

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 29th March 2026

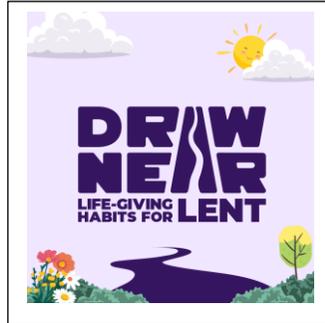
Palm Sunday

Today's Services & Readings

Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;

Philippians 2:5-11*;

Matthew 26:14-27:54



St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion with Passion Reading

Led by Revd Liz Barnes

Hymns 12, 500, 640, 507, 729

St Mary, Breton

10.30 am Holy Communion with Passion Reading

Led by Revd Christine Newmarch

The Way of the Cross, Cantus Firmus Choir present a Palm Sunday reflection in Words & Music, 6.30 pm at Castle Methodist Church, Colchester, CO1 1TT

Sunday Morning Resources you can find sermons, readings & intercessions for this week on the Homepage of our website: thurstablewinstreechurches.org you can also find the weekday opening times of our Heathland Churches for visiting & private prayer.

Please see over page for events & weekly notices for this week

Sunday 5th April 2026

Easter Day

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion

Revd Liz Barnes

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Revd Christine Newmarch

All Saints', Great Braxted

11.15 am Parish Communion

Revd Christine Newmarch

All Saints', Inworth

11.15 am Holy Communion

Revd Michael Hatchett

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Holy Communion

Revd Liz Barnes

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

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.

Services in Holy Week for the Heathland Parishes

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April

6 pm Agape Meal & Holy Communion, St Luke's Tiptree
we assemble at 5.30 pm in the hall to drop off our food contributions

Good Friday, 3rd April

11 am Act of Witness, we gather outside Tesco in Tiptree

1 pm Stations of the Cross, St Luke's Tiptree

1 pm Messy Good Friday, St Luke's Church hall, Tiptree
this is followed by our

2.30 pm Family Service in the church

2 pm Reflective Good Friday Service, St Mary's Layer Breton

Easter Eve, 4th April

7.30 pm Service of Light, Layer Marney

8 pm Vigil & Service of Light, St Luke's Tiptree

Regular Diary Dates for this week, Mon 30th March to Sat 4th April

Mon to Wed Electrical Work at St Luke's – no meetings for 3 days

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

Please note: No Bible Study on Zoom during Lent

Diary Dates & News

Please Note the Clocks go forward this Sunday, 29th March

Services & Events elsewhere this Sunday, 29th March 10 am joint Waterside Benefice Communion at Tolleshunt D'Arcy. On Thursdays everyone is welcome to join Layer de la Haye for Morning Prayer at 9.15 am.

Tiptree Food Bank we are in need of donations of tinned meat, tea bags, bottles of squash, rice, breakfast cereal (especially child-friendly varieties), razors, men's shower gel, men's deodorant, kitchen cleaner. **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. *Your generosity is really appreciated by local people struggling with the cost of essentials. Thank you.*



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Electrical work at St Luke's Tiptree, all power is expected to be turned off from Monday 30th March to Wednesday 1st April. On Tuesday & Wednesday office enquiries should be directed to Christine Hall on 07421 078981 or by email. Thank you for bearing with us, *Clive Eastbrook, Churchwarden.*

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal with Service of Holy Communion, at St Luke's, 2nd April, everyone is welcome to join us for our simple bring and share meal, 5.30 for 6pm. Courses are interspersed with the service, moving into the church for the Peace and remainder of the Eucharist, concluding with the stripping of the Altar signifying how Christ was left alone to face his accusers. Please add your name to the list of suggested food in the church lobby if you can make a contribution, please don't worry if you can't do this - we'd much rather you join us. Volunteers to help set up beforehand and tidy away would be much appreciated, please contact Wendy Borgartz if you can.

Messy Good Friday, children with their parents/carers are invited to join us for our Easter themed Messy Good Friday from 1 pm to 2.30 pm on 3rd April. Get in touch for more details thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Services at All Saints', Great Braxted: we are delighted that services resume on Easter Day, 7th April at 11.15 am, and on every first Sunday of the month.

APCMs in the Heathland Parishes

Please send reports for St Luke's & Gt Braxted to Christine Hall, to **arrive no later than Thursday 23rd April**. thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com Thank you.

Application forms for St Luke's APCM are now available (Electoral Roll, Churchwarden, Deanery Synod & PCC) from Ian Calvert on Sundays and Christine Hall during the week thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com

Line Dance Afternoon, led by Caroline in St Luke's Church Hall on Saturday 26th April, 2 to 4 pm. Cost: £7 a head including tea & Coffee, sausage roll & cake. Book with Sandra, Friends of St Luke's: foslbookings@gmail.com

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 - Mon

News sheet & Team Administrator, Christine Hall: thurstableteamadmin@btinternet.com
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 Thursday this week 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