

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 19th July 2026
Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services & Readings

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19;

Psalms 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25*;

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



The font, at St Luke's

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer

Graham Howlett

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Revd Liz Barnes

Hymns 692, 506, 533, 355, 285, 732

& Harold Toms

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Parish Communion

Revd Michael Hatchett

Hymns 56, 318, 186, 9

Services elsewhere this Sunday 19th July,

Wendy Borgartz leads Morning Prayer, 10.30 am at Layer de la Haye; Revd Michael Hatchett is at Goldhanger 9.30 am, Revd Ruth Hatchett is at Great Totham 10 am & Revd Christine Newmarch is at Kelvedon at 11 am.

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

thurstablewinstreechurches.org

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

Sunday 26th July 2026
Eighth Sunday after Trinity

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion

Revd Liz Barnes

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Revd Christine Newmarch

Prayer ministry will be offered after the service

12 noon Baptism of Ezra Girling

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Parish Communion

Revd Liz Barnes

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

You can find out about the weekday opening times of our churches for visiting & private prayer from our website, 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

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Regular Diary Dates for this week, Mon 20th to Sat 25th July

Monday 20 th	Deadline for applications for Youth Worker Vacancy
Mon, 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon, 2 pm	Friends of St Luke's Committee, in St Luke's Office
Mon, 7.30 pm	Bible Study on Zoom on the Beatitudes, <i>to join us please contact</i> w.borgartz@btinternet.com
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.
Tue, 7.30 pm,	Layer Marney PCC Meeting
Tue, 2.30 pm	Messy Church planning meeting, at St Luke's
Wed, 10.15 am	Retreat Day Away, at Tolleshunt Knights Monastery
Wed, 1.30 pm	Funeral of the late Colin Hart, Layer Marney
Thu, 9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Thu, 10 am	Holy Communion at St Luke's
Thu, 7.30 pm	St Luke's PCC meeting with Eucharist
Fri, 2 – 4 pm	Games Afternoon in St Luke's Hall, <i>only £3 entry includes tea, biscuits & games – for all ages! FoSL</i>
Fri, 2 pm	Wedding of George & Georgia, at Great Braxted
Sat, 1.30 pm	Wedding of John & Pheobe, at Great Braxted

On Thursdays, all are welcome to Morning Prayer, 9.15 am at Layer de la Haye

Diary Dates & News

Revd Chris Garland's visit to Easthorpe, join us at Easthorpe Church this Sunday, 19th July from 4pm for tea & cake, followed by Evensong at 6 pm. Please let Sue Collins know if you are coming for tea: suecollins0512@gmail.com 01206 211294, 07919 948955.

Tiptree Food Bank this week **we are much in need of all items on our shopping list** and especially in need of: Soup (basic flavours), Pasta, Baked beans, Hand soap, Female deodorant, Washing detergent & Large sturdy bags. 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 to all who donated last week – every single thing is appreciated.*

News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Taizé Service, Sunday 19th July 6 pm at West Mersea Parish Church, CO5 8QD with Cantus Firmus Choir. Service led by Howard Gardner & conducted by Norman Eastbrook. *Everyone welcome, retiring collection towards expenses.*

Tiptree Youth Project - Youth Worker Vacancy, for groups meeting on Wednesday afternoons & Friday evenings. For more details contact Karen Scott admin@tiptreeyp.org or Andy Butt. **The application deadline is Monday 20th July.**

St Luke's Church Contemplative Retreat Day Away, Wednesday 22nd July, 10.15 am - 4 pm at the Monastery of St John the Baptist, Tolleshunt Knights. We will spend the day listening, reflecting and praying both as a group and in smaller groups/as individuals. See Sue Lyne, or email: suzylyne@hotmail.co.uk. *Remember to bring your packed lunch, refreshments will be available.*

Messing Summer Concert with Yuri Sabatini, Saturday 1st August 7 pm: please contact Paul Marven to **book your discount tickets before 20th July** at £15 p4ul.marven@gmail.com Otherwise, you will need to buy them at the door on the night, please bring cash £18. Children 12 and under free! Yuri is an Italian Tenor, and an accomplished singer giving a powerful performance - this is his second at Messing Church.

Layer Marney Art Group - sessions start again in September, to find out more please contact layermarneychurchsec@icloud.com

Diary date for September: Social Gathering for all in the Deanery interested in environmental issues and/or Eco Church, on Saturday 12th September, 6 pm at Witham Rectory, 7 Chippingdell, Witham, CM8 2JX. All welcome. Please let Anna know if you are planning to go along: 07388 017312.

Get in Touch with us – Contact Details:

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



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