

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 morning service on Sunday 18th September.

Rector’s Reflection

The nation is continuing its period of mourning for the Late Queen Elizabeth. As I write, there is an ever growing queue of people wanting to pay their respects as she lies in state. It is extraordinary watching the emotion expressed on the livestream.

People have been visiting our churches through the week and we will be holding commemoration services this Sunday. I pray that it is a comfort to us all that the Queen is in the loving hands of Jesus and her work is done.

People are debating whether to call her ‘Elizabeth the Great’, ‘Elizabeth the Good’, or ‘Elizabeth the Faithful’. All of these are fitting, however personally I think ‘Elizabeth the Faithful’ best captures why she is so special. I pray that her example will inspire us all.

Ride & Stride

A huge thank you to the volunteers fundraising for Suffolk Churches at the Ride and Stride last weekend. This includes those who welcomed at our churches, David Walters who managed to cycle 60 miles visiting a total 32 churches, and the others from our church community involved in a classic car rally.

Alpheton & Shimpling Church Fete

Will take place next Saturday (24th) at Chadacre Cricket Ground from 1pm – 4.45, please come along and enjoy an afternoon of games & stalls, along with Morris dancers, classic cars and much more.

Messy Church Next Sunday

For Messy Church next Sunday (25th) at 4.00pm we are returning to Melford School for the first time since the Pandemic. We particularly look forward to welcoming in families whose children have just started at school.



Songs of Praise

The main broadcast from the filming at Holy Trinity and in Suffolk will be televised on BBC1 next Sunday (25th) at 1.15pm and we will be showing the broadcast on the screens at Holy Trinity. Please feel free to bring your sandwiches along to the service or join us after lunch to watch this together.

Nicola Lawson

There is a lot going on next weekend, with Alpheton & Shimpling Fete on Saturday, Messy Church, and Songs of Praise being broadcast. In addition to all of this Nicola Lawson is being licensed at the Cathedral as a Lay Pioneer next Sunday (25th) at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral at 3.30pm. In order to support her work on the 4 o'clock community, Nicky has been doing training with the diocese and her calling to this important ministry is being formalised by the Bishop. All are welcome to come along to support her.

Newcomer's Evening

It has been lovely to have some new people attending our various services. Back in the 'olden days' we had an annual newcomer's evening, and it is a pleasure to welcome people once again on the evening of the 21st September, at 7.30pm at Conduit House, the Green, Long Melford, CO10 9DU. There will be light refreshments, a brief talk, a chance to ask questions, and of course time to chat. If you are not 'new' please also come along if you bring someone with you – who could you invite? To attend please contact Vicky on 07804 558 160 or chadbrookoffice@gmail.com **by the end of Sunday 18th please!**

Questions of Faith (& confirmation)

Similarly, over the years we held regular courses for people asking questions about the Christian faith. This year we will be using the Alpha course which consist of six online, one hour sessions. These will be on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm, starting from the 5th October. We have a really encouraging uptake but there are more places available. To register or make enquiries please contact Kevin Powell on r_kpowell@msn.com or 07732 157893.



Last Spaces Available for Canterbury Glass Studio Visit

On the 20th September there is the opportunity to see the Medieval stained Glass windows at Holy Trinity being restored. This is an exclusive and behind the scenes visit. Cost £95. Please [click here](#) for more details or see our website.

Referendum for Long Melford Neighbourhood Plan - Plan document to be available to read at Holy Trinity church

A Referendum to vote on the Long Melford Neighbourhood Plan takes place on Thursday 27th October (7am to 10pm, venue tbc). In the Referendum, residents are being asked: "Do you want Babergh District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Long Melford to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?" The Plan has been 5 years in preparation and it should mean that Long Melford has some say in regard to future development applications in the parish. This is an important opportunity for the village so do please exercise your vote.

For details of the Plan visit '<http://www.longmelfordnp.co.uk/>'. Printed copies of the Plan will be available by 19th September at the Parish Council office, the library, Breakout, Dilly Dally and Holy Trinity Church.

RIP Sir John Mowbray

It is with sadness that we must report that John died peacefully on Thursday with a priest and a member of his family by his side. We sadly lost his beautiful wife Lavinia during the pandemic and find comfort trusting them both to Christ who rose for us all. A service of thanksgiving is planned for the afternoon of Wednesday 28th September (to be confirmed).

Diary

Sun 18 th	9.00am	Special Thanksgiving Communion at Shimpling
	10.30am	Special Thanksgiving Holy Communion at Holy Trinity *
	6.30pm	Special Thanksgiving Service at Lawshall
Mon 19 th	11.00am	Funeral of the Late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth
Tues 20 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
	7.30pm	Handbells at St Catherine's
Wed 21 st	10.00am	Holy Communion at Steeds Meadow
	2.00pm	Holy Communion at Melford Court
	7.00pm	Bell Practice at Holy Trinity
	7.30pm	Newcomers Evening
Thurs 22 nd	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Sat 24 th	1-4.45pm	Alpheton & Shimpling Fete at Chadacre Cricket ground
Sun 25 th	10.30am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity *
	1.15pm	Songs of Praise Viewing at Holy Trinity Church
	4.00pm	Messy Church at Long Melford School

* 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](#)

Dates for your Diary

Sat	1 st Oct	7.00pm	Harvest Supper, Shimpling Village Hall
Sun	2 nd Oct	9.00am	Harvest Service at Alpheton
Sun	2 nd Oct	10.30am	Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity
Wed	5 th Oct	8.00pm	Alpha Course Starts
Sat	8 th Oct	7.30pm	Patrick Kohler Memorial Concert at Holy Trinity
Sat	26 th Nov	All day	Melford Christmas Fayre (with Messy church)

Suggestions for Prayer

- We pray for our new King Charles III, and for all the members of the Royal family as they adjust to life without the constant presence of the late Queen Elizabeth.
- We pray for the nation as we mourn her loss and start to look ahead.
- We continue to pray for a peaceful resolution to the war in Ukraine.
- We remember before God those who have recently died and those who mourn. We especially remember the family and friends of John Rigby, John Mowbray, Duncan Robertson, and Enid Wilson.

Collect (prayer for the day)

O Lord our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, by whom kings reign and princes decree justice: We remember before thee our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, in thankfulness for the blessings which thou hast bestowed upon us by her reign; for the example she set of unwearied devotion to duty; for her steadfast courage; and for the love and loyalty borne to her by a great family of peoples in all parts of the world. And we beseech thee to give us grace that, having these thy mercies in remembrance, we may with one heart and one mind set forward the welfare of this land, and hasten the coming of thy kingdom of peace and goodwill among men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains –
where does my help come from?
² My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
³ He will not let your foot slip –
he who watches over you will not slumber;
⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵ The Lord watches over you –
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
⁷ The Lord will keep you from all harm –
he will watch over your life;
⁸ the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and for evermore.

Gospel Reading

John 6:35-40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. ³⁷ All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.'

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

Father in Heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord **Amen**

Gracious God

We give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,
for her faith and her dedication to duty.

Bless our nation as we mourn her death.
and may her example continue to inspire us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

