

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 2nd June 2024

A leap of faith?

There were some very cool customers at the abseil last weekend, however for most of us it was a bit nerve-racking taking that initial lean over the edge and trusting our loves to the rope. Before I continue may I say a well done to those who made it to the top but decided not to go down via the rope – you were probably some of the bravest people over the weekend for even getting up there in the first place.

As I said at the start of the weekend – the Christian journey can be likened to an abseil; we take a step of faith but once that is done the view is amazing and we see all sorts of things from a different perspective ... and we can even enjoy the journey. So I pray that we will know God's security and love (the rope), and that our eyes will be increasingly open to see things from God's perspective ... and that you will likewise enjoy the spiritual journey.

Hugh Edgecombe

We ask that you would give Hugh's family space as they come to terms with the loss of someone who was much loved by many of us and will be very much missed. Please continue to hold them all in your prayers.

The decline of decline?

Listen to Bishop Mike as he talks about [preliminary statistics](#) published last week showing average weekly attendance at Church of England services last year rose by almost five per cent and weekly attendance by children was up by almost six per cent.

[Phil Trow - Steve Saul sits in \(26/05/2024\) - BBC Sounds](#) (at around 32:00)

[Katie Tyler on BBC Radio Oxford - 26/05/2024 - BBC Sounds](#) (from around 39:38)

[Kelly Hinch on BBC Radio Derby - 26/05/2024 - BBC Sounds](#) (from around 46:42)

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.

Thank you & Well Done!

May I say thank you so much to all involved in the Abseiling and open Gardens this weekend. Thank you to Lynda, the Scouts, and all who supported her with refreshments etc. and KUDOS to those to managed to 'do the 'drop' (and well done those who were brave enough to ascend but decided not to). Likewise thankyou to all who opened their gardens and provided refreshments (or even plants). I really appreciate the support shown as we seek to maintain the beautiful historic church in our village, and more importantly the welcome and community spirit which together we have shown (along with Leestock, the Kentwell re-enactments, the antiques fair and so on!!)

Similarly on a very busy bank holiday weekend I hope that the cart race and celebrations in Shimpling were successful.

On a personal note thankyou to all who sponsored me so generously. Blessings - Rev Lawson

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

Grant Applications

Whereas there has been some controversy about one of the causes supported by the Church Commissioners this year, I am very happy to learn that they wish to give £1.2 billion towards Church of England churches. Our support from Lightwave has been from these central funds. Lightwave support will continue in terms of support and guidance, however their financial support is ending in June.

However, I am delighted to announce that, to support our outreach work via Pam and Nicky, we have been awarded another centrally supported grant (through Growing in God) to support their work from July, and if thing go well financial support will be provided for the following two years. We are grateful for this support and commend Pam and Nicky for their work to date which was clearly deemed worthy of investing in for the future.

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.

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.

Diary

Sun 2 nd	9.00am	Communion at Alpheton
	10.30am	Family Communion at Holy Trinity *
	6.30pm	Evensong at Holy Trinity
Mon 3 rd	9.30am	Connect Baby & Toddler Group
	7.30pm	A&S Homegroup
Tues 4 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
	1.00pm	Memorial Service at Holy Trinity – Philip Starkey
Wed 5 th	1.10pm	Melford Music at Holy Trinity Marianne Olyver - Gypsy & Classic pop
Thurs 6 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
	8.45pm	Service & Beacon lighting for D-Day at Long Melford Green
Sun 9 th	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Messy Church at Lawshall

* *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:

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
3 rd Aug	7.30pm	1950’s Summer Dance at Shimpling Park Barns

Suggestions for Prayer

- We pray for the ongoing outreach work for families and children, and in particular for Pam and Nicky.
- 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.

Collect (*prayer for the day*)

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

First Reading (9.00am & 6.30pm)**2 Corinthians 4:4-12**

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹²So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reading (10.30am)**1 Samuel 3.1-10,11-20**

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

²One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, 'Here I am.' ⁵And he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.'

But Eli said, 'I did not call; go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down.

⁶Again the LORD called, 'Samuel!' And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.' 'My son,' Eli said, 'I did not call; go back and lie down.'

⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸A third time the LORD called, 'Samuel!' And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am; you called me.'

Then Eli realised that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹So Eli told Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!'

Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

¹¹And the LORD said to Samuel: 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle. ¹²At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family – from beginning to end. ¹³For I told him that I would judge his family for ever because of the sin he knew about; his sons uttered blasphemies against God, and he failed to restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swore to the house of Eli, "The guilt of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering."'

¹⁵Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the LORD. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, ¹⁶but Eli called him and said, 'Samuel, my son.'

Samuel answered, 'Here I am.'

¹⁷ 'What was it he said to you?' Eli asked. 'Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you.' ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, 'He is the LORD; let him do what is good in his eyes.'

¹⁹ The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognised that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD.

Gospel Reading (9.00am & 6.30pm)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Mark 2:23-3:6

Glory to you, O Lord

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some ears of corn. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?'

²⁵ He answered, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶ In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.'

²⁷ Then he said to them, 'The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.'

³ Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shrivelled hand was there. ² Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. ³ Jesus said to the man with the shrivelled hand, 'Stand up in front of everyone.'

⁴ Then Jesus asked them, 'Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?' But they remained silent.

⁵ He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. ⁶ Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

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

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of 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 SERENDIPTY 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

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