

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 24th May 2026

Pentecost

Today's Services & Readings

**Acts 2:1-21*; Psalm 104.26-36, 27b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13;
John 20:19-23**

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion *Revd Liz Barnes*

3 pm Baptism of Mabel Walker

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion *Archdeacon Ruth*

Hymns 732, 114, 746, 124, 87, 479

Prayer ministry will be offered after the service

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Parish Communion *Revd Liz Barnes*

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

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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[Please see over page for events & notices for this week](#)

Sunday 31st May 2026

Trinity Sunday

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Benefice Communion *Revd Christine Newmarch
& Wendy Borgartz*

11.30 pm Baptism of Sophie Joseph

Heathland Benefice 5th Sunday Service, 31st May

Our fifth Sunday service this month will be held at St Luke's Tiptree at 9.30 am when we will celebrate Holy Communion together.

The service will be led by Revd Christine Newmarch, and Wendy Borgartz

Everyone welcome - from the Heathland Churches and our friends old and new from neighbouring churches in the Benefice

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

Regular Diary Dates for this week, Mon 25th to Sat 30th May

Bank Holiday Monday, no St Luke's Parent & Toddlers or Zoom Bible

Study this week

Mon, 11 am Layer Marney Village Fete, see more details below

Mon, 12 noon Lunch at the New Times, Tiptree. Just turn up on the day, £14.50 for 2 courses & a hot drink

Thu, 9 am Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree

Thu, 10 am Holy Communion at St Luke's

Thu, 2-4 pm Tiptree Foodbank open at the URC, Chapel Road

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere this Sunday, 24th May, Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew Vince, 10.30 am Layer de la Haye; 11 am Holy Communion at Copford. Thursday Morning Prayer, 9.15 am at Layer de la Haye. *All welcome.*

Layer Marney Village Fete, Bank Holiday Monday, 25th May, 11 am – 5 pm. All the fun you'd expect for an old-fashioned village fete, open to everyone - please note: entry fees apply www.layermarneytower.co.uk/events/village-fete-3/

Visit by Revd Chris Garland, past Rector of Copford, Easthorpe, Messing & Inworth Chris will be staying with us in July, and we invite anyone who knew him to join us at Easthorpe Church on Sunday 19th July from 4pm for tea and cake, followed by Evensong at 6 pm. Please let me know how many to expect for tea, *Sue Collins*. suecollins0512@gmail.com 01206 211294, 07919 948955.

St Luke's Quiet Day, all churches and congregations are invited to take part in this event, the date and venue is all to be decided with your feedback. To express an interest in attending please see Sue Lyne at St Luke's, or email: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com.

Messy Church Summer Term dates, children with their parents/carers are invited to join us for Messy Church at St Luke's in the hall on Friday 5th June & 3rd July. Get in touch to find out more: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Tiptree Food Bank this week we are especially in need of: Tinned fruit, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned fish, Jam and any spare strong bags you may have in your cupboards. **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 generous support.



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Confirmation & Confirmation Course if you would like to consider being confirmed, there will be a confirmation service within the Witham Deanery later this year. If you would like to join our **Confirmation Course** held on Tuesdays in Tiptree at 10 am, please contact Revd Christine Eaton to find our more: christine.gorringe@btinternet.com 079611 29422.

Licensing of Revd Andrew Vince as Associate Priest in the local Ministry Team 7.30 pm on Wednesday 10th June by the Bishop of Colchester, at St Mary's Church, Tollesbury & followed by refreshments in the Parish Rooms. Everyone welcome from across the parishes to support Andrew and pray for him as he is licensed to this new role.

Witham Choral Concert with Hannah Ambrose Soprano, at All Saints, Great Braxted Saturday 6th June, at 7 pm. Tickets £12 on the door, or [ticketsource](http://ticketsource.com).

The Andy Brush Jazz Quintet, at St Luke's Hall, Tiptree, Saturday 13th June with vocalist Jessica Sillett, doors open 7 for 7.45 pm. Tickets are £15 from 'The Computer Guys' in Tiptree or from Andy Brush. Proceeds are in aid of FoSL, who are providing refreshments in the interval for a donation, and also a raffle.

Organ Recital, St Nicholas Church, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Saturday 13th June at 7 pm with Michael Danes. Free entry, followed by light refreshments. Retiring collection in aid of the village community hub and the church. CM9 8TS.

Come & Sing Choral Evensong for Music Sunday, 14th June at St Luke's, Tiptree. The service is at 6 pm, everyone from all churches are invited to join us. If you are interested in taking part in the singing, please contact Norman Eastbrook, 07762 836395 (rehearsal begins at 3 pm).

Get in Touch – our Contact details:

While we are in vacancy please contact Revd Liz Barnes, Associate Priest - liz_barnes@sky.com Tel: 01621 333027 Day off - Monday

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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, 07857 632603 hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com



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Also see our friends in the churches of Layer de la Haye, Copford, Easthorpe & Kelvedon