

**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**

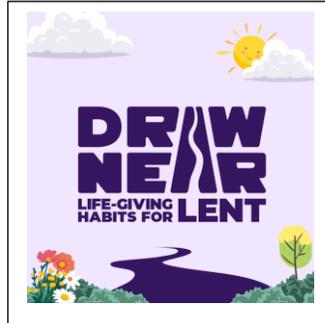
**St Mary, Layer Marney**

**All Saints, Messing**

*To be a transforming presence in our community, open and welcoming to all and serving all*



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**



**Today's Services & Readings**

**Exodus 17: 1-7\*; Psalm 95;  
Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42**

**St Mary, Layer Marney**

**9 am Holy Communion** *Revd Liz Barnes*  
*refreshments available after the service*

**St Luke's, Tiptree**

**9.30 am Café Church** *Café Church Team*  
*we meet together in the hall for a light  
breakfast, activities & worship*

**All Saints', Messing**

**11.15 am Morning Worship** *Anne Wild*

**Sunday Morning Resources you can find sermons, readings &  
intercessions for this week on the Homepage of our website:  
[thurstablewinstreechurches.org](http://thurstablewinstreechurches.org) Also you can find the weekday opening  
times of our Heathland Churches for visiting & private prayer.**

**Please see over page for events & weekly notices for this week**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Mothering Sunday**  
**(Fourth Sunday in Lent)**

**St Mary, Layer Marney**

**9 am Morning Prayer** *Graham Howlett*

**St Luke's, Tiptree**

**9.30 am Family Communion** *Revd Christine Newmarch  
& Harold Toms*

**All Saints', Inworth**

**11.15 am Parish Communion** *Revd Michael Hatchett*

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**Palm Sunday Services, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**9.30 am Service of Praise & Worship at St Luke's Tiptree,  
with passion reading**

**10.30 am Holy Communion with passion reading, at St Mary's  
Layer Breton**

**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)

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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.**

## Church Diary for the weeks, Mon 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Mon, 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon, 1 pm	Lent Course 4, Lighthouse Café Tollesbury
Tue, 7.30 pm	Lent Course 3, St Luke's Tiptree
Wed, 10.30 am	Coffee Morning, at Messing Village Hall. Tea, coffee, cake & chat. Come along! <i>Donations to church funds</i>
Wed, 7.30 pm	Choir Practice, at St Luke's
Wed, 7.30 pm	St Luke's PCC meeting in the hall
Thu, 9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Thu, 10 am	Holy Communion at St Luke's
Thu, 11.30 am	Lent Course 3, Layer Breton
Thu, 10 am	Layer Marney Art Club, at the church
Thu, 2-4 pm	Tiptree Foodbank at the URC, Chapel Road
Sat, 7.30 pm	Quiz Night in the hall at St Luke's, FoSL Fundraiser

*Please note: No Bible Study on Zoom during Lent*

### Diary Dates & News

**Services & Events elsewhere in our group**, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30 am Crafts & Cake for Mothering Sunday at Easthorpe. Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March Holy Communion 10.30 am at Layer de la Haye & 11 am All-age Worship at Copford. You are invited to join us for Morning Prayer at Layer de la Haye on Thursdays at 9.15 am. *Everyone welcome.*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – deadline for contributions to **Open Door for April/May**, please send these to Martin the Editor: [m.borgartz@btinternet.com](mailto:m.borgartz@btinternet.com)

**FoSL Quiz Night with Guest Hosts Steve Scruton and Ian Wyatt of BBC Essex** on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm, St Luke's Church Hall. Tickets £5 each, bring your own drinks & nibbles; to book contact Sandra Redgewell, [foslbookings@gmail.com](mailto:foslbookings@gmail.com)

**Messy Good Friday**, children with their parents/carers are invited to join us for Messy Good Friday from 1 pm to 2.30 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Get in touch for more details. [thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com)

**Tiptree Food Bank** we are in need of donations of tinned potatoes, Custard (tins/cartons/packets), Long-life fruit juice, Pasta sauce, Coffee, Baked beans & Laundry powder/liquid. **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 support.*



## News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

**Easter Lilies for St Luke's** to place an order for lilies, costing £3.50 a stem, please put your name and how many you would like etc. on the list in the lobby. Please take an envelope for your payment (sorry no change given) and return this to me by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and no later, so that I can place the order in time. Thank you, Alison Weston.

**Layer Marney Church** we host the Community Hub for the village and have two groups that meet here. **Layer Marney Art Group**, meet fortnightly on Thursdays 10 am-12 pm, more details from Gill: [layermarneychurchsec@icloud.com](mailto:layermarneychurchsec@icloud.com) or **WhatsApp** 07885 868980. Next on: 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March. **The Layer Marney Community Hub Drop-in Sessions**, are on the second Tuesday in the month 11.30 am to 1 pm. Different topics are covered from a wide range of interests; tea & coffee available. Next one: 17<sup>th</sup> March, drop in or stay a while and join the conversation.

### Lent Courses in our Blackwater Benefice - open to all:

**The 'Resurrection Journeys' is the theme of the Waterside Parishes**, Mondays, 1-3pm at The Lighthouse Café, Tollesbury CM9 8QE.

**'Instruments of the Passion' is the theme in the Roman Road Parishes** meeting on Tuesdays 2–3.30 pm at Kelvedon Vicarage and Wednesdays 7.30-9 pm at Revd Wendy Pagden's in Copford. Contact Revd Canon Simon Garwood for more details: 01376 573701.

**'Christ and the Chocolaterie', is the theme of the Heathland Parishes** based on the film 'Chocolat' and meeting on Tuesdays, 7.30 pm at St Luke's and Thursdays, 11.30 am for 12 noon at 7 Birch Way, Birch Green CO2 0NQ. Come to any or all sessions which are free to attend, no need to book, but please contact Liz Dingle if you there for lunch on Thursdays: [emdinge@aol.com](mailto:emdinge@aol.com)

### 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 - Mon

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**St Luke's Hall bookings:** Gareth Williams, 01621 818069 [hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com](mailto:hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com)



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