

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 22nd February 2026
First Sunday in Lent



Today's Services & Readings

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32;

Romans 5: 12- 19* Matthew 4: 1-11

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion

Revd Christine Newmarch

Hymns 67, 64, 83, 63

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Revd Liz Barnes &

Hymns 202, 811, 463, 465, 74, 747

Wendy Borgartz

Prayer ministry will be offered after the service

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Parish Communion

Revd Liz Barnes &

Hymns 145, 15, 312, 501

Wendy Borgartz

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

Please see over page for events & weekly notices for the next 2 weeks

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.

Sunday 1st March 2026, Second Sunday in Lent

Today's Services & Readings

Genesis 12: 1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4: 1-5, 13 - 17*

John 3: 1-17

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer

Graham Howlett

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Family Communion

Revd Christine Newmarch

Hymns 132, Kyrie (Caswell), 334, 834

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Matins

Harold Toms

Sunday's Services, 8th March 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion, 9 am at St Mary's Layer Marney

Café Church, 9.30 am at St Luke's Tiptree

we meet together in the hall for a light breakfast, activities & worship

Morning Worship, 11.15 am at All Saints Messing

The Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal 2026, is raising funds to support climate resilience in our linked dioceses in Kenya, www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/our-faith-in-action/the-bishop-of-chelmsfords-lent-appeal-2026

Church Diary for the weeks, Mon 23rd February to Sat 7th March

Mon 23 rd & 2 nd , 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon 23 rd , 12 noon	Lunch at the New Times, Tiptree
Mon 23 rd & 2 nd , 1 pm	Lent Course, Lighthouse Café Tollesbury
Tue 24 th & 3 rd , 7.30 pm	Lent Course, St Luke's Tiptree
Wed 25 th & 4 th , 7.30 pm	Choir Practice, at St Luke's
Thu 26 th & 5 th , 9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Thu 26 th & 5 th , 10 am	Holy Communion at St Luke's
Thu 26 th & 5 th , 11.30 am	Lent Course, Layer Breton
Thu 26 th , 10 am	Layer Marney Art Club, at the church
Thu 26 th & 5 th , 2-4 pm	Tiptree Foodbank at the URC, Chapel Road
Fri 27 th , 2 pm	Games Afternoon, St Luke's Hall (FoSL)
Sat 28 th , 11 am	Wedding of Barney & Anna, Layer Marney
Wed 4 th , 10 am	Layer Breton Church Pop-up Coffee Shop
Fri 6 th , 2 pm	World Day of Prayer Service, RC Church, St Mary Immaculate, Kelvedon <i>all welcome</i>
Fri 6 th , 3 pm	Messy Church, at St Luke's. Theme: Prayer & Daniel in the lion's den

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere in our group, Sunday, 22nd February & 1st March
Holy Communion 10.30 am at Layer de la Haye; 22nd February 11 am Holy
Communion at Copford and Sunday 1st March Evensong at Easthorpe, 6 pm.

Office hours at St Luke's the office is closed the week of 23rd to 27th February as I
am on leave, and re-opens Tuesday 3rd March, 10 am to 12.30 pm. *Christine Hall.*

Lunch at the New Times, we meet Monday 23rd February, 12 noon. Cost:
£14.50, just turn up, no need to book – everyone is welcome.

**Canon Simon Garwood will be standing down as Area Dean at the Deanery
Synod meeting on Tuesday 24th February**, when Revd Jonathan Pritchard
takes over the role. Our thanks and best wishes to Simon for all he has done.

Games Afternoon, Friday 27th February 2-4 pm, St Luke's Church Hall, Tiptree.
£3 for tea and biscuits, all sort of games and good company!

Tiptree Food Bank we are in need of donations of tinned potatoes,
Custard (tins/cartons/packages), Long-life fruit juice, Pasta sauce, Coffee,
Baked beans, Laundry powder/liquid. These may be taken to: the donation
tub at ASDA, left 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.



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Sunday 8th March – deadline for contributions to **Open Door for April/May**,
please send these to Martin the Editor: m.borgartz@btinternet.com

News from Layer Marney: the church now hosts the Community Hub for the
village and two new groups will be meeting here. **Layer Marney Art Group**,
meeting fortnightly on Thursdays 10 am-12 pm. A friendly and informal
group, you can find out details from Gill, Email: layermarneychurchsec@icloud.com
or WhatsApp 07885 868980. Next dates: 26th February, 12th & 26th March.
Then, on the second Tuesday in the month, 11.30 am to 1 pm, we have **Layer
Marney Community Hub Drop-in Sessions** when different topics will be
covered from across a wide range of interests, with tea & coffee available.
Next one: 17th March, drop in or stay a while and join the conversation.

Lent Courses in our Blackwater Benefice - open to all:

The 'Resurrection Journeys' is the theme for the Waterside Parishes,
Mondays, 1-3pm at The Lighthouse Café, Tollesbury CM9 8QE.

'Christ and the Chocolaterie', is the theme of the Heathland Parishes on
Tuesdays and Thursdays, with resources by Hilary Brand based on the film
'Chocolat'. This will be shown in full on the first Tuesday meeting on 24th
February, 7.30 pm at St Luke's. On Thursdays we meet 11.30 am for 12 noon
at 7 Birch Way, Birch Green CO2 0NQ, first one: 26th February. The Courses
last five weeks, and all are welcome to any or all sessions which are free to
attend. There is no need to book for Tuesdays, but please let Liz Dingle know
if you there for lunch on Thursdays: emdingle@aol.com

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.

Get in Touch – our Contact details:

While we are in vacancy please contact Revd Liz Barnes, Associate Priest -
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I am on annual leave Tue 23rd & Thur 27th February; returning Tuesday 3rd March. I work on
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday and take phone enquiries on the mobile from 10 am to
12.30 pm, 07421 078981 (with voicemail). I am available at St Luke's Church Office on
Tuesday mornings (by appointment) & 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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