communion**

*Revd Christine Newmarch  
& Sue Lyne*

**All Saints', Messing**

**11.15 am Morning Worship**

*Anne Wild*

**St Mary, Layer Breton with Birch**

**12 noon Baptism of Sophie Jane Hennessey**

*Led by Revd Christine Newmarch*

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

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***To Receive the Weekly News Sheet by E-mail please contact Christine Hall the Team Administrator: [thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto: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, Mon 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Monday – Bank Holiday, please note: no Parent & Toddler at St Luke's  
Wed, 10 am Coffee Morning, at Messing Village Hall. Tea, coffee, cake & chat. Come along! *Donations to church funds*  
Wed, 7.30 pm Choir Practice, at St Luke's  
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  
Sat, 1 pm Wedding of Dylan Crowther and Amy Willis, at St Luke's

*Please note: No Bible Study on Zoom until Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 pm*

## Diary Dates & News

**The Ministry Team would like to wish everyone  
a joyful and blessed Easter**

**Services & Events elsewhere this Sunday**, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 9 am Easter Communion at Easthorpe, 10.30 am Holy Communion at Layer de la Haye, 11 am Easter Communion at Copford. On Thursdays everyone is welcome to join Layer de la Haye for Morning Prayer at 9.15 am.

**Services at All Saints', Great Braxted**: we are delighted that services resume today on Easter Day, 7<sup>th</sup> April at 11.15 am, and on every first Sunday of the month up to and including October.

**The Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal 2026**, is raising funds to support climate resilience in our linked dioceses in Kenya. Details are on the Diocesan Website: [www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/our-faith-in-action/the-bishop-of-chelmsfords-lent-appeal-2026](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/our-faith-in-action/the-bishop-of-chelmsfords-lent-appeal-2026)

**Tiptree Food Bank** this week we are in urgent need of donations of bottles of squash, tinned meat, tea bags, bathroom cleaner, kitchen cleaner, ordinary biscuits, long-grain rice, tinned fish, tinned fruit. **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 generosity; it makes such a difference to local people in need and is much appreciated.*



## News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

### APCM & AMP Dates in the Heathland Parishes

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Inworth 12.15 pm in the church, *follows 11.15 am service*  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, Messing 7.30 pm (preceded by the PCC meeting, 7 pm)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May Layer Breton with Birch, at 2pm

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May Tiptree, 11 am

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, Layer Marney APCM, AMP & PCC 7.30pm at the church

**Please send your APCM reports for St Luke's & Gt Braxted** to me to arrive no later than Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. [thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com) *Thank you, Christine Hall.*

**Application forms for St Luke's APCM are now available** (Electoral Roll, Churchwarden, Deanery Synod & PCC) from Ian Calvert on Sundays and Christine Hall during the week [thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com)

**Line Dance Afternoon (FoSL)**, led by Caroline in St Luke's Church Hall on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2 to 4 pm. Cost: £7 a head including tea & Coffee, sausage roll & cake. Contact Sandra for tickets [foslbookings@gmail.com](mailto:foslbookings@gmail.com)  
Donations for the raffle and for our Christmas bottle Tombola also welcome.

**Tiptree Youth Project**, as of the beginning of the year our group has an exciting new name and website which are simpler to use, while our values remain the same. Do take a moment to look and see what we provide for young people locally: [www.tiptreeyp.org/](http://www.tiptreeyp.org/) Also please note, if you need to contact Andy Butt his email address is now [Andy@tiptreeYP.org](mailto:Andy@tiptreeYP.org)

**Mission Two of the Mighty Convoy** a plan is under way for another trip to **Ukraine in April** with Andrew from Messing Church his neighbour Marco. More funds and support are needed. If you would like to donate please, please see: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/essex-ukraine-mighty-convoy>

### Get in Touch – our Contact details:

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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 Thursday this week 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](mailto:hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com)



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