

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 15th March 2026

Mothering Sunday

(Fourth Sunday in Lent)

Today's Services & Readings

**Exodus 2: 1-10*; Psalm 34:11-20;
2 Corinthians 1:3-7; Luke 2: 33-35**



St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer

*Revd Julia Russell Grant &
Graham Howlett*

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

**Hymns 425, Kyrie, 497, 194, 328,
360, 532**

*Revd Christine Newmarch
& Harold Toms*

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Mothering Sunday Parish Communion

Hymns 137, 321, 169, 467

Revd Michael Hatchett

**Sunday Morning Resources you can find sermons, readings &
intercessions for this week on the Homepage of our website:**

**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

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

Sunday 22nd March 2026,

Fifth Sunday in Lent

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion

*Revd Christine Newmarch
& Sue Lyne*

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Revd Liz Barnes

Prayer ministry will be offered after the service

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Parish Communion

*Revd Christine Newmarch
& Sue Lyne*

Palm Sunday Services, 29th 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)**

Church Diary for the weeks, Mon 16th to Saturday 21st March

Mon, 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon, 1 pm	Lent Course 5, Lighthouse Café Tollesbury
Mon, 2 pm	Friends of St Luke's Committee, meets in the hall. Anyone can join us to see what we have planned next!
Tue, 11.30 am	Layer Marney Community Hub, at the Church. Drop in stay a while, chat. Tea and Coffee available.
Tue, 2 pm	Funeral of Joan Plester, at St Luke's
Tue, 7.30 pm	Layer Marney PCC Meeting, in the church
Tue, 7.30 pm	Lent Course 4, St Luke's Tiptree
Wed, 1.30 pm	Baynards School Easter Service, in church at St Luke's
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, 11.30 am	Lent Course 4, Layer Breton
Thu, 2-4 pm	Tiptree Foodbank at the URC, Chapel Road
Thu, 7.30 pm	St Luke's Ladies' Group, meet in the hall. Kate Cole: Three Women of Special Operations Executive WWII
Fri, 12 pm	Funeral of June Taylor, at St Luke's

Please note: No Bible Study on Zoom during Lent

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere in our group, Sunday, 15th March Holy Communion with Baptism 10.30 am at Layer de la Haye. Everyone welcome to join us for Morning Prayer at Layer de la Haye on Thursdays at 9.15 am.

Messy Weekend, at Tiptree United Reformed Church Friday 20th March 3.15 to 5 pm, Saturday 21st 9.30 am to 3.30 pm & Sunday 22nd 10 am to 12 noon. More information from: 01621 322537.

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 3rd April. Get in touch for more details. thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Tiptree Food Bank we are in need of donations of tinned potatoes, Jam, 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 22nd March and no later, so that I can place the order in time. Thank you, Alison Weston.

Confirmation if you are interested in finding out more about making your personal commitment to follow Christ, please see Revd Liz Barnes, Revd Christine Newmarch or anyone on the Ministry team.

Lent Courses in our Blackwater Benefice:

The 'Resurrection Journeys' - the Waterside Parishes, last session this Monday, 1-3pm at The Lighthouse Café, Tollesbury CM9 8QE.

'Instruments of the Passion' - the Roman Road Parishes meeting on Tuesdays 2-3.30 pm at Kelvedon Vicarage & Wednesdays 7.30-9 pm at Revd Wendy Pagden's, Copford. Details from Revd Canon Simon Garwood, 01376 573701.

'Christ and the Chocolaterie' - 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. Sessions are free to attend, no need to book, but please contact Liz Dingle if you there for lunch on Thursdays: emdingle@aol.com Come to any, or all of any of the sessions.

Active Revision Residential at Fellowship Afloat, Tollesbury, Monday 30th March to Friday 3rd April, in the Easter holidays. It is a great mixture of study and adventure, for school years 10-13. Get in touch for more information.

Line Dance Afternoon, with Caroline in St Luke's Church Hall on Saturday 26th April, 2 to 4 pm. Cost: £7 a head including tea & Coffee and biscuits. Contact Sandra for tickets foslbookings@gmail.com Donations for the raffle welcome.

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 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, 01621 818069 hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com



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