

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 service on Sunday 6th November

Coffee and Covid Vaccine!

The 'coffee caravan' will return to Alpheton Village Hall on the 9th November between 10.00am and 12.00pm. As well as coffee, cake and a community welcome, there will be an opportunity to have a covid vaccine so do come along if you have not had the chance to get your vaccine arranged.

Remembrance Sunday 13th Nov

There will be 3 services across our Benefice next Sunday for Remembrance/Armistice Day, please note the later than usual time of the service at Holy Trinity

9.00am	Remembrance – Alpheton
10.30am	Remembrance – Lawshall
10.50am	Remembrance – Holy Trinity

Shimpling Christmas market

Will be on Saturday 10th December from 11am – 1pm at Shimpling Village Hall, please come along and join us for stalls selling amongst others, Christmas gifts and cards, mince pies and handmade crafts. There will also be refreshments served on the day.

Doctrine – Unpacking the Apostles' Creed

OK it sounds a bit heavy, but this is a chance to receive some in depth teaching from Bishop Mike Harrison who has a unique way of expressing deep truths in memorable ways that make us both chuckle and think! Be prepared to be stretched! Subjects include God, Jesus, The Cross; Resurrection; Holy Spirit and Eternal. These sessions will be online on the 16, 23 and 30 November and 8, 14 and 21 December 2022. Joining details will be announced soon but save the dates.

Shimpling - Reminder for the 20th Nov

The Shimpling service will be at 12.00pm not the usual 9.00am – it will be a Communion service with Baptism.

Storehouse Christmas Appeal

Help to bring a smile to someone's face this Christmas, Storehouse will be collecting Christmas items until 10th December only. Shopping suggestions include tinned ham & salmon, biscuits, stuffing, crisps, hot chocolate, yule log, chocolates, Christmas crackers, puddings & pies. These can be dropped off at most local supermarkets.

This years Panto is Jack & the Beanstalk....

Alpheton & Shimpling Players will perform Jack and the Beanstalk at Alpheton Village Hall on Friday 25th Nov 7.30pm and Saturday 26th November 3pm and 7.30pm, adults £10, children 15yrs & under £5, Tickets are available from Julie Moss 01284 828507 juliemoss1@btinternet.com and Sue Fahie-Wilson 01284 827243 s.fahiewilson@gmail.com



Coffee after the 10.30am service at Holy Trinity

Do you have a few spare minutes both before and after the main 10.30am service at Holy Trinity on a Sunday, we are urgently looking for volunteers to serve refreshments. If you are interested and available approx. once every 4-6 weeks please contact Denise Hastings on carpediem2@hotmail.co.uk

Invitational Christmas Choir

As in previous years, the choir would like to extend a warm invitation to those in the congregation (and or friends of the church), who enjoy singing and would like to join the choir for either the Christmas carol service, and/or the Advent carol service. This is a chance for those who like singing - or who have done it before, or who like to try singing 'parts' and want to stretch themselves a little. A little experience would be good, and even better, the ability to read music - even just a bit, (but that's not essential). Attendance at rehearsals will help a lot, where there will be others to sing and learn alongside and help! It's fun, and you might discover a talent that you should have tapped into long before, and it gives you the chance to experience the special feeling of singing in a choir at Advent and Christmas - should you wish to do both, those who would like to join the choir for the Christmas carol service (only), are invited to come along to the main rehearsals on 8th, 15th and then the afternoon of the 18th December.

However, you are more than welcome to start coming earlier to rehearsals, from the 24th Nov, when the music for the Christmas service will be available, and some rehearsal - especially of the choir only carols will start. Those who would like to join in the Advent carol service should start to attend from the 17th November, when work will start on that service at rehearsals, and music will be available, Any questions - please see Nigel who will be happy to help you assess whether you might be a Soprano, Alto Tenor or Bass!. Please don't be anxious - come along and give it a try. To join or if you have any questions please contact Nigel on 01787 280 035.

“A Spotless Rose” Concert on 9th Dec at 7.30pm

The Choir of Clare College, Cambridge and conductor Graham Ross, together with organists Samuel Jones and Daniel Blaze, perform a beautiful seasonal programme, including motets by Mendelssohn and Howells, some exquisite arrangements of traditional carols, and a selection of festive favourites that herald the season of Advent and the joy of the Christmas story.

Tickets at £12 each are available online at <https://www.adcticketing.com> or by telephone to adcticketing on 01223 300085. Tickets may also be purchased shortly from the church shop. Some tickets may be available on the door on the evening, though it is expected that advanced demand will be high. Tea/coffee and mulled wine will be available for a donation during the interval, as will programmes on the evening. Please note that the tickets are for entry only - seating is unreserved. This promises to be a superb concert, and one worth sharing with friends - perhaps as an early Christmas present!

Easyfundraising

If you are not already using Easyfundraising for another cause please be encouraged to do your Christmas shopping online (including Amazon). Over 7,000 brands will donate to Holy Trinity Church Long Melford Organ Fund at no extra cost to you - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food shopping or anything else! Please sign up and help us raise more at: [this link](#).

Small TV available

A member of our congregation has a small television which they no longer use, if you are interested please email Janeladbury@yahoo.com

Suggestions for Prayer

- We pray for a peaceful end to the war in Ukraine.
- We pray for political and economic stability in these unsettled times.
- We pray for those attending and running the Alpha Course.
- We pray for these who are ill including Elsie Wright.
- We remember before God those who have recently died and those who mourn. We especially remember the family and friends of Martin Richards, Brian Stringer & Ian Spear.
- We remember to give thanks for every blessing in these troubled times.

Diary

Sun 6 th	10.30am	Family Communion at Holy Trinity *
	6.30pm	All Souls Evensong at Holy Trinity *
Mon 7 th	9.30am	Connect Toddler & Baby Group – St Catherine’s
	7.30pm	A&S Homegroup
Tues 8 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
	12.00pm	Funeral at Holy Trinity – Brian Stringer
	7.30pm	Handbells at St Catherine’s
Wed 9 th	10.00am	Coffee Caravan at Alpheton
	7.00pm	Remembrance Day Rehearsal
	7.00pm	Bell Practice at Holy Trinity tbc
	8.00pm	Alpha Course - online
Thurs 10 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Sat 12 th	9.30am	Alpha Course at St Catherine’s
	11.30am	Visiting Ringers at Holy Trinity
Sun 13 th	9.00am	Remembrance – Alpheton
	10.30am	Remembrance – Lawshall
	10.50am	Remembrance – Holy Trinity

*** Livestream Joining Instructions**

- Google the five words “Holy Trinity Long Melford Facebook”.
- Click on the top link ([or simply 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 this link](#)

Collect (prayer for the day)

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, ²not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us – whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter – asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. ³Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. ⁴He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshipped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

⁵Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

¹⁶May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Gospel Reading

Luke 20:27-38

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ²⁸'Teacher,' they said, 'Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. ³⁰The second ³¹and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. ³²Finally, the woman died too. ³³Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?'

³⁴Jesus replied, 'The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. ³⁷But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord "the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob". ³⁸He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.'

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

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Christmas Services

We have been working on the Christmas rota and are pleased that we can announce the following dates:

26 th Nov	all day	Messy Christmas at Melford Christmas Fair with Carols on the Little Green
4 th Dec	4.00pm	Alpheton Lights of Remembrance at Alpheton Church (update)
4 th Dec	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service at Holy Trinity
10 th Dec	6.00pm	Holy Trinity Lights of Remembrance
11 th Dec	4.00pm	Lawshall Christmas Messy Church
18 th Dec	4.00pm	Alpheton Carol Service
18 th Dec	6.30pm	Carol Service at Holy Trinity
23 rd Dec	6.30pm	Lawshall Carol Service
24 th Dec	3.00pm	Crib Service at Holy Trinity Long Melford
24 th Dec	6.00pm	Shimpling Carol Service
24 th Dec	10.30pm	Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity
25 th Dec	10.30am	Benefice Christmas Communion at Holy Trinity

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 Where there is injury, pardon;
 Where there is doubt, faith;
 Where there is despair, hope;
 Where there is darkness, light;
 And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
 Grant that I may not so much seek
 To be consoled as to console;
 To be understood, as to understand;
 To be loved, as to love;
 For it is in giving that we receive,
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
 Amen.