

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 9th August 2026
Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services & Readings

1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85: 8-13;

Romans 10:5-15*; Matthew 14:22-33

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion for Lammas

Led by Revd Liz Barnes

We hope you will join us afterwards for refreshments



*Altar Candlestick,
All Saints' Chapel,
St Luke's Tiptree*

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Revd Christine Newmarch

Hymns 422, 373, 152, 379, 413, 160

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Morning Worship

Anne Wild

St Michael & All Angels, Copford



11 am All-age service for 150th Mothers' Union Anniversary

Led by Revd Ruth Hatchett

Everyone is invited

The Copford & Easthorpe branch of MU has been going for well over 100 years; there are now 4 million members in 80 countries.

Sunday Morning Resources you can find sermons, readings & intercessions for this week on the Homepage of our website, as well as our church opening times: thurstablewinstreechurches.org

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

Sunday 16th August 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer

Graham Howlett

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

*Revd Ruth Hatchett
& Harold Toms*

12 pm Baptism of Laila Warrick

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Parish Communion

Revd Michael Hatchett

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5th Sunday Joint Benefice Service at St Luke's

Everyone from our Heathland parishes, and further afield, are invited to join us, 9.30 am on Sunday 30th August, when our service will be led by Revd Liz Barnes

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, Mon 10th to Sat 15th August

Mon, 9.15 am Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon, 7.30 pm Bible Study on Zoom on the Beatitudes, *to join us please contact* w.borgartz@btinternet.com
Tue, 10 am Confirmation Class meets in Tiptree, *contact Revd Christine Eaton for details*
Tue, 12 pm Wedding of Gregory Kewell & Abigail Morgan, at St Luke's, Tiptree
Wed No coffee morning at Messing this month, we meet again on 10th September
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 after the service*

Layer Marney Art Group, next meets in September, layermarneychurchsec@icloud.com

No Games Afternoon at St Luke's in August - next one Friday 25th September

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere this Sunday, 9th August, 10.30 am Holy Communion, led by Revd Andrew Vince at Layer de la Haye; 11 am Mothers' Union Celebration Service at Copford. *All are welcome to our church services.* Thursdays: join Layer de la Haye for Morning Prayer, 9.15 am *all welcome*.

Open Door magazine, August/September issue copies available in church this week or using the link: www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk/opendoor.html

Now on display! Copford & Easthorpe Scarecrow Festival, with festival day on 6th September, from 11.30am at Copford Village Hall.

Easthorpe Church Fundraising Health Expo, you are invited to a session of free health checks on Sunday 16th August, 11 am to 3 pm in the church hall, kindly provided by friendly local practitioners. All donations for church funds.

Tiptree Food Bank – thank you all for your donations to the foodbank.

This week we are in particular need of: Jars of pasta sauce; tins of veg - especially carrots, peas & sweetcorn; breakfast cereal; toilet cleaner; shower gel. **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 for your generosity – it is all much appreciated.



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Safe Spaces Leaflets and Posters, in our churches you will see posters and leaflets appearing, provided by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. These resources are designed to help increase awareness of the service provided by **First Light** for anyone who may have suffered church-related abuse and ensures that people know where they can access support if they need it.

Wedding Pictures of St Luke's needed if you were married at St Luke's and are happy to share a picture of your wedding for our 170th Anniversary display, please see Sheila Gunson, Sandra Redgewell (FoSL) or Christine Hall (office).

Diary dates for September & beyond:

Dance Through the Decades Music Night, Saturday 26th September, 7.30 pm in the hall at St Luke's Church, Tiptree, CO5 0SU. With DJ Mick Boot; Tickets £12 from foslbookings@gmail.com or Don Tyler Opticians in the village. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Fundraiser for the church hall by Friends of St Luke's - FoSL

St Luke's 170th Anniversary Weekend, 16th to 18th October 2026

We have quite a lot planned! **A concert by KYDS** on Friday 16th October at 7.30 pm in the Church, *refreshments available in the hall*; **Coffee Morning & History Display & Talk about St Luke's by Local Historian, Elaine Bamford on Saturday 17th October, 10 am to 1 pm in the hall**; refreshments to include: Bacon Rolls & Cake. *Free entry*. Later on Saturday 17th October at 7.30 pm there is a **Concert by Vocalise** in the Church & refreshments in the hall (*includes some past members of 'Tiptree Sings'*). **Anniversary Morning Worship with Archdeacon Ruth, Sunday, 18th October at 9.30 am**, followed by tea/coffee & the cutting of the Celebratory Cake in the hall and a final chance to see the history display. *It's going to be busy, we hope to see you there!*

Get in Touch with us – Contact Details:

While we are in vacancy please contact Revd Liz Barnes, Associate Priest -
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