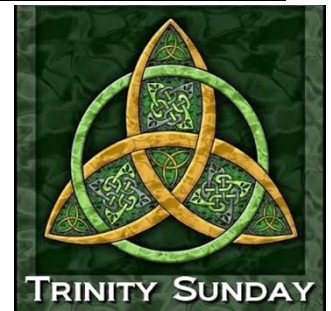


WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY



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 26th May 2024

Trinity Sunday

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday in the church calendar, when we remember God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Long Melford Church and the Hospital Alms-houses are dedicated to the Holy Trinity. We often end church meetings by saying 'the Grace' to each other – the Grace is actually the words from the end of St Paul's letter to the Corinthians and includes each member of the Trinity:

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore, Amen.*

Let us know God's love ... Christ's grace ... and the Spirit's fellowship as we seek to serve God this week

Please Pray for Hugh

Many of you will know that Hugh Edgecombe went missing earlier this week and is still missing. It is understandably a very distressing time for Hugh's family. Please pray for Hugh to be found, pray for Hugh and his family, and pray for the police who are leading the search.

Dudley Kemp

As was detailed in the notice sheet last week, Dudley was a much-loved member of Long Melford. For those who wish to show their support to Dudley's family, to celebrate his life, and to mourn his loss, his funeral will be at Holy Trinity on Thursday 13th June at 12.00pm. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Abseiling down Holy Trinity, Long Melford

We are pleased to announce that the abseiling fundraising event taking place over the late May bank holiday (25th, 26th & 27th May), will start at
Saturday 9.30am, first 'drop' at approx 10am,
Sunday 11.00am, first one down approx 11:30am,
Monday 9.30am, first one down approx 10am.

Please come along and show your support

Call for cakes!

With the tower abseiling at Holy Trinity 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.

Thank you

To June Squirrel for the donation which has enabled us to buy & fit a new radiator in the toilet at Holy Trinity. Its installation completes the re-decoration of the toilet, with thanks to Graham Wegg for co-ordinating this. Please call Vicky to book your place on the throne (only joking!).

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 oventer@tecsLtd.co.uk. Thankyou - Revd Lawson

Can you help – Church Shop

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 thank you, please get in contact either by email at patriciaroberts191@gmail.com, mobile 07757772291 or land line 01787 311670.

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.

Friends of Long Melford APCM

The Friends of Long Melford Church Building Trust will be holding their APCM on 12th June at 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel. All are welcome to attend.

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust has just announced that it has given out £59,275 in grants in its latest of four annual allocations of funds. Those benefiting include churches and a chapel in Middleton, Rattlesden, Little Thurlow, **Shimpling**, Westerfield, Swiland, Sibton, Great Thurlow, Stanton, Haverhill, Shelley, Camsea Ashe and Walpole. John Devaux, Chairman of the Grants Committee, said, *“The Trust, using money raised from the annual Ride and Stride sponsored event and from very welcome legacies, carefully considers all those places of worship that apply to us for help. The need of the recipients to raise in excess of £1.2m gives some idea of the huge cost of caring for Suffolk’s precious historic places of worship.”*

Thank you

May I offer thanks to Cheryl and Deborah who as wardens have dealt so professionally with two very distressing break-ins to Holy Trinity Church this year. These have required an awful lot of work behind the scenes. Please say thankyou to them if you get the opportunity. Rev Lawson

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



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Saturday 22nd June, 7.30^{pm}

Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford

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Diary

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	11am—4pm	Shimpling Celebrates (<i>see flyer on previous page</i>)
	All Day	Abseiling Event at Holy Trinity
	All Day	Long Melford Open Gardens
Tues 28 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
Thurs 30 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Sun 2 nd	9.00am	Communion at Alpheton
	10.30am	Family Communion at Holy Trinity *
	6.30pm	Evensong 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 include:

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
22 nd June	7.30pm	Ely Consort Summer concert at Holy Trinity
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)

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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**

First Reading**Romans 8:12-17**

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’ ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading**John 3:1-17**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glorify to you, O Lord

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.’

³ Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.’

⁴ ‘How can someone be born when they are old?’ Nicodemus asked. ‘Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!’

⁵ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, “You must be born again.” ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.’

⁹ ‘How can this be?’ Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ ‘You are Israel’s teacher,’ said Jesus, ‘and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.’

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through 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

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Suggestions for Prayer

- Please pray for Hugh Edgecombe to be found, pray for his family, and pray for the police who are leading the search.
- 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 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.

Programme of Recitals

June		
5	MARIANNE OLYVER Electric Alchemy Sponsored by BREAKOUT	Gypsy & Classic Pop
12	CheGO Chelmsford Guitar Orchestra Sponsored by BESPOKE BLINDS	Playing all styles
19	JILL CROSSLAND Sponsored by THE MILL B & B	Piano
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 and JANE WARD Sponsored by KING ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & PLANNING	Accordian & Vocals
17	MAV DUO Mixed Styles from Columbia Sponsored by THE ARTS SOCIETY, STOUR VALLEY	Cello & Harp
24	TOM COGAN Sponsored by THE DOVE COMPANY	Organ
31	ROMAN RUDNYTSKY Sponsored by THE HARE INN	Piano

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

The organisers reserve the right to change recitals without notice