

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 19th May 2024

We do hope you can join our Pentecost services this Sunday. In these unsettled times the Rector will be reminding us that the Holy Spirits 'home territory' is chaos(!) and that with his guidance our lives can have hope and purpose whatever the circumstances around us.

Catching the Fire

Sunday 19 May, 3.15pm to 5.30pm, St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Catching the Fire is an annual county-wide celebration of God's mission in Suffolk facilitated by the Lightwave Community. It is part of the annual season of prayer 'Thy Kingdom Come' which supports prayer (including praying for five specific people) and gives encouragement and c for mission across the county. Join us for a rich service of worship at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday. It's for all ages and culminates in a live link to youth groups across the country and saying the Lord's Prayer together. If possible please sign up [here](#) or just come along.



A Very Special Person ...

It is with great sadness that we announce that Dudley Kemp died at his home earlier this week. Dudley and Paddy lived together in Long Melford all their lives where they worshipped at Holy Trinity. Dudley was an electrician, fireman, Chair of the Almshouses, Church Warden, and much more. Dudley was a gentleman – opening doors for ladies and doing things 'properly'. His gentle manner, wisdom, and spiritual insight have touched so many people, and he will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dudley's family and all who were close to him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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 lyn-carvell@hotmail.com for more details or to sign up. **Note – if you have decided to take part please pay the deposit and send in the forms (found on the Holy Trinity Homepage or [click here](#)) asap to help with the admin, thankyou.**

Call for cakes!

As you are all hopefully aware, the tower abseiling alongside the Open Gardens, Holy Trinity is set to host many visitors over the May bank holiday weekend (25th-27th May) and we would like to offer refreshments to the abseilers and visitors alike. If anyone is able to make any cakes, muffins, traybakes, or anything else that would make for good nibbles please get in touch with Denise Hastings carpediem2@hotmail.co.uk Anyone who is able to help serve refreshments, even for a little while, over the May bank holiday weekend would also be most welcome to contact Denise.

Plants please!

Mansel Hall will be taking part in the Long Melford 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.

Dropping to Raise

(please sponsor the Rector for the Abseil)

A number of people have been kind enough to offer me Sponsorship to do the Abseil – and I plan to do this after the service on Sunday at around 12.00pm – do come out with your coffee for the entertainment! If you would like to support and encourage me to take this step of faith, all in support of the upkeep and maintenance of Holy Trinity church – I will leave a sponsor form at the back on Sunday, or you can use this Just giving link here to make an electronic transfer. Thankyou (I think !!!???).

Revd Lawson

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Rev-Abseil>



Sunday School *(can you help once every couple of months?)*

I was delighted to meet with some mothers from Connect who wanted their young children to get Christian input as they were growing up. I was even more delighted when a number of them offered to get together and run a Sunday School during the 10.30am service! Planning has already started and we aim to launch in September. This is amazing opportunity to help our young people grow in faith, and indeed to support some of our families at a time when families are hard pressed. Could you do a simple craft, read a story, or just be a helper (being an extra pair of hands) every couple of months. Please contact Olivia on 077732184956 or via email overter@tecsltd.co.uk

Holy Trinity Church Shop – thankyou and an opportunity.

Patricia Roberts has served faithfully running the church shop in Holy Trinity for 20 years and had done a fantastic job – helping to give a professional and friendly welcome, and generating over £100k in support of the church (by my ‘back of the envelope’ calculations). Patricia will be standing down at the end of the year. If you feel called to continue this excellent work and what to find out more, or even if you just want to say thankyou, please get in contact either by email at patriciaroberts191@gmail.com, mobile 07757772291 or land line 01787 311670.

Cheryl Morgan’s

Mobile number has been restored and she can now be contacted on 07943 811030 once again.

From the Diocese ... Letter of Thanks

“Give and it shall be given to you.

A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over” Luke 6.38

We want to thank everyone of you across the Diocese for your gracious generosity, hard work and creativity, undergirded by persistent prayer, and we thank God that our collective efforts have been blessed again in 2023. We have raised just over £6.2m in parish share, surpassing last year’s total. This is a wonderful result in such a difficult year and a cause for rejoicing and gratitude. Parish share goes principally to providing stipends for clergy. Without everyone’s contribution to this effort we would not be able to retain our stipendiary clergy numbers (*Rector’s addition – parish share also includes support of our church schools*).

We are delighted that many of our parishes met their full contribution and 14 parishes paid over their share allocation to support those unable to meet their commitments. We know that there is still much to do, and we are not out of the woods yet. We appreciate that for many parishes, the last few years may have left your financial situation weakened ...

Once again, our grateful thanks for your continued and generous support for the mission, ministry and work with which we are together engaged. Our prayers are with you for all that you are continuing to do as we support one another through these challenging times.

From the Bishops and the Finance Team

Too Much Information?

Wednesday 5 June, 2.00pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

A talk and discussion led by Stephen Dart, keeper of the Ancient Library, and Chris Eyden, Teaching and Learning Manager at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. The invention of the printing press brought unforeseen and unthinkable changes. In modern times, the invention of the internet and digital technology has similarly revolutionised the world we live in. Centuries ago, some people asked if there was “too much information”. Should we be asking the same questions now? Is there anything to learn from the past? Our ancient library contains some of the earliest books ever printed. During this session, you will have a chance to see some of these books while participating in a conversation about where we feel we have too much information and what we might be able to do about it. This talk is free to attend, please email ChrisEyden@stedscathedral.org to book.

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 VILLAGE VS CHADACRE

Fun day out for the family

Cricket starts 12.30
Garden games for children
Visit the Grotto, Sedge and
Rose gardens
Bacon rolls bar afternoon teas
Angels Delight Flute and Harp Duo

St George's Shimpling
East Window Appeal

30TH JUNE 2024

THE CRICKET FIELD CHADACRE
IP29 4JD

GATE OPENS 12 NOON
(PLEASE BRING A FOLDING CHAIR)

SORRY - ASSISTANCE DOGS ONLY

**FREE
ENTRY**

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:shimplinvh@gmail.com](mailto:shimplinvh@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 19 th	9.00am	Communion at Shimpling
	10.30am	Family Communion at Holy Trinity *
	3.45pm	'Catching the Fire' Service at the Cathedral
	5.15pm	Youth Prayer across the Nation
Mon 20 th	9.30am	Connect Baby & Toddler Group, St Catherine's
	7.30pm	A&S Home Group
Tues 21 st	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
	1.30pm	Funeral at West Suffolk Crematorium – Ken Rush
	7.30pm	Long Melford PCC
Wed 22 nd	2.00pm	Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity – Ken Rush
	8.00pm	Alpha Course follow up on line
Thurs 23 rd	10.00am	Shimpling Coffee Caravan
	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Sat 25 th	All Day	Abseiling Event at Holy Trinity
Sun 26 th	All Day	Abseiling Event at Holy Trinity
	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	1.30pm	Tree Dedication at Lavenham Airfield
	6.30pm	Communion at Lawshall
Mon 27 th	All Day	Abseiling Event at Holy Trinity

Thy Kingdom Come events are **in blue**. For more details please click [here](#).

*** 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	All Day	Abseiling event at Holy Trinity, Long Melford
27 th May	All Day	Open Gardens Long Melford
30 May-1 st June	All Day	Travelling Fair on Upper Green, Long Melford
5 th June	1.10pm	Melford Music Season Starts
6 th June	8.45pm	Beacon Lighting in commemoration of D-Day on the Melford Green
15 th June	All Day	'Refresh' at the Vauxhall Conf Centre Hadleigh
16-23 rd June	All Day	Circus on the Upper Green, Long Melford
30 th June	10.30am	Clopton Rose Ceremony & Communion at Holy Trinity
30 th June	12.00pm	Shimpling Village vs Chadacre Cricket & Fun Day

Collect (*prayer for the day*)

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading**Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

John 15:26-27,4b-15*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John***Glory to you, O Lord**

²⁶ ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father – the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father – he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, “Where are you going?” ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¹² ‘I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.’

*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

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Suggestions for Prayer

- We pray that our lives can be inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit
- We pray for five specific people to be touched by God.
- 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 pray in remembrance of the American Airmen who served and lost their lives whilst based locally during the second world war.
- We remember before God those who have recently died and those who mourn. In particular we remember the family and friends of June Douglas, Dudley Kemp, 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.