

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**WELCOME TO
OUR CHURCH
COMMUNITY**

They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun,
And in the morning
We will remember them.



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 services on Sunday 12th November

Shimpling Christmas market

Will be on Saturday 9th December from 11am – 1pm at Shimpling Village Hall, please come along and join us for stalls selling amongst others, Christmas wreaths, gifts and mince pies. There will also be refreshments served on the day.

Invitational Christmas Choir

The choir at Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford is extending an invitation to those who would like join them for the Main Carol Service on 17th Dec at 6.30pm. The rehearsals will be on Thurs 7th & Thurs 14th Dec at 7.00pm, with a final rehearsal before the Service at 5.15pm. If interested please contact Nigel Brown nwbrown@btinternet.com or telephone Nigel on 07904 000494.

Middle East Crisis Appeal

Due to the current situation in Gaza and Israel, **Christian Aid** have launched an emergency appeal working through their development partners in the Middle East. Their long-established partners in the region are on the ground now, ready to respond as soon as it is safe to do so. But the impact of the crisis is huge, and they need help to reach as many people as possible. Your donation today could help provide vital emergency supplies such as medical relief, food, and shelter. With a simple gift right now, you can reach those most affected caught up in the conflict. You can donate by visiting their website for more details: christianaid.org.uk. Thank you. Richard Blyth.

Clarification re Shimpling Services in November

We will be having the Remembrance service for Alpheton and Shimpling on the 12th November at Shimpling Church. Our regular Shimpling communion service will also still be taking place on the third Sunday of the month on the 19th November at 9.00am. We hope to see you there and all welcome.

Drawing near to God in Advent: prayer, postures and practices

Tuesday 28 November 7.00pm - 8.30pm, online. Bishop Mike will lead four Zoom sessions through Advent looking at aspects of prayer (e.g. praise, intercession...), Christian postures (e.g. peace, joy...) and associated practices to help us grow closer to God over Advent. These will run on Tuesday 28 November | Tuesday 5 December | Thursday 14 December and Tuesday 19 December. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion. All are very welcome! Book [here](#).

Easyfundraising

Please sign up to support Holy Trinity Church Long Melford Organ Fund on #easyfundraising today to increase our chances of winning from a £3,000 prize fund in their new giveaway! Each new person who joins counts as an entry. It's completely free and winning would really make a big difference to us! Please sign up [here](#).

The December Rota

Is now back online after a few changes, I would be extremely grateful if you could have a look and let Vicky know of any changes which may need making. Also, please do let Vicky know if you are available for sides or intercessions at any of the Christmas Services.

Informal Confirmation

Please be aware that Bishop Mike will be attending the informal worship service next week as we have our first 'informal confirmation'.

Diary

Sun 12 th	9.00am	Remembrance Service at Shimpling
	10.30am	Remembrance Service at Lawshall
	10.50am	Remembrance Service at Holy Trinity*
Mon 13 th	9.30am	Connect baby & toddler group at St Catherine’s
	7.30pm	LM PCC
Tues 14 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
	13.30	Funeral West Suffolk Crem – Catherine Campbell
Wed 15 th	7.30pm	Lawshall PCC
	7.30pm	Bell Practice at Holy Trinity
Thurs 16 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Fri 17 th	7.30pm	Fusion Youth Group at St Catherine’s
Sun 19 th	9.00am	Communion at Shimpling
	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity*
	4.00pm	Shine informal worship at Holy Trinity

*** 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 [here](#).

Dates for your Diary

Sun	19 th Nov	4.00pm	Shine Informal Worship at Holy Trinity with Confirmation
Sat	10 th Feb ‘24	All Day	Benefice Away Day - Assington Hall



Collect (prayer for the day)

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them. He said:

³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,

for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,

for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,

for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,

for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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

Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Suggestions for Prayer

- For the nation as we remember those lost as a result of all wars.
- We pray for a lasting peace in the Holy Land, for those grieving, for those who are afraid, for those who are despairing.
- We pray for all caught up in in the Ukraine war.
- We remember before God those who have recently died and those who mourn. In particular we remember the family and friends of John Bloomfield, Catherine Campbell, Robin Hockett, and Peter Sabine.
- We pray for those who are in need of God's healing in mind, body or spirit.

We pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world, for we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others – hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death.

We entrust the countries of our Lord’s earthly home into the hands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, asking him to have mercy on us all and to give us his peace and blessing. Amen

Hosam Naoum, Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem.

LIGHTS OF REMEMBRANCE 2023



The “Lights of Remembrance” Christmas services are a time to remember those loved ones not with us at Christmas time.

If you would like to dedicate a light in memory of a loved one please complete the slip below.

We will hold our short service of remembrance, when we shall light up the tree to remember those who have died, on **Saturday 2nd December at 3.30pm at Alpheton Green** or **Saturday 9th December at 6:00pm at Holy Trinity.**

If you wish to dedicate a light, please call Vicky, Benefice Admin, on 07804 558160 or email chadbrookoffice@gmail.com

Alternatively, please hand this form to one of our church wardens.

I wish to dedicate.....lights at **Alpheton/Long Melford** (*please mark clearly which service*)
Name.....

Address.....Tel.No.....

In memory of (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- Sat 25TH Nov **Messy Church, Melford Village Hall**
10.30-3.30pm *part of the Melford Christmas Fayre*
- Sat 2ND Dec **Lights of Remembrance, Alpheton Green**
3.30pm *remembering loved ones, refreshments after in Village Hall*
- Sat 2ND **Christmas Tree Lighting, Lawshall**
6.00pm *Lawshall Village Hall*
- Sun 3RD **Traditional Advent Carols, Melford**
6.30pm *choral service with readings & reflections*
- Sat 9TH **Shimpling Christmas Market**
11-1pm *festive fun & stalls, Shimpling Village Hall*
- Sat 9TH **Lights of Remembrance, Melford**
6.30pm *remembering loved ones, refreshments from 6.00pm*
- Sat 16TH **Beer & Carols Shimpling (TBC)**
tba *at the Bush Pub*
- Sun 17TH **Alpheton Carol Service**
4.00pm *come and sing some well-known carols*
- Sun 17TH **Melford Carol Service**
6.30pm *come and sing some well-known carols*
- Fri 22ND **Lawshall Carol Service**
6.30pm *come and sing some well-known carols*
- Sun 24TH **Crib Service, Melford**
3.00pm *family friendly service, nativity dress optional!*
- Sun 24TH **Shimpling Carol Service**
6.00pm *come and sing some well-known carols*
- Sun 24TH **Midnight Mass, Melford**
10.45pm *an atmospheric communion service*
- Mon 25TH **Family Christmas Day Communion, Melford**
10.30am *please bring presents to show!*