



Christmas Services - Church and Livestream (Service Listing Overleaf)

Most of us are struggling to make plans for Christmas given the many uncertainties; please know that we pray regularly for everyone in Long Melford at this difficult time, and hope that you will be close to family and friends this Christmas. We particularly remember any who have lost a loved one recently. Nevertheless, there is still much to be thankful for and to celebrate, it would be lovely if you can join us for one of the services detailed overleaf.

Thankfully we are allowed to worship in church whatever tier we are in, and we have a full Christmas programme. However, whereas choirs are allowed to sing, unfortunately the congregation is not. Therefore we are promoting the BBC Radio Suffolk 'Doorstep Carols' so we can all sing together. Furthermore, if you are not able to attend church, we will livestream our main Christmas services so that you can participate and sing at home, as has been the practice of our regular congregation throughout the year (you do get used to singing at home!).

Thankfully Holy Trinity can still seat many people even when socially distanced. For the purposes of track and trace, and to maximise capacity, some of our services require pre-booking by emailing 0305cam@gmail.com (*strong preference*) or call 07943 811030. **Please detail the names of all the people attending in your bubble, and the service you wish to attend** (records will be destroyed after three weeks). Please show your email on arrival (*ideally on your phone*). You are welcome to turn up without booking but a seat cannot be guaranteed. Please bring a mask.

We regret that it has not been possible to hold a Tree of Lights service in Long Melford this year. The church remains open for private prayer and you are welcome to place a decoration in memory of a loved one on the Christmas tree in the church.

How do I Join the Livestream?

- Google the five words "Holy Trinity Long Melford Facebook".
- Click on the top link to open the church's Facebook page and scroll down a bit.
- Please note that you do not need a Facebook account in order to watch the livestream.

Let us come together, in church or online, this Christmas, and celebrate the good news of God himself coming as light into a chaotic and difficult world.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew".

- 6th Dec** **Traditional Advent Carol Service**
6.30pm *a beautiful reflective service*
- 16th Dec** **Doorstep Carols**
6.00pm *sing with neighbours tuning in to BBC Radio Suffolk 104.6 FM*
(Google 'Doorstep Carols' and look up Suffolk for the songsheet and more details)
- 20th Dec** **Community Carol Service** *(booking required)*
6.30pm *carols, readings, candles, and more ...*
- 24th Dec** **Crib Service** *(booking required)*
3.00pm *do dress up in nativity costumes*
- 24th Dec** **Midnight Mass** *(booking required)*
10.30pm *an atmospheric communion service*
- 25th Dec** **Family Communion** *(booking required)*
10.30am *please bring presents to show off!*

You are also welcome to join our regular worship at 10.30am every Sunday (with the exception of the 27th December when the Bishop has given us a 'day off'). For more information please visit www.longmelfordchurch.com.

