

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 services on Sunday 17th September

Pimms & Hymns & Scaffolding Celebrations

Congratulations to all who have been involved at the many events at Holy Trinity this weekend ... whether singing your heart out at Hymns and Pimms (which raised over £500), waking up the village with a canon or the peal of bells, climbing the tower, playing the organ, or enjoying a warm welcome and displays inside church. Thankyou so much to those who have helped organise all that has been going on – your support is very much appreciated.



Wild Church this Sunday – Pond Dipping (17th Sept)



Wild Church

The 4o'clock community invites you to go underwater ... pond dipping at Melford Country Park

Family friendly with refreshments
4pm Sunday 17th September
@ Melford Country Park, Borley Road, Long Melford, CO10 9HH
Contact Nicky chadbrooklightwave@gmail.com or 07938 681319

Unbelievable – coming to faith through Richard Dawkins!

For some people the science vs religion debate has been a barrier to faith. Personally, I have always found science and Christianity to be compatible – science being an investigation of God’s created order, and when it comes to origins we all need an element of faith whatever we think happened! Nevertheless, if it something you struggle with, [this website](#) and video might be helpful (note you will need to set up a login and note that I have not had time to watch it all so I cannot vouch for everything said). Also, on a separate theme, please pray for me as I prepare my sermon on **Critical Theory** for next Sunday for the 10.30am and 6.30pm services. *Rev Lawson.*

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



Called Together – Cathedral Service

A service celebrating Licensed Lay Ministry in Suffolk at 3.30pm on Sunday 24th September at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral. This celebrates a number of the ‘Fresh Expressions’ of church (including our 4 o’clock community) which are happening in Suffolk churches so should be a really encouraging afternoon. Also, Pam has been invited to represent all the Children’s licensed lay ministers throughout Suffolk by laying an item on the altar and Nicky has been selected for all the Pioneers. It would also be lovely if you were able to come and support us and cheer on our little corner of Suffolk. All are warmly welcome to this service where we commission lay people across the county for a variety of ministries in our churches.



Please note – this is in place of the Shine Informal Workshop at Holy Trinity which was originally advertised.

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

7.00pm for 7.30pm start at Shimpling Village Hall. Tickets £12.50 adults and £6.00 children available from Liz Brunwin – please call 01284 828 122. *(Please see flyer on last page.)*

Youth Confirmation Classes

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES



St Catherine's Church
Long Melford CO10 9JU

Fridays 6.00-7.15pm
6 Autumn sessions
Starting 6th Oct
Contact Rev Lawson
01787 310 845
Food provided

11-16yrs



Life?
Faith?
Meaning?



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

Alpheton Grass-cutting 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.

Hacked off!

Alas, this week someone once again sent emails to various people in our church community, pretending to be the Rector, asking for money or vouchers etc. Just a reminder that if you receive an email from someone and it does not seem right it is probably best to simply delete it and if you are worried contact the person via another means to check if it was from them.

Video Blog from a Local Farm

This gives insight into what our local farmers have been up to through the harvest. We give thanks for them all. Click [here](#).

An Amazing Charity – can you help?

The Almshouses next to Holy Trinity Church (AKA ‘The Hospital’) have been providing charitable accommodation for 500 years. There are currently places available for new Trustees. If you would to offer your time and skills and play a part in this remarkable history please contact the Rector or Ian McDonald 07748655301. Similarly, do get in touch if you know someone who might benefit from accommodation.

Grant funding

All three of our parishes are in the process of raising money for various building fabric related projects. For example: in Shimpling we are raising funds for the East Window; in Lawshall for the tower beam and in due course for the pew support; and at Holy Trinity for the clerestory windows and the stained glass ... there is much more for our churches in the pipeline too. Would you like to join one of our grant application teams? If you would like to know more please speak to one of your PCC members.

Dates for your Diary

Mon	25 th Sep	7.30pm	Special Service re St Edmund Way & new Benefices, Cockfield Church
Sun	1 st Oct	10.30am	Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity
Sun	8 th Oct	4.00pm	Harvest Festival at Lawshall
Sat	21 st Oct	Evening	Rossignol Consort Concert at Holy Trinity (see flyer at end)

Diary

Sun 17 th Sept	9.00am	Harvest Communion at Shimpling
	10.30am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity with livestream *
	12.30pm	Baptism Lawshall
	4.00pm	Wild Church at Melford Country Park (CO10 9HH)
Mon 18 th	9.30am	Connect baby & toddler group at St Catherine's
	7.30pm	A&S homegroup
Tues 19 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
Wed 20 th	10.00am	Holy Communion at Steeds Meadow
	2.00pm	Holy Communion at Melford Court
	7.30pm	Bell Practice at Holy Trinity
Thurs 21 st	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Fri 22 nd	7.30pm	Fusion Youth Group at St Catherine's
Sun 24 th	10.30am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity with livestream *
	3.30pm	Called Together at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral
	6.30pm	Lawshall Evening Communion

* 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 give thanks for our farmers who have worked hard to bring in this year's harvest.
- 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, Imelda Heywood, David North, Martin Starkey and John Toosey.
- We pray for those who are in need of God's healing in mind, body or spirit including Peter Richardson.

Collect (prayer for the day)

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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**

Reading 9.00am Shimpling**Joel 2:25-32**

'I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten – the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm – my great army that I sent among you.

²⁶ You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed.

²⁷ Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

²⁸ 'And afterwards, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

³⁰ I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

³¹ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

³² And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reading 10.30am**Romans 14:1-12**

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written:

“As surely as I live,” says the Lord, “Every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.”

¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'

²² Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ 'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ 'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ 'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded.

²⁹ 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back."

³⁰ 'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² 'Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ 'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through 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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