

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## We will remember them

It was an honour to participate in the D-Day Commemorations and beacon lighting in Long Melford.

Here is the opening prayer from that service:

*Ever-living God*

*we remember those whom you have gathered*

*from the storm of war into the peace of your presence,*

*and especially those who lost their lives during the D Day landings;*

*may that same peace calm our fears,*

*bring justice to all peoples*

*and establish harmony among the nations,*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord.*



## Reflection - Election time

This is my last notice sheet before my sabbatical and, as we face the next election I offer some sentiments I recently read ...

People are widely feeling **disquiet** about the world and its violence; **discord** as debates and politics become polarised, personal, and common ground is harder to find; and **disillusioned** as faith in the unrealistic promises of political systems, whether of the left or the right, has been eroded.

And yet as Christians we offer a counter to these - the **peace of God** in place of disquiet, **grace** in place of discord, and **hope** in place of disillusionment. All three are of these gifts of God through Christ. It is any surprise that people one again considering Christianity? Whatever the next weeks bring ... let's keep stay sufficiently focussed on Christ that we can point others to Him. [Revd Lawson](#)

## Sabbatical

Though I have a few organisational matters to attend to in the next couple of weeks before I can properly withdraw, I am now effectively on sabbatical. All services are covered, and there is a team in place to cover the day to day matters as they arise. May I offer my thanks to the many people who are coving for me during my break, and please give support and encouragement to our Wardens and ministry team and PCC's who do so much to help the running of this busy benefice. Please be assured of my prayers. [Revd Lawson](#)

## Bishop of Dunwich to become next Bishop of Exeter

Bishop Mike has been appointed by His Majesty the King to become the next Bishop of Exeter. Bishop Mike will succeed the Rt Rev Robert Atwell, who retired last September. Bishop Mike's last Sunday in Suffolk will be on 29 September, and he will be installed at Exeter Cathedral during the autumn.



Bishop Mike said: *“I am delighted and excited to be the next Bishop of Exeter. It will be a wrench to leave Suffolk and I do so with deep gratitude and affection for the diocese and county. It has been a joy to serve in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich these last eight years. I have been in a privileged position of seeing the difference the Church makes to so many across Suffolk, as well as seeing people come to faith, commit publicly to their faith and to grow in faith across such a wide variety of contexts, and church traditions. I am so grateful to colleagues and congregations for their witness, wisdom and companionship on the way, all of which have been formative as a bishop. I now feel ready to take the next step, going from a suffragan bishop to taking on the added responsibilities that come with the diocesan bishop's role.”*

To read the full story, please [click here](#).

## Scaffolding at Holy Trinity

The money is still coming in so we are not yet sure of the final total raised however things are looking promising. Please be aware that the plan is for the scaffolding to remain on the tower in support of a scouting event in early Autumn (this was part of the original plan) before it is taken down. As the money raised goes towards the fabric, and the project was primarily in light of the clerestory project, in some ways we could see the scaffolding as an extension of the scaffolding from that overall project. Many congratulations again to all involved.

## Open Gardens

We are so thankful for the £2740 (final value) donated by Long Melford Open gardens in support of the fabric of the church. Once again, many thanks to all involved.

## Pilgrimage to Istanbul

3-12 or 14 May 2025

The Revd Mark Hunt is leading another immersive pilgrimage into the historical and spiritual world of ancient Turkey. Starting in Istanbul, touring all seven of the churches of Revelation, and ending with an optional excursion to Cappadocia. For further information or a brochure please contact Mark or call on 07964 941501.

## Refreshments on Sunday Mornings

Everyone seems to enjoy staying for a tea or coffee and calorie free (!!!) biscuit after the morning service, and the refreshment team enjoy preparing and serving. However, we are a very small team and at the moment because of family commitments, health issues etc we cannot guarantee that there will always be someone to prepare and serve the refreshments. We really do need more help. If you feel you might be able to help now and again, please let me know.

Denise Hastings

07546 442946 [carpediem2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carpediem2@hotmail.co.uk)

## 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](mailto:overter@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](mailto:patriciaroberts191@gmail.com), mobile 07757772291 or land line 01787 311670.

## 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.

## Suggestions for Prayer

- We pray for our diocese, for our Bishops to finish well, and in due course for the right candidates to be appointed.
- 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 Eileen Eastern, Hugh Edgecombe, Dudley Kemp, John Mason & 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.
- We pray for Cosmo being Christened next weekend and his family.

**Diary**

Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Messy Church at Lawshall
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Connect Baby & Toddler Group
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Coffee Caravan at Alpheton
	1.10pm	Melford Music at Holy Trinity CheGO
	7.30pm	Friends of Long Melford Church AGM – Lady Chapel
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm	Funeral at Holy Trinity – Dudley Kemp
	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Refresh Weekend at Vauxhall Conf Centre Hadleigh
	2.00pm	Blessing in the Lady Chapel
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Communion at Shimpling
	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	12.30pm	Christening at Holy Trinity – Cosmo Lamprell

**\* 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:**

15 <sup>th</sup> June	All Day	‘Refresh’ at the Vauxhall Conf Centre Hadleigh
16-23 <sup>rd</sup> June	All Day	Circus on the Upper Green, Long Melford
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	7.30pm	Ely Consort Summer concert at Holy Trinity
30 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Clopton Rose Ceremony & Communion at Holy Trinity
30 <sup>th</sup> June	12.00pm	Shimpling Village vs Chadacre Cricket & Fun Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	7.30pm	1950’s Summer Dance at Shimpling Park Barns

**Collect** (*prayer for the day*)

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**First Reading****2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

It is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. <sup>15</sup>All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup>So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

**5** For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Reading****Mark 3:20-35**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark*

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, 'He is out of his mind.'

<sup>22</sup>And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.'

<sup>23</sup>So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: 'How can Satan drive out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. <sup>27</sup>In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.'

<sup>30</sup>He said this because they were saying, 'He has an impure spirit.'

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting round him, and they told him, 'Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.'

<sup>33</sup>'Who are my mother and my brothers?' he asked.

<sup>34</sup>Then he looked at those seated in a circle round him and said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.'

*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**

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



## 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**



## An evening of Classic & Contemporary Choral Music

including

**Bach, Brahms,**

**Jonathan Dove, Ola Gjeilo,**

**Elaine Hagenburg & Morten Lauridsen**

*Piano solos, & accompaniment, by Anne Reece*

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 7.30pm**

**Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford**

tickets: £15 & U18s free

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/elyconsort](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/elyconsort)

Church Shop, Café Hygge, Ivy & Bond & on the door



2024 elyconsort @elyconsort elyconsort.org.uk info@elyconsort.org.uk 2024

# ROCK 'N' ROLL

*1950'S Summer Dance*

**SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST**

**7:30PM-11PM**

**SHIMPLING PARK BARNES  
IP29 4HY**



**50'S/60'S DRESS**

**ENCOURAGED**

**PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED!**

LICENSED BAR (CASH AND CARD)

**TICKETS £25 EACH**

INCLUDES LIGHT SUPPER, WITH  
VEGETARIAN OPTION ON REQUEST

**SARAH HEALY CATERING**

*Live Music By 5 Piece Band*

**'ROCKHOUSE'**

TO BOOK AND PAY FOR TICKETS PLEASE EMAIL

OR TEXT:

[shimplingvh@gmail.com](mailto:shimplingvh@gmail.com)

Carol: 07855762812



**IN AID OF ALPHETON & SHIMPLING VILLAGE HALL FUNDS**