

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



Sunday 19th April 2026

Easter 3

Today's Services & Readings

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41*; Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17;

1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer *Graham Howlett*

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion *Revd Liz Barnes*

Hymns 32, 430, 16, 90, 159, 223 & Harold Toms

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Holy Communion *Revd Michael Hatchett*

Hymns 76, 220, 504, 142

12.15 pm APCM & AMP following the 11.15 am service

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 & weekly notices for this week

Find out about the weekday opening times of our Heathland Churches for visiting & private prayer from our website:

thurstablewinstreechurches.org

Sunday 26th April 2026

Easter 4

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion *Revd Christine Newmarch*

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 Liz Barnes*

Rogation Sunday Walk & Worship, Sunday 10th May,

We begin at 8.30 am from St John the Baptist Layer de la Haye for breakfast and a short service. We then walk to Layer Breton for the next part of the service and refreshments at 10.30 am.

We complete by walking to Layer Marney where we join together for Holy Communion at 12 noon.

All are invited to join the walk along the way, or travel by car between churches, for all or part of our 'Walk & Worship'.

Drinks will be provided when we reach Layer Marney, to go with our usual 'Bring your own Picnic'. We hope you can join us.

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

Sunday 10th May

Rogation Sunday Walk & Worship

A traditional blessing of fields, gardens, and farmyards.

Regular Diary Dates for this week, Mon 20th to Saturday 25th April

Mon, 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon, 2 pm	Funeral of June Groninger at St Luke's
Mon, 2 pm	Friends of St Luke's Committee, meets in the hall
Tue, 11.30 am	Layer Marney Community Hub at the Church, with tea & coffee available. Topic: Rural Road safety, NFU video
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, 10 am	Layer Marney Art Club, at the Church
Thu, 2 pm	Funeral of Brian Southwood at St Luke's
Thu, 2-4 pm	Tiptree Foodbank open at the URC, Chapel Road
Fri, 1.30 pm	Wedding of Thomas Conroy & Sophie Wakefield, at Layer Marney
Fri, 2 – 4 pm	Games Afternoon in St Luke's Hall – FoSL, £3 entry
Sat, 2 - 4m	Line Dance Afternoon, at St Luke's - in aid of FoSL

Please note: No Bible Study on Zoom until Monday 27th April, 7.30 pm

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere this Sunday, 19th April, 10.30 am at Layer de la Haye Holy Communion with Revd Jo Wood. Eastertide Songs of Praise at Easthorpe at 6 pm – *all welcome!* On Thursdays we are welcome to join Layer de la Haye for Morning Prayer at 9.15 am.

Line Dance Afternoon (FoSL), led by Caroline in St Luke's Church Hall this Saturday 25th April, 2 to 4 pm. **PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED DATE** If you haven't tried this before, it will be a great opportunity! Cost: £7 including refreshments: tea/Coffee, sausage roll & cake. Contact Sandra for your tickets foslbookings@gmail.com Raffle and Christmas bottle Tombola donations are welcome – contact Sandra, or Christine Hall.

Tiptree Food Bank thank you to everyone who donated last week.

We are currently short of **breakfast cereal (particularly 'child-friendly' varieties), tinned fruit and toilet rolls**. **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 continued generosity; it makes such a difference to local people in need and is much appreciated.*



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Read the April/May issue of **Open Door**, the church magazine for Great Braxted, Inworth, Messing and Tiptree in the Heathland Parishes: www.tk-tiptree-braxted-benefice.org.uk/Apl-May%2026a.pdf

APCM & AMP Dates in the Heathland Parishes

Sunday 19th April, Inworth 12.15 pm in the church, *follows 11.15 am service*
Thursday 30th April, Messing 7.30 pm (preceded by the PCC meeting, 7 pm)

Tuesday 5th May, Layer Breton with Birch at 2pm

Sunday 17th May, Tiptree & Great Braxted at 11 am

Tuesday 19th May, Layer Marney APCM, AMP & PCC at 7.30pm in the church

Please send any late APCM reports for St Luke's & Gt Braxted to Christine Hall thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com Thank you. **Application forms for St Luke's APCM are available** (Electoral Roll, PCC, Churchwarden & Deanery Synod) from Ian Calvert on Sundays and Christine Hall during the week thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Services at All Saints', Great Braxted: our next service is at 11.15 am Sunday 3rd May and on every first Sunday of the month up to and including October.

Mission Two of the Mighty Convoy Andrew, from Messing Church, and his neighbour Marco are on their way to Ukraine. If you would like to donate please see: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/essex-ukraine-mighty-convoy>

The Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal 2026, Bishop Guli sends her thanks to all who have donated so far. The appeal is open until 1st July, you may donate using the link here to the Diocesan Website: www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/our-faith-in-action/the-bishop-of-chelmsfords-lent-appeal-2026

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



Find us on Facebook: Layer Marney & Tiptree Churches and St Luke's Church Hall are all on Facebook, *also look out for our friends at Layer de la Haye, Copford, Easthorpe & Kelvedon churches in the Roman Road Parishes*