

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 services on Sunday 24th March



Palm Sunday ...with live donkey !


Sunday 24th March
10 am procession starting at the
 bottom of The Green
10:30 am service with
 crafts for children
@Holy Trinity Church
 Long Melford

Walking with the Cross on Good Friday

On Good Friday the Rector will walk with the cross through our villages. Do join him as he walks along, or stand alongside as he passes, and reflect and pray with this reminder of what Christ went through for us.

9.00am	Lawshall	from the crossroads with Hartest Lane to the Church
10.00am	Shimpling	from the Bush to the Village Hall
11.00am	Alpheton	Old Bury Road and down Church Lane
12.00am	Long Melford	St Catherine's Church to Holy Trinity Church

Holy Week in the Chadbrook Benefice



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Sun 24th Mar	PALM SUNDAY
10.30am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Long Melford
6.30pm	Passiontide Evensong at Holy Trinity
Thurs 28th Mar	MAUNDY THURSDAY
7.00pm	Simple meal & Communion at Holy Trinity **
Fri 29th Mar	GOOD FRIDAY
2.00pm	Devotional Service at Holy Trinity
Sat 30th Mar	EASTER EVE
8.30pm	Service of Light at Holy Trinity
Sun 31st Mar	EASTER DAY
10.30am	Easter Celebration with Confirmations & Comm'n
6.30pm	Evening Communion at Lawshall

www.longmelfordchurch.com
 www.alphetonandshimplingchurches.org.uk
 www.achurchnearyou.com/church/1952/ (Lawshall)

**Please let Vicky know if you would like attend on 07804 558160 or chadbrookoffice@gmail.com

2023 PCC Annual Accounts

Holy Trinity with St Catherine’s (Long Melford) have now been completed. The full copy of the report can be found [here](#). (or email chadbrookoffice@gmail.com if you want a copy).

‘Refresh’ Away Day

If informal worship, some great Biblical teaching, youth and children’s groups, food provided, worship and prayer, and a comedian in the evening are your thing, why not come along for a day at the Vauxhall Conference Centre near Hadleigh where the ‘Refresh’ event is being held for church in North Essex and South Suffolk. You can go for the whole weekend but as it is so close we are suggesting that people attend on **Saturday 15th June**. Please contact Nicky if you plan to go. chadbrooklightwave@gmail.com, 07938 681 319.



New Wine North Essex

refresh

a weekend of worship, teaching, prayer, and fellowship

14th-16th June 2024

 refresh north essex

Details


Tickets


<https://bit.ly/3xQRdIJ>

Clocks Spring Forward

Before next week’s church service do not forget to change your clocks, lets welcome the (hopefully) better weather and lighter evenings in time for slowly being able to meet with family & friends.



A couple of Thank You's

- To everyone who hosted and attended the series of Lent lunches at St Catherine's throughout Lent.
- To Malcolm for running the Lent course, Lynda and Chris for hosting, and to all who attended
- To all involved in the Shimpling Village Tidy last Sunday.

Quiz Night for Long Melford's Medieval Stained Glass

Friday 26th April 6.30pm - Quiz night with supper with wine, hosted by TalkSport's Guy Swindells.

£15 a head, minimum of 4 people to a team (max 6 people). Tickets will be available from Breakout & Budgens.

All to restore Holy Trinity's medieval stained glass; a national treasure.

6.30pm
Village
Hall

Friday
26th
April



WITH SUPPER & WINE

Hosted by TalkSport's GUY SWINDELLS

£15 per head, min 4 per team (max 6)

Price includes chilli con carne* and soft drinks
Wine available by the glass or bottle

Tickets from Breakout & Budgens

To raise funds to restore Long Melford's
medieval stained glass
– a unique national treasure



*Vegetarian option available

Suggestions for Prayer

- We pray that the message of Easter will bring us hope and strength in these unsettled times, and that we can draw people closer to God's love.
- We pray for the candidates preparing to be baptised / confirmed this Easter.
- We pray for a lasting peace in the Holy Land, for a resolution to the war in Ukraine, and a ceasing of hostilities in other places of violence and hatred.
- We remember before God those who have recently died and those who mourn. In particular we remember the family and friends of Steven Cornelius, Violet Hamilton, Doreen Jordan, Gerald Sparke, and George Young.
- We pray for those in need of God's presence or his healing touch including Barbara Brady, Robert Hawkins, and Albie Salmon.

Diary

Sun 24 th	10.30am	Palm Sunday Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Social at the Bush Shimpling
	6.30pm	Passiontide Evensong at Holy Trinity
Mon 25 th	9.30am	Connect Toddler group at St Catherine's
Tues 26 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
Wed 27 th	7.30pm	Lent course
Thurs 28 th	10.00am	Coffee Caravan at Shimpling
	2.00pm	Melford School Easter Service
	2.30pm	Lawshall School Easter Service
	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service & Supper at Holy Trinity
Fri 29 th	am	Walking with the Cross (<i>see notice</i>)
	2.00pm	Good Friday Devotional Service at Holy Trinity
Sat 30 th	8.30pm	Easter Vigil at Holy Trinity
Sun 31 st	10.30am	Easter Baptisms and Confirmations at Holy Trinity*
	6.30pm	Evening Communion 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 [here](#).

Dates for your diary include:

13 th Apr	10am-1pm	Shimpling Spring Market & Sale Trail (the Village Hall & round the village)
27 th May	All Day	Open Gardens Long Melford
15 th June	All Day	'Refresh' at the Vauxhall Conference Centre Hadleigh
13 th July	12-4pm	Melford Village Fete

Collect (*prayer for the day*)

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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**

Psalm 118:19-29

Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord
through which the righteous may enter.
²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.
²² The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
²³ the Lord has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
²⁴ The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.
²⁵ Lord, save us!
Lord, grant us success!
²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.
²⁷ The Lord is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.
²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.
²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures for ever.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

John 12:12-16

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna!'

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

'Blessed is the king of Israel!'

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written:

¹⁵ 'Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;

see, your king is coming,

seated on a donkey's colt.'

¹⁶ At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realise that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen