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

The Thurstable & Winstree Team Ministry

Sunday 1st November 2026
All Saints' Sunday

Today's Services & Readings
Revelation 7:9-17;
Psalm 34:1-10; 1 John 3:1-3*; Matthew 5:1-12

St Mary, Layer Marney
9 am **Morning Prayer** *Graham Howlett*

St Luke's, Tiptree
9.30 am **Family Communion** *Revd Christine Newmarch*
Hymns **Give thanks with a grateful heart*; 226 'Peruvian Gloria', Shout to the Lord*; How great is our God*** **video*
3 pm **Memorial Service for the bereaved**
Hymn **19, 743, 63, 715** **Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4.13 - end**
Service led by Revd Christine Newmarch
At the service the names of those lost in the past year are read out. Afterwards refreshments are available in the hall.
All are welcome.

All Saints', Inworth **Patronal Festival**
11.15 am Matins *Harold Toms*
Hymns **134, 516, 63, 442**

Sunday Morning Resources ***you can find sermons, readings & intercessions for this week on our website:*** thurstablewinstreechurches.org

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

Sunday 8th November 2026
Remembrance Sunday

St Mary, Layer Marney
9 am **Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance**
led by Revd Liz Barnes

St Luke's, Tiptree
9.30 am **Café Church** *Café Church Team*
10.50 am Act of Remembrance in Church
2.10 pm **Parade from 'The Centre', Tiptree to the War Memorial and service there at 2.20 pm**
3.15 pm **Remembrance Service at Tiptree URC**
Revd Christine Newmarch will be representing the parish and is preaching at the URC

St Mary, Layer Breton with Birch
10.45 am Remembrance Service at the Cross, Birch
led by Revd Michael Hatchett

All Saints', Messing
10.50 am Remembrance Sunday Service *Anne Wild*

All Saints', Inworth
12.30 pm Act of Remembrance *Harold Toms*

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Regular Diary Dates for this week, Monday 2nd to Sat 7th November

Mon 9.15 am	**Parent & Toddlers, St Luke's Church Hall**
Mon, 7 pm	**Deanery Confirmation Service, at St Nicolas' Witham. Some candidates from our joint Benefice are taking part**
Mon, please note:	**no Zoom Bible Study this week. *To join us next week, contact Wendy:*** w.borgartz@btinternet.com
Wed, 10 am	**Layer Breton Church Pop-up Coffee Shop, open until 11.30 am**; *with collection for Tiptree Foodbank*
Wed, 10 am	**Youth & Children's Work Team meeting, St Luke's**
Thu 9 am	**Morning Prayer, at St Luke's Tiptree**
Thu 10 am	**Holy Communion at St Luke's, with Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.** *Join us for coffee at the New Times*
Thu, 10 am	**Layer Marney Art Club, at the church**
Thu 2-4 pm	**Tiptree Foodbank open, at the URC in Chapel Road**
Fri, 1 pm	**Wedding of Leanne Golbo & Michael Pierpaolini, at St Mary Layer Marney**
Fri 3 pm	**Messy Church at St Luke's Church, in the hall, when our theme is Remembrance - Jesus wanted his disciples to remember him**

Diary Dates & News

Services & Events elsewhere, Sunday 1st November All-age Service led by Revd Jo Wood & Team, 10.30 am at Layer de la Hay & All Souls' Service at 4 pm. *Everyone is welcome to all services across the Benefice.*

Items for Open Door Magazine – December to January issue, please send these to Martin Borgartz by Sunday, 1st November. m.borgartz@btinternet.com

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed at Holy Communion 10 am, Thursday 5th November at St Luke's. Please see the list in the lobby to add the names of those you would like to have remembered at this service.

Safeguarding Audit of our Diocese by ineque, this is a survey for everyone to complete, please see the posters in church or follow the link here to do this: ineqe.com/churchofengland/chelmsford/, **responses are due by 1st Sun December.**

Tiptree Food Bank – all items on our shopping list are welcome this week. As usual 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. *Thank you all for your generosity and support.*

News, Reminders & Looking Ahead

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal, Tiptree with one week to go, there's still time to pack a shoe box. If you are unable to attend Café Church at St Luke's on 8th November, please bring your Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoe box this Sunday, 1st November. Thank you so much for your support. *Penni Vigar.*

Parent and Toddler Group helpers needed after over 15 years Margaret has decided to retire from St Luke's Parent & Toddler group, and we would like to thank her for all of her hard work. Several other volunteers have also left, which does leave us quite short staffed. We would love some more helpers, even if it is just to cover staff sickness and holidays. Please speak to Wendy Borgartz or myself if you would like to find out more. Thank you, *Penni Vigar.*

Colchester Area Vocations Day, on Saturday 7th November, 9 am to 1 pm at Great Notley Church, CM77 7GN. Come as you are, everyone welcome, and learn more about ordained, licensed, authorised and lay ministry. To register an interest see: www.chelmsford.anglican.org/events/the-colchester-area-vocations-day

Quiz Night fundraiser for St John the Baptist Layer de la Haye, Friday 13th November, 7.30 pm in the village hall. Tickets £5, from Anne Hughes 07388 689379; tables of 6-8, bring your own drink & nibbles.

Friends of Messing Church AGM, Wednesday 25th November at 7 pm, with wine & nibbles. Anyone interested in finding out more is welcome to come along and join us.

Raffle Prizes & bottle tombola items for the FoSL Christmas Coffee Morning at St Luke's, any contributions can be passed to Sheila Gunson at church or Christine Hall in the Church Office. *Thank you.*

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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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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.

Also look out for the nearby churches of Layer de la Haye, Copford, Easthorpe & Kelvedon