

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 26th July 2026
Eight Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services & Readings

1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136;

Romans 8:26-39*;

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



*The Noah's Arc
Window, St Luke's*

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion

Rev'd Liz Barnes

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Rev'd Christine Newmarch

Hymns 242, 618, 66, 540, 526, 19

Prayer ministry will be offered after the service

12 noon Baptism of Ezra Girling

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Parish Communion

Rev'd Liz Barnes

Hymns 422, 318, 227, 553

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 2nd August 2026
Ninth Sunday after Trinity

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer

Graham Howlett

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Family Communion

Rev'd Liz Barnes

12 pm Baptism of Kodie Waters

All Saints', Great Braxted

11.15 am Parish Communion

Rev'd Michael Hatchett

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Matins

Harold Toms

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Join us for a Celebratory Service for the 150th Anniversary of Mothers' Union at Copford Church on Sunday 9th August, at 11 am - all are invited. The Copford and Easthorpe branch of MU has been going for well over 100 years; there are now 4 million members in 80 countries.

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 27th July to Sat 1st August

Mon, 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon, 12 noon	Lunch at the New Times, Tiptree. Just turn up on the day, £14.50 for 2 courses & a hot drink
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>
Thu, 9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Thu, 10 am	Holy Communion at St Luke's
Sat, 7 pm	Messing Church Summer Concert – Yuri Sabatini, <i>tenor</i>

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

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere this Sunday, 26th July, Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew Vince, 10.30 am Layer de la Haye; 11 am Holy Communion at Copford with Revd Ruth Hatchett. *All welcome to any of our Sunday services.* Thursdays - all are invited to Morning Prayer, 9.15 am at Layer de la Haye.

Revd Chris Garland's visit to Easthorpe, this was a lovely event and there are some really nice pictures on Facebook from the afternoon tea and Evensong.

Lunch at the New Times, Tiptree we next meet this Monday 27th July at 12 pm (4th Monday in the month). Excellent value: £14.50 for 2 courses & hot drink; contact Christine Eaton, 01621 819166 christine.gorringe@btinternet.com

Services at All Saints', Great Braxted: we hope you will join us for our next service on Sunday, 2nd August at 11.15 am (on the 1st Sunday of the month, up to and including October).

Join us for Morning Prayer with Revd Anne-Marie, Monday 3rd August at 9.30 am at St Luke's Tiptree, who is visiting the area over the weekend and is joining us for Morning Prayer – please come along and say hello to her.

Tiptree Food Bank this week we are short of: tins of rice pudding; long-life fruit juice; jam; tins of meat e.g. mince, corned beef, hot dogs & chicken in sauce. **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 donate to us – it is all much appreciated.*



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Yuri Sabatini, Messing Summer Concert: Saturday 1st August 7 pm. Tickets available at the door, £18 (cash please), children 12 and under - free! Yuri is an accomplished Italian Tenor giving a powerful performance.

Look out from 6th August onwards for the Copford & Easthorpe Scarecrow Festival, if you are passing by!

Wedding Pictures of St Luke's needed if you married at St Luke's and are happy to share a picture of your wedding for our 170th Anniversary Weekend display, please see Sheila Gunson, Sandra Redgewell (FoSL) or Christine Hall (office).

Diary dates for September & beyond:

Deanery Social Gathering for all interested in environmental issues and/or Eco Church, Saturday 12th September, 6 pm at 7 Chippingdell, Witham, CM8 2JX. All welcome – contact Anna if you plan to be there: 07388 017312.

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

Churchwardens Get-together Saturday 24th October 2026, at 10am in St Luke's Church Hall, Tiptree, Essex CO5 0SU. Everyone welcome - if new to the role, experienced or just interested! Contact Sheila Gunson, Churchwarden St Luke's Tiptree if you would like to attend. thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Bottles needed for the FoSL Christmas Tombola/Bottle Stall, please pass any donations to Sheila Gunson at church or see Christine Hall in the Church Office.

Get in Touch with us – Contact Details:

While we are in vacancy please contact Revd Liz Barnes, Associate Priest -
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Days of work: usually 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



Find us on Facebook: St Mary the Virgin Layer Marney, St Luke's Church Tiptree and St Luke's Tiptree Church Hall all have Facebook pages.