

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY



If this is your first newsletter, welcome ... if you have any questions about the church family, the Christian faith, or about our children’s work, please do not hesitate to call Matthew the Rector on 01787 310 845.

This notice sheet covers the next week and combines:

- Notices
- The church diary (including livestream & Zoom joining instructions)
- Prayers and readings for the morning & evening services on Sunday 3rd September

Something good happened!

Ok so there is plenty to feel bad about at the moment. However, this week, a simple email followed by a social media post enabled the church community (and others) to support a local family in need – indeed I wonder whether we will get increasing numbers of requests for support. Thankyou to all who offered support in various ways. Let us be reminded that we get closer to God with every act of kindness, and there is much that is good out there if we have eyes to see it. As the apostle Paul said at the end of the book of Galatians, in chapter 6:

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people ...”

Inspired by beauty?

God meets people in all sorts of ways at our services – whether it be the welcome, the words of the hymns, the sermon, the liturgy, the prayers, the readings, Communion, conversations at coffee ... or simply sitting alongside each other. However, one aspect of God we can focus on in our churches is simply his beauty. Indeed, at Choral Evensong we have a beautiful building and beautiful music. Why not come along this Sunday at Holy Trinity at 6.30om and lift your spirit to a higher level?

Messy Church is back

Do come along as we consider how to care for the world, at Lawshall Church on Sunday 10th September at 4.00pm. With crafts, games, food, and interactive worship. Any Questions please contact Pam – melfordfamilyworker@gmail.com or call 07890 880 976.



Suffolk Churches Ride & Stride

Will take place this year on Saturday 9th September. If you are interested in either taking part or volunteering to ‘man’ the signing in at either Holy Trinity or St Catherine’s please contact Stephen Spraggons melfordgsl@aol.com.

Church office: 07804 558 160

www.longmelfordchurch.com
www.alphetonandshimplingchurches.org.uk

Pimms & Hymns

We are having a Hymns and Pimms evening on 15th September at 6pm at Holy Trinity Church where we will be singing some of our favourite hymns and listening to the choir and the Rossignol choir singing some pieces whilst enjoying a glass of Pimms. £10 per ticket, contact Cheryl on 07943 811030 or 0305cam@gmail.com.

Eco Quiz night with Ploughmans Supper

All Saints' Church Hall, Church Street, Sudbury CO10 2BN, Saturday, 16 September – 6.15 for 6.30 pm. Can we get together a Chadbrook Benefice team for this Eco Quiz Night? Teams of 6 (or make up a team with others on the night). Please contact me if you would like to take part and I'll book our places - should be good fun! Charlotte Blyth 07939 194233 charlottefblyth@btinternet.com. Saturday, 16 September – 6.15 for 6.30 pm – Raising funds for Eco Church and Foxearth Meadows. £10 per person including ploughman's supper. Bring your own wine; soft drinks and glasses provided.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please come and join us for our Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer, to be held at our house, 13 Laurel Drive Long Melford, on Saturday 23rd September, 10am until 12. There will also be a raffle and second-hand book stall. We look forward to welcoming you, Jan & Ron



Intercessions

If anyone is interested in learning more about preparing and leading intercessions within our services please contact Rev Matthew Lawson revmattis@gmail.com.

Rota for Holy Trinity

The updated rota is now on the website, until November 2023. Please let Vicky know if you need to swap any duties. chadbrookoffice@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary

Sat	9 th Sept	all day	Suffolk Churches Ride & Stride
Sat	15 th Sept	6.00pm	Pimms & Hymns at Holy Trinity
Sat	15-17 th Sept		Clerestory / Scaffolding Celebrations at Holy Trinity
Sat	23 rd Sept	10.00am	Macmillan Coffee Morning, 13 Laurel Drive, LM
Mon	25 th Sept	7.30pm	Special service (loc'n TBA) on the formation of new benefices for former St Edmunds Way Parishes including Lawshall.
Sat	30 th Sep	TBC	Harvest Supper (now at Shimpling Village Hall)
Wed	18 th Oct	7.30pm	Lawshall Village Hall, 'Meet the Rector'
Sat	21 st Oct	Evening	Rossignol Consort Concert at Holy Trinity (see flyer at end)

Diary

Sun 3 rd Sept	9.00am	Holy Communion at Alpheton
	10.30am	Family Service at Holy Trinity with livestream *
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity with livestream *
Mon 4 th	7.30pm	A&S Homegroup
Tues 5 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
Thurs 7 th	11.30am	Funeral at WSC – David North
	12.30pm	Funeral at Lawshall – Celeste Coy
	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Fri 8 th	11.30am	Interment of Ashes Lawshall – Brian De’ath
Sun 10 th	10.30am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity with livestream *
	4.00pm	Messy Church at Lawshall

* Livestream Joining Instructions

- Google the five words “Holy Trinity Long Melford Facebook”.
- Click on the top link [or click here](#) to open the church’s Facebook page and scroll down a bit.
- Please note that you do not need a Facebook account yourself in order to watch the livestream.
- **# Morning Prayer** Zoom Meeting ID: 810 2345 2032, Password: 283350, or [click this link](#).

Suggestions for Prayer

- We pray for all caught up in the horrible events in Ukraine and ask that a way forward is found.
- We pray for those who are struggling to feed themselves or their family this summer.
- We remember before God those who have recently died and those who mourn. In particular we remember the family and friends of Celeste Coy, Brian De’ath, Imelda Heywood, and David North,
- We pray for those who are in need of God’s helping healing in mind, body or spirit.
- We pray for those starting term whether students, teaching or auxiliary staff. We also pray for those starting school for the first time.

Collect (prayer for the day)

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Romans 12.9-21

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

'If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.'

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-end

Jesus predicts his death

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This shall never happen to you!'

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

²⁸ 'Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Gospel Reading (10.30am Service)

Matthew 13.44-45

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You O Christ

(Bible readings courtesy of Bible Gateway, New International Version UK (NIVUK))

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride 

Saturday, 9 September 2023
9.00am - 5.00pm



Local Organiser from whom sponsorship forms are available:
STEPHEN & CAROLYN
01787 370686
8 ST CATHERINES RD
LONG MELFORD

Visit shct.org.uk for more information.
 You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.
 Sponsorship money raised will be divided between Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the church or chapel chosen by the participant.

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PIMMS AND HYMNS EVENING

Join us for an evening of singing favourite hymns and listen to the Holy Trinity Choir and the Rossignol Choir whilst enjoying a glass of Pimms.

Friday 15th September at 6pm

Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford.

£10 per ticket from Cheryl on 0305cam@gmail.com or 07943811030




A Miscellany of Musics
A sacred offering

Saturday 21st October 2023 6pm
 Holy Trinity, Long Melford, CO10 9DT

*Featuring Allegri's "Miserere" and
 Lewandowski's "Enosh"*

**A debut performance from Melford's
 Rossignol Consort.**

Tickets £10:
 Call: 07932233431
 Email: ejcobb@talktalk.net



"The Bible, Bugs and Insect Decline"

Join us for an

**Open Air Service
 at Foxearth Meadows**

Sunday, 24 September at 3.00 pm



We are delighted to welcome as our speaker the Rev. Mike Perry.



Mike worked as a research biologist at Bristol University before becoming an Anglican parish priest. He uses his spare time to support local Christian environmental work and serves as A Rocha UK's Chair of Trustees.

For comfort, please bring a chair or rug.
 We invite people to come early to enjoy the reserve or stay afterwards for a guided walk.