

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 10.30am service on Sunday 10th September

Reflection - how close to hell are you!?

I recently heard an amusing story about an Australian butcher, who when he first came to faith, put a diagram up for his work-colleagues which featured heaven and hell, and stick men moving towards either destination. Furthermore, he added his colleagues' names to the stick men – who were unceremoniously moved closer to hell when they came back from a weekend bender! Initially, with the zeal of a fresh convert, he was desperately tried to get his colleagues to come to church. However, over time his approach changed, and he simply sought to serve the Lord with his work, and to love those who he worked with, and to pray for them and for his customers each day. In this way he changed the spiritual climate of his workplace for the better, and led to a change of heart in one of his colleagues. The butcher (who is now a church leader) was using this to illustrate the point that Jesus gave all of us a mission in the Great Commission (Matthew Chapter 28). Whereas of course it is good to bring newcomers to church, he encourages people to remember that church should inspire and equip us be good news to people out there. Who has God uniquely privileged you to live your life close to ... work colleagues ... a grandchild ... a neighbour? Maybe just one or two people. I pray that we can all sharing God's love with those around us as the Holy Spirit leads and empowers us. What is he asking you to do this week?

Rev Lawson

Suffolk Churches Ride & Stride

Well done to all the riders & striders who took part in this event yesterday. A big well done also to all the volunteers who helped and Stephen Spraggons for co-ordinating within Long Melford.

Messy Church this Sunday

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.



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Remembering the late Queen Elizabeth II

From the Bishop ... The past year has been significant in the life and history of the nation. This Friday (8th) marks the first anniversary of the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and the Accession of King Charles III. I warmly encourage everyone to join me in praying for our King and Queen, for the whole Royal Family, and our nation, as we reflect at this time. Looking back, we continue to give thanks for the life and faith of Queen Elizabeth. Looking ahead to the future, we pray for the King that God will comfort and strengthen him, and us, in the service of the common good.



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.

Scaffolding Celebrations

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LONG MELFORD
SATURDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 10-4pm



Holy Trinity Church is holding an open day for all to enjoy. Commencing at 10am with the firing of a live cannon, planned activities throughout the day include bell ringing, short organ recitals with the chance to try your hand at playing, brass rubbing, fly-through drone & time-lapse scaffolding footage, Punch & Judy, various displays & exhibitions, pop-up café and the ever popular

TOWER TOURS
(These will run hourly between 10.30 – 1.30pm)
Tickets £10 adults, £5 children

Booking essential – please contact:
Judi Moss 07748 038074 or email:
bjmo@btinternet.com

Eco Quiz night with Ploughman's 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



Special Service

Many people have been affected by the reorganisation of the former St Edmund's Way benefice. There will be a special service at Cockfield Church on Monday 25th September at 7.30pm which will remember and celebrate the St Edmund Way Benefice, and distribute licenses to the Rectors of the newly formed benefices. Do come along to formally welcome Lawshall as they become part of the Chadbrook church family.

Harvest Supper 30th September

(please see flyer on last page)

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 21st Oct Evening Rossignol Consort Concert at Holy Trinity (see flyer at end)

Painter Decorator

Can you recommend someone who would be able to redecorate the existing toilet at Holy Trinity church? Please contact Graham on or 07974515117 or grahamwegg@live.co.uk.

Alpheton Grasscutting Rota

We are compiling a rota of people to cut the grass at the back of the graveyard once or twice a season. It would help us so much if you could get involved. If you can help please contact Paul on 01284 827 514 or pauljgw@aol.com. Thankyou.

Diary

Sun 10 th Sept	10.30am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity with livestream *
	4.00pm	Messy Church at Lawshall
Mon 11 th	9.30am	Connect baby & toddler group at St Catherine's
	7.30pm	LM PCC
Tues 12 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
	7.30pm	Lawshall PCC
Thurs 14 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Fri 15 th	6.00pm	Pimms & Hymns at Holy Trinity
Sat 16 th	10.00am	Scaffolding Celebrations at Holy Trinity (see flyer on back page)
Sun 17 th	10.30am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity with livestream *
	12.30pm	Baptism Lawshall
	4.00pm	Wild Church at Melford Country Park (CO10 9HH)

* 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 of their family.
- We pray for the youth confirmation classes being held this Autumn that children would feel able to attend and explore their faith.
- 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, David North, and John Toosey.
- We pray for those who are in need of God's helping healing in mind, body or spirit.

Collect (prayer for the day)

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,' and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

¹¹And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You O Christ

*(Bible reading courtesy of Bible Gateway, New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised (NRSVA)
New Revised Standard Version Bible: Anglicised Edition,)*

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

HARVEST SUPPER

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

7.00 FOR 7.30 PM

~~ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL~~

SHIMPLING VILLAGE HALL



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Menu

Home cooked Suffolk ham, homemade quiche

salads

home made puddings

tea/coffee

Bring your own drink

£12.50 per person - Children £6

Tickets from lizbrunwin@hotmail.co.uk 01284 828122

A social and fundraising event for Alpheton and Shimpling Churches

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.

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