

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY



Alleluia, Christ is risen - He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

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 31st March

This weekend we extend a particular welcome to Bishop Mike, the baptism and confirmation candidates, and their family and friends.

Easter Egg Hunt

This will take place after the 10.30am service in the Lady Chapel.



Easter Lilies

We remember with love and prayer those whose names are listed in the porch at Holy Trinity and who are remembered in the beautiful flowers in the church.



Annual Meetings

An opportunity to serve ... and be blessed. In April we will be having our annual meetings (APCM's) when there is an opportunity to get elected to our parochial church councils to help with the running of our churches. If you would like to find out more, please talk to Matthew or another PCC member.

<u>Lawshall</u>	Wednesday	22 nd April at 7.30pm	All Saints, Lawshall
<u>Long Melford</u>	Monday	29 th April at 7.30pm	St Catherine's
<u>Alpheton & Shimpling</u>	Tuesday	30 th April at 7.30pm	Alpheton Church

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.

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.

Suggestions for Prayer

- We pray for those being baptised and confirmed today by Bishop Mike.
- We pray that we can have Easter faith, that through Christ light overcomes darkness, love overcomes evil, and life overcomes death.
- 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, Bernard Hale, Violet Hamilton, Doreen Jordan, Donald Palmer Randle, and Gerald Sparke.
- We pray for those in need of God's presence or his healing touch including Barbara Brady, Robert Hawkins, and Albie Salmon.

Diary

Sun 31 st	10.30am	Easter Baptisms and Confirmations at Holy Trinity*
	6.30pm	Evening Communion at Lawshall
Tues 2 nd April	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
Thurs 4 th	11.30am	Visiting Ringers at Holy Trinity
	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Sun 7 th	9.00am	Communion at Alpheton
	10.30am	Family Service at Holy Trinity *
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity (<i>with Rossignol Consort</i>)

*** 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)

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of in and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

First Reading**Acts 10.34-43**

Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached –³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross,⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading**Mark 16:1-8**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb³ and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?'

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶ 'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."'

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

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 of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Your generosity makes a difference ...

We are so grateful for the commitment and faithfulness of our congregations at a time when many are under pressure financially and in other ways. This support includes regular giving financially through cash, cheques, or card readers at our services, QR codes, standing orders ... or the Parish Giving Scheme (which collects the gift aid automatically for us). If you are not already giving regularly, please could you consider starting – even if a small amount. Every little helps ... and it enables us to manage our resources more effectively. Also note that standing orders and the Parish Giving Scheme reduce the workload of our finance teams.

For Holy Trinity & St Catherine's:

- Ideally use the Parish Giving Scheme: call 0333 002 1271 (you will probably speak to an actual person!) or look up 'Long Melford' on the 'Parish Giving Scheme' website [here](#).
- And of course, you can make set up a standing order to: "Long Melford Parochial Church Council", Sort Code 60 21 03, Account Number 01206125 or make regular donations at our services.
- For a one-off donation please use the plates, card readers or this QR code:



For Alpheton & Shimpling:

- You can set up a standing order to: 'Alpheton & Shimpling PCC', Sort Code 60-04-16; Account Number 56293658 or make regular donations at our services.
- For a one-off donation please use the plates, card readers or this QR code:



For Lawshall

- You can set up a standing order to 'Lawshall PCC', Sort Code 60 04 16, Account Number 56267037 or make regular donations at our services (we are in the process of getting a card reader).
- For a one-off donation please use the plates or make a BACS transfer.

What about the 4 o'clock community?

- As the 4 o'clock community operates across all the benefices, can we suggest that you split your donations between the three parishes (sorry if setting this up is a slight hassle but it is pretty quick if banking electronically).

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter

