

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 5th May 2024

Annual Meetings

Thank you to all who attended our APCM's over the last couple of weeks and for our new PCC's. We will be celebrating the Warden's ministry at a special service at the Cathedral this Sunday (5th) at 3.30pm. If anyone wants to come along please contact Matthew as there are a couple of seats (and a lift) available.

Dawn Chorus Walk

Join us for a Dawn Chorus walk from Shimpling church to Alpheton Woods this Sunday **5th May 5.30am** start. This will be followed by breakfast at the church. All welcome, for more info please contact Nicky on 07938 681319 or email chadbrooklightwave@gmail.com.



Pray for 5 People - Thy Kingdom Come

Each year during the ten days between Ascension Day (9th May) and Pentecost (19th May) we are encouraged to think of 5 people we can pray for each day. To structure our prayers, and to help us to prepare to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, there are two prayer booklets - you are encouraged to take one. One is an 'arty' prayer journal which has QR codes for video reflections. The other, 'Novena', is a series of Bible studies focussing on the worldwide church. It is important and encouraging to understand that we are part of something which is far bigger than the Church of England! For more information please click on this link - <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>. As you will see in the church diary, there are a number of additional Thy Kingdom Come events listed in the diary section **in blue**. Why not take this opportunity to kick start your prayer life?



Church Rota

The draft church rota has been published until the end of September, I would be very grateful if you could please take a look and let me know if you would like any dates changing. Many Thanks, Vicky chadbrookoffice@gmail.com

Abseiling down Holy Trinity, Long Melford

We are pleased to announce that there will be an abseiling fundraising event taking place over the late May bank holiday (25th, 26th & 27th May). Spaces on this unique event are limited and participants are required to fundraise. £20 deposit to secure a slot and £80 minimum however they chose (Sponsorship being the most obvious) with all funds raised going towards the fabric and upkeep of this very special building. Please direct any enquires to lyncarvell@hotmail.com for more details or to sign up.

Plants please!

Mansel Hall will be taking part in Open Gardens on May 27th, and the stained-glass committee is planning to have plants for sale to raise funds. If you have any plants in pots that you can spare please contact Deborah Blake: deborahblake70@gmail.com or 07867 540881.

'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 by churches in North Essex and South Suffolk. You can go for the whole weekend but we are suggesting that people attend on **Saturday 15th June**. Please contact Nicky if you plan to go. chadbrooklightwave@gmail.com, 07938 681 319. Food provided. For the full programme see [here](#).



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/3vORDJl>

Christian Aid Service

To mark the end of Christian Aid week and to celebrate and reflect on the work of Christian aid around the world, there will be a special Churches Together service at Holy Trinity on Sunday 12th at May 6.30pm, with special guest speaker Rev Canon Richard Stainer, World Development Adviser for the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, focussing on his visit to projects in Ethiopia (as I said last week the country of Ethiopia keeps coming up!)



Congratulations – Grant Success

To the fundraising team in Shimpling who have just been awarded a £4,500 grant from the Suffolk Historic church Trust towards the repair of the east window at St George's. Many thanks to the fundraising team and to the Trust for their generosity.

Correction ...

At one of the Lent Lunches your Rector may have said that the Ethiopian was the first convert in the book of Acts. What he should have said was that he was the first gentile convert in the book of Acts (OK some think he may have been of Jewish descent but as a eunuch he would certainly have been excluded from parts of the temple). It is however interesting to note that his conversion preceded that of the apostle Paul. Apologies for any confusion caused (and Brownie points if you spotted my mistake). Matthew.

Small TV available

If you are interested please contact Terry on 01787 460 534.

Programme of Recitals

June

- 5 MARIANNE OLYVER Gypsy & Classic Pop
Electric Alchemy
Sponsored by BREAKOUT
- 12 CheGO Playing all styles
Chelmsford Guitar Orchestra
Sponsored by BESPOKE BLINDS
- 19 JILL CROSSLAND Piano
Sponsored by THE MILL B & B
- 26 LIZZIE GUTTERIDGE
English music from around the time of the church
Sponsored by THE IVESON CLINIC

July



- 3 THE ROCK CHOIR
- 10 GWENDAL MOELE Accordion & Vocals
and JANE WARD
Sponsored by KING ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & PLANNING
- 17 MAV DUO Cello & Harp
Mixed Styles from Columbia
Sponsored by THE ARTS SOCIETY, STOUR VALLEY
- 24 TOM COGAN Organ
Sponsored by THE DOVE COMPANY
- 31 ROMAN RUDNYTSKY Piano
Sponsored by THE HARE INN

August

- 7 SERENDIPITY Wind Trio
Sponsored by DAVID BURR
- 14 RACHEL BREEZE Vocal
Songs from the Shows
Sponsored by THE GEORGE & DRAGON
- 21 AHMED DICKINSON Spanish Guitar
Sponsored by THE CLOTHES LOUNGE
- 28 SAM PLACKET DUO Jazz Guitar
Sponsored by THE BLACK LION

The organisers reserve the right to change recitals without notice

SHIMPLING CELEBRATES

MONDAY 27th MAY 2024



**11am SHIMPLING CART RACE – Gather at
The Bush Pub then go to the start at Slough Hill.**

Race starts 12 noon

**ENTER YOUR CART [email:shimplinh@gmail.com](mailto:shimplinh@gmail.com)
or text 07855762812**

1 – 4pm HALLIFAX PLACE GREEN EVENTS

Climbing Wall / Axe throwing / Archery
Bouncy Castle & Creative area

2pm Basketball Shooting contest.

3pm Tug of war – **why not create a team?**

Refreshments

1-4pm Food Trucks including

Mickey & Jordy's ICECREAM VAN

Mrs Bean's COFFEE CAR

Diary

Sun 5 th	5.30am	Dawn Chorus Walk at Shimpling
	9.00am	Communion at Alpheton
	10.30am	Family Communion at Holy Trinity *
	3.30pm	Celebrating Warden Ministry at the Cathedral
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity
Tues 7 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
Wed 8 th	10.00am	Coffee Caravan at Alpheton
	8.00pm	Alpha Course follow up
Thurs 9 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
	7.30pm	Prayer Walk for Ascension Day at Foxearth Meadows (link)
Sat 11 th	2.00pm	Blessing in the Lady Chapel, Long Melford
	2.30pm	Prayer walk for Long Melford (meet in Clopton Chapel HT)
Sun 12 th	10.30am	Family Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Prayer-themed Café Church at Lawshall
	6.30pm	Christian Aid Service at Holy Trinity

Thy Kingdom Come Events the following week ...

Tues 14 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom #
Thus 16 th	7.00pm	Prayer Walk Shimpling (details in next week's newsletter)
Sat 18 th	2.30pm	Prayer walk for Lawshall (Meet at All Saints church)
	8.00pm	Compline Lady Chapel at Holy Trinity
Sunday 19th	3.45pm	'Catching the Fire' Service at the Cathedral

(we will be organising a prayer walk for Alpheton in due course)

*** 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:

25-27 th May		Abseiling down Holy Trinity, Long Melford
27 th May	All Day	Open Gardens Long Melford
5 th June	1.10pm	Melford Music Season Starts
15 th June	All Day	'Refresh' at the Vauxhall Conference Centre Hadleigh
30th June	12.00pm	Shimpling Village vs Chadacre Cricket & Fun Day

Collect *(prayer for the day)*

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ 'Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptised with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.' ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: love each other.

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 our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Suggestions for Prayer

- 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 thank God for those newly elected to leadership roles in our church community and pray that they will be encouraged as they serve in this way.
- We remember before God those who have recently died and those who mourn. In particular we remember the family and friends of June Douglas, John Mason, Ken Rush & Philip Starkey.
- We pray for those in need of God's presence or his healing touch including Barbara Brady, Robert Hawkins, Albie Salmon, and Audrey Wreford.
- Please pray for those charged with tackling knife crime in London.