

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



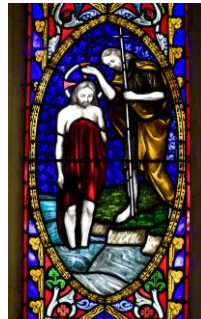
Sunday 16th August 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services & Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67;

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*;

Matthew 15:10-28



*The Baptism of
Jesus, St Luke's*

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer

Graham Howlett

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Revd Ruth Hatchett

Hymns 353, 15, 352, 36, 55, 96

& Harold Toms

12 pm Baptism of Laila Warrick

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Parish Communion

Revd Michael Hatchett

Hymns 317, 4, 548, 467

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 23rd August 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion

Led by Revd Liz Barnes

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

*Revd Christine Newmarch
& Sue Lyne*

Prayer ministry will be offered after the service

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Parish Communion

Revd Liz Barnes

St Mary, Layer Breton

12 pm Baptism of Noah Clarke

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.

Regular Diary Dates for this week, Mon 17th to Sat 22nd August

Mon, 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon, 7.30 pm	Bible Study on Zoom, our new theme is <i>The Covenants</i> . <i>To join us please contact w.borgartz@btinternet.com</i>
Tue, 10 am	Confirmation Class meets in Tiptree, <i>contact Revd Christine Eaton for details</i>
Tue, 11.30 am	Layer Marney Community Hub, at the Church. Drop in stay a while, chat. Tea and Coffee available.
Thu, 9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Thu, 10 am	Holy Communion at St Luke's. <i>Join us for coffee at the New Times after the service</i>
Thu, 1 pm	Wedding of Jonathan & Dalia at Gt Braxted
Thu, 2-4 pm	Tiptree Foodbank open at the URC, Chapel Road
Thu, 7.30 pm	St Luke's Ladies Group – Quiz by Pauline

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

No Choir Practice at St Luke's during August, & no Games Afternoon at St Luke's - next one: Friday 25th September

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere this Sunday, 16th August, 10.30 am Morning Praise, led by Wendy Borgartz at Layer de la Haye; also members of our Ministry Team are elsewhere today: Revd Michael Hatchett is in Goldhanger at 9.30 am and Revd Christine Newmarch is taking a Baptism at Great Totham. On Thursdays, we may join Layer de la Haye for Morning Prayer, 9.15 am. *All are welcome to our church services.*

This Sunday - Easthorpe Church Fundraising Health Expo, we have a free session of health checks, 11 am to 3 pm in the church hall - all donations for church funds. The **Church Fete is Saturday 22nd August at 2 pm** – *all welcome*

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

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

This week we especially need: Jars of pasta sauce; tins of vegetables - 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

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

Opening Concert by KYDS, 7.30 pm Friday 16th October in the Church

Coffee Morning & History Display, 10 am to 1 pm Saturday 17th October in the hall, & Talk in the Church about St Luke's by Local Historian, Elaine Bamford

Concert by Vocalise Saturday 17th October, 7.30 pm in the Church

Ticket information for the concerts - to follow.

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. *We hope you will join us.*

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).

Messy Church New Term, children with their parents/carers are invited to join us for Messy Church at St Luke's in the hall on 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November & 4th December; find out more: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Quiz Night, Saturday 3rd October, 7 for 7.30 pm, in the hall at St Luke's Church, Tiptree, CO5 0SU. Entry is £5 per head - contact Sandra to book tickets foslbookings@gmail.com. Teams are of up to 8 people, but if you haven't got a team, don't be put off – we will find room for you! Bring your own drinks and nibbles - *fundraiser for the church hall by Friends of St Luke's – FoSL*

Get in Touch with us – Contact Details:

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



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