

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 4th October 2026
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services & Readings

Exodus 20:1-4, 12-20; Psalm 19;

Philippians 3:4b-14*; Matthew 21:33-end

Harvest Festival: Deuteronomy 8:7-18;

Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19



St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Morning Prayer

Graham Howlett

St Luke's, Tiptree Harvest Festival *service with choir*

9.30 am Family Communion

Revd Christine Newmarch

followed by bring & shared harvest lunch in the hall

All Saints', Great Braxted

Harvest Festival

11.15 am Parish Communion

Revd Christine Newmarch

Hymns 144, Praise O praise our God and King, 67, 801

All Saints', Inworth

Harvest Festival

11.15 am Matins

Harold Toms

Sunday Morning Resources you can find sermons, readings & intercessions for this week as well as opening times for our churches here:
thurstablewinstreechurches.org

Please see over page for events & notices for the coming weeks

Photo: Floral Font Decorations at St Luke's

Sunday 11th October 2026
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

St Mary, Layer Marney

9 am Holy Communion

Revd Christine Newmarch

6pm Harvest Festival

Archdeacon Ruth

followed by shared supper at The Tower – details over page

St Luke's, Tiptree

9.30 am Parish Communion

Revd Liz Barnes

All Saints', Messing

11.15 am Harvest Festival

Anne Wild

Harvest Festivals in the Heathland Parishes 2026

Sunday 4th October

9.30 am St Luke's, Tiptree

11.15 am All Saints' Gt Braxted

11.15 am All Saints' Inworth (church open all weekend)

Sunday 11th October

6 pm St Mary Layer Marney, followed by a shared Supper

11.15 am All Saints' Messing (bring harvest gifts Wed - Saturday)

Harvest Gifts are for the Foodbank this year – items from their shopping list are all welcome. Thank you.

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, from Mon 4th to Sat 10th October

Mon 9.15 am	Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall
Mon 2 pm	Thanksgiving and Celebration for the life of Ruth le Poidevin, at St Luke's – all welcome. <i>Please Note: the parking at the church is reserved for family only.</i>
Mon 7.30 pm	No Bible Study this or next week, next one: 17 th October
Tue 7.30pm	Pilgrim Course – <i>not this week, next one (session 4) is on 13th October at St Peter's Great Totham</i>
Wed, 10 am	Layer Breton Church Pop-up Macmillan Coffee Shop open 'til 11.30 am. Please call in, everyone welcome!
Wed 1.30 pm	St Luke's School Harvest Festival, in the church
Wed 2.30 pm	Messing PCC Meeting
Thu 9 am	Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree
Thu 10 am	Holy Communion at St Luke's <i>join us for coffee at The New Times afterwards</i>
Thu, 10 am	Layer Marney Art Club, at the church
Thur 11 am	Messing School Harvest Festival service in the church
Thu 2-4 pm	Tiptree Foodbank open, URC Chapel Road

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere, Sunday 4th October All-age Harvest Worship, 10.30 am at Layer de la Haye Revd Jo Wood & Team. Easthorpe Harvest Festival, 6 pm & harvest supper. *Everyone is welcome to our services today.*

Harvest Displays and Inworth through the Ages, come and enjoy the displays and tea & cakes, 12.30 - 4.30 pm this Saturday, 3rd, & Sunday 4th October.

Harvest Festival Lunch at St Luke's, 12 pm this Sunday 4th October, after coffee and our Harvest Service. We have a sign-up sheet in the lobby with ideas of food contributions to bring. If you can help with setting up/clearing away please call Christine Eaton 079611 29422. *Everyone welcome.*

Taize Service with Cantus Firmus, Sunday 4th October 6 pm at the Orchard Baptist Church, Colchester, CO2 0AE. *Refreshments & retiring collection.*

Zoom Bible Study, next meet on 17th October at 7.30 pm, when our resource is 'Walking back to Advent', to join contact Wendy: w.borgartz@btinternet.com

Tiptree Food Bank – all items on our shopping list will be much appreciated. Donations can be left in the tub by the checkouts at Asda, in the yellow box just inside the door of St Luke's Church or can be brought to

Tiptree United Reformed Church in Chapel Road, 2-4pm on Thursdays.



News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Layer Marney Harvest Festival Service & Shared Supper Sunday 11th October at 6 pm. Everyone is invited from all parishes, our service will be led by Archdeacon Ruth. This is followed by a Shared Supper, please let us know if you would like to come and what food you are able to bring from: sweet, savoury or salads. Call: Layer Marney Tower, who are collating numbers, 01206 330784. *Please bring your own drinks; parking is at the Church & Tower.*

St Luke's 170th Anniversary Weekend, 16th to 18th October 2026

Concert by KYDS music & drama group, 7.30 pm Friday 16th October – see poster to book tickets, £10.60 for adults and £7.42 for under 18s (incl. booking fee)
Coffee Morning*, History Display & Talk about St Luke's, 10 am to 1 pm Saturday 17th October in the hall, with a Talk* by Local Historian Elaine Bamford in the Church **both events free to enter*

Concert by Vocalise Saturday 17th October, 7.30 pm in the Church.
Concert tickets £10, available from Don Tyler Opticians & at the door

Anniversary Morning Worship with Archdeacon Ruth, 9.30 am Sunday, 18th October, followed by tea/coffee & the **cutting of the Celebratory Cake** in the hall, and a final chance to see the history display. *We hope you will join us.*

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal is back! thank you to all who have already offered to fill a shoebox with gifts, or have spare shoeboxes to donate. A plastic collection box will be at the back of St Luke's Church for anyone who wishes to donate toys, stationery or personal care items for inclusion in a box - leaflets with details and labels available soon, or see the webpage: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox#gift-suggestions Completed Shoeboxes need to be brought to church by 8th November. *Thank you for your support. Penni Vigar.*

Get in Touch with us – Contact Details:

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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** from 10 am to 12.30 pm on Tuesday mornings (by appointment only) & Thursdays. 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.