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

The Thurstable & Winstree Team Ministry

Sunday 8th November 2026
Remembrance Sunday



Today's Services & Readings
Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18*;
Matthew 25:1-13

St Mary, Layer Marney
9 am Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance
led by Revd Liz Barnes

St Luke's, Tiptree
9.30 am Café Church *Café Church Team*
10.55 am Act of Remembrance in Church
2.10 pm Parade leaves from 'The Centre', Tiptree to the War Memorial and service there at 2.20 pm
3.15 pm Remembrance Service at Tiptree URC
Revd Liz Barnes is representing the parish and will be preaching

St Mary, Layer Breton with Birch
10.45 am Remembrance Service at the Cross, Birch
led by Revd Michael Hatchett

All Saints', Messing
10.50 am Remembrance Sunday Service *Anne Wild*

All Saints', Inworth
12.30 pm Act of Remembrance *Harold Toms*

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

Sunday 15th November 2026
Second Sunday before Advent

St Mary, Layer Marney
9 am Morning Prayer *Graham Howlett*

St Luke's, Tiptree
9.30 am Parish Communion *Revd Liz Barnes & Harold Toms*

All Saints', Inworth
11.15 am Parish Communion *Revd Michael Hatchett*

* * * * * * * * * * *

Sunday Morning Resources ***you can find sermons, readings & intercessions for this week on our website:*** thurstablewinstreechurches.org

You can also find out about the weekday opening times of our churches for visiting & private prayer - see the drop-down menu 'Our Churches': thurstablewinstreechurches.org

To Receive the Weekly News Sheet by E-mail please contact Christine Hall the Team Administrator: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com
If you are on the mailing list and no longer wish to receive the news sheet, please contact Christine.

We are The Heathland Parishes, part of the new larger Blackwater Benefice with the Waterside, Beacon and Roman Road Parishes.

Regular Diary Dates for this week, Monday 9th to Sat 14th November

Mon 9.15 am	**Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall**
Mon, 7.30 pm	**Bible Study on Zoom *Walking backwards to Advent to join us contact Wendy link:* w.borgartz@btinternet.com**
Wed, 10.15 am	**Coffee Morning, at Messing Village Hall. Tea, coffee, cake & chat. Come along!** *Donations to church funds*
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 afterwards*
Thu 2-4 pm	**Tiptree Foodbank open, at the URC in Chapel Road**
Sat, 10 am	**Layer Marney Church, cleaning event *everyone welcome***
Sat 12 noon	**please note: no access by vehicle to St Luke's Church Tiptree. Road closed for the Winter Fayre until 8 pm.**

Diary Dates & News

Remembrance Services elsewhere, Sunday 8th November: 9 am Easthorpe, Revd Ruth Hatchett; 10.50 am at the Cross Layer de la Haye, Revd Andrew Vince & 10.50 am Copford, Revd Wendy Pagden. *Everyone is welcome to our Remembrance Services across the Benefice.*

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal, Tiptree today is the final deadline for returning your completed shoe boxes and donations. Thank you all so much for your support. *Penni Vigar.*

Congratulations to Jenny Groom-Marriage and Lesley Stannard, who were confirmed on Monday, 2nd November at a lovely service in St Nicholas Church, Witham, by Bishop Roger. We are delighted to welcome them as fully communicant members of St Luke's Church. *Revd Christine Eaton.*

The Funeral of Graham Chislett, will be on Tuesday 17th November at 1 pm at St Luke's Church, Tiptree.

Safeguarding Audit of our Diocese by ineque, this is a survey for everyone to complete, please see the posters in church or follow the link here to do this: ineqe.com/churchofengland/chelmsford/, **responses are due by 1st Sun December.**

Tiptree Food Bank – all items on our shopping list are welcome this week. As usual donations can be left in the tub by the checkouts at Asda, in the yellow box just inside the door of St Luke's Church or can be brought to Tiptree United Reformed Church in Chapel Road, 2-4pm on Thursdays. *Thank you all for your generosity and support.*

News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Advent Sunday Carol Service with Holy Communion for our Benefice, the Heathland Parishes, Sunday 29th November, 9.30 am at St Luke's Tiptree and led by Revd Liz Barnes. Friends from all churches are welcome to join us.

CORRECTION! Christmas Lunch at the New Times, Tiptree please note: this is on Monday December 21st – to book or find out more contact Revd Christine Eaton, 01621 819166 christine.gorringe@btinternet.com Our next regular lunch is on Mon 21st November, at 12 noon, cost: £15.50 for 2 courses & a hot drink.

Parent and Toddler Group helpers needed after over 15 years Margaret has decided to retire from St Luke's Parent & Toddler group, and we would like to thank her for all of her hard work. As several other volunteers have also left, we would love to find some more helpers – even if just to cover for staff sickness and holidays. Please speak to Wendy Borgartz or myself if you would like to find out more. Thank you, *Penni Vigar.*

Quiz Night fundraiser for St John the Baptist Layer de la Haye, Friday 13th November, 7.30 pm in the village hall. Tickets £5, from Anne Hughes 07388 689379; tables of 6-8, bring your own drink & nibbles.

Friends of Messing Church AGM, Wednesday 25th November at 7 pm, with wine & nibbles. Anyone interested in finding out more is welcome to come along and join us.

Raffle Prizes & bottle tombola items for the FoSL Christmas Coffee Morning at St Luke's, any contributions can be passed to Sheila Gunson at church or Christine Hall in the Church Office. *Thank you.*

Get in Touch with us – Contact Details:

While we are in vacancy please contact Revd Liz Barnes, Associate Priest -
liz_barnes@sky.com Tel: 01621 333027 Day off - Monday

News sheet & Team Administrator, Christine Hall: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com
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 from 10 am to 12.30 pm on Tuesday mornings (by appointment only) & Thursdays. The office number is 01621 819557** (with voicemail).

St Luke's Hall bookings: Gareth Williams, 07857 632603 hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com

Find us on Facebook: St Mary the Virgin Layer Marney, St Luke's Church Tiptree and St Luke's Tiptree Church Hall all have Facebook pages.

Also look out for the nearby churches of Layer de la Haye, Copford, Easthorpe & Kelvedon