

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**WELCOME TO  
OUR CHURCH  
COMMUNITY**

They shall grow not old,  
As we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them,  
Nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun,  
And in the morning  
We will remember them.



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 get in touch. Our administrator Vicky is available on 07804 558160. This notice sheet covers the next 2 weeks and combines:

- Notices
- The church diary (including livestream & Zoom joining instructions)
- Prayers and readings for the services on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### **Bishop Martin's Final Presidential Address**

Bishop Martin came to the diocese 9 years ago and there was much to do. As Bishop Martin prepares to retire in February 2025 he gave a final presidential address at Diocesan Synod in October. The theme of this Synod was "*Looking back, looking forward*". Bishop Martin reflected on the past ten years and the future, particularly on four key themes - strengthening finance, sustaining buildings, supporting ministry and engaging young people; as well as two overarching themes – working together and building trust.

You can download the full transcript of his speech [here](#) or watch the video [here](#)

### **Christingles**

The Christingle service at Holy Trinity will take place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10.30am. We would really appreciate it if someone could volunteer to assist in the sourcing and making of approx. 20 Christingles please let Vicky know [chadbrookoffice@gmail.com](mailto:chadbrookoffice@gmail.com) or 07804 558160.

### **HTLM Choir Invitation to sing in the Christmas Carol Service**

If you have always fancied having a go at singing in a choir, especially with Christmas Carols (and the descants), why not consider joining the Melford church choir for the service on December 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Carol Service at 6.30pm. There's no audition – unless you want one to discover which voice you might be, but you will need to commit to at least three rehearsals, including the one at 5.15pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup> just before the service itself at 6.30pm.

The rehearsal schedule is given below and we'll be preparing two or three choir only pieces.

The invitation is open to singers of all voices – Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass, but not just adults. If you would like to encourage children to have a sing, and would like to bring them along, they are welcome too. I would suggest 8yrs + and above, given that the rehearsals will be from 7pm – 8.30pm on Thursday evenings. I'd be

grateful if adults could accompany any children to the rehearsals, (and stay) for safeguarding reasons, and I do need to know in advance of any children coming, to make arrangements to meet and register them.

If you would like to know more – then either email me on [nwbrown@btinternet.com](mailto:nwbrown@btinternet.com), or come and say hello at the organ console after a service.

Rehearsals:

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7 – 8.30 pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7 – 8.30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7 - 8.45pm (NB later finish)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5.15 – 6pm    Service at 6.30 – 7.45ish pm.

## A Church Near You (ACNY)

We are currently updating the information for all of our churches on the ACNY websites (which is a nationally supported website platform available to all Church of England churches). This will be an ongoing job – please bear with us whilst this is taking place.

## Suggestions for Prayer

- For the nation as we remember those lost as a result of all wars.
- 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 including the unrest in towns and cities in our own country.
- We pray for those affected by the floods in Spain.
- We remember before God those who have recently died and those who mourn.
- We pray for those in need of God’s presence or his healing touch including Barbara Brady, David Bremer, Robert Hawkins, baby Munroe & Gordon Wright.

**Diary**

Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Remembrance Service at Alpheton
	10.45am	Remembrance Service at Lawshall
	10.50am	Remembrance Service at Holy Trinity *
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Connect baby & Toddler Group at St Catherine’s
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Coffee Caravan at Alpheton
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm	Church Tour
	3.30pm	Visiting Ringers at Holy Trinity
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Communion at Shimpling
	10.30am	Elders Commissioning with Archdeacon David Jenkins at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Shine informal worship at Holy Trinity

**\* Livestream Joining Instructions**

- Google the five words “Holy Trinity Long Melford Facebook” or [click here](#) to open the church’s Facebook page (scroll down a bit to see the feed).
- 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](#).



**Collect (prayer for the day)**

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Reading 9.00am & 10.45am**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup>and he began to teach them. He said:

<sup>3</sup> 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Matthew 5:1-12**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

***Praise to You O Christ***

**Reading 10.50am**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

<sup>9</sup> 'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**John 15.5-13**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

***Praise to You O Christ***

*(Bible readings courtesy of Bible Gateway New International Version - UK (NIVUK))*

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 11.00-3.30pm	<b>Messy Church, Melford Village Hall</b> <i>Part of the Christmas Fayre</i>
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 10.30am	<b>Christingle Family Communion, Melford</b> <i>family friendly communion service</i>
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> 6.30pm	<b>Traditional Advent Carols, Melford</b> <i>choral service with readings &amp; reflections</i>
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> 10-4.00pm	<b>Christmas Tree Festival, Lawshall</b> <i>Lawshall Village Hall, followed by carols at 6.00pm</i>
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> 4.30pm	<b>Lights of Remembrance, Alpheton Village Hall</b> <i>remembering loved ones, refreshments after in Village Hall</i>
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm	<b>Lights of Remembrance, Melford</b> <i>remembering loved ones, refreshments from 6.00pm</i>
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> 8.00pm tbc	<b>Beer &amp; Carols Shimpling (tbc)</b> <i>at the Bush Pub</i>
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> 4.00pm	<b>Alpheton Carol Service</b> <i>come and sing some well-known carols</i>
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> 6.30pm	<b>Main Melford Carol Service</b> <i>come and sing some well-known carols</i>
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm	<b>Lawshall Carol Service</b> <i>come and sing some well-known carols, refreshments after at the Swan</i>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> 3.00pm	<b>Crib Service, Melford</b> <i>family friendly service, nativity dress optional!</i>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> 6.00pm	<b>Shimpling Carol Service</b> <i>come and sing some well-known carols</i>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>10.45pm</b>	<b>Midnight Mass, Melford</b> <i>an atmospheric communion service</i>
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	<b>Family Christmas Day Communion, Melford</b> <i>please bring presents to show!</i>
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	<b>Benefice Communion at Holy Trinity, Long Melford</b> <i>a simple communion service</i>