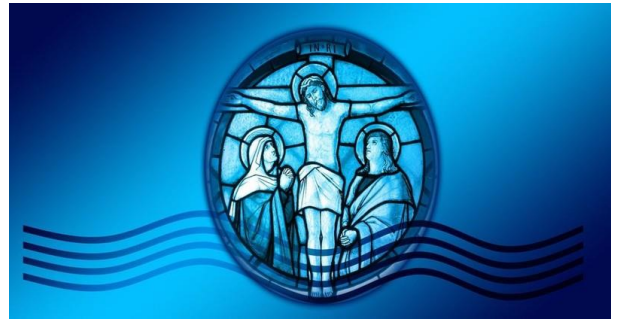


WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY



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 20th November

Prayer Breakfast – 19th November, **change of venue**

The prayer breakfast on Saturday 19th November will now take place at St Catherine's and NOT Holy Trinity as previously stated.

Shimpling - Reminder for the 20th Nov

This Sunday's service at Shimpling will be at **12.00pm** not the usual 9.00am – it will be a Communion service with Baptism.

HOPE!! – 'Shine' Informal Worship at 4 o'clock on the 20th Nov

As we start to prepare for Advent, this service will focus on Isaiah 61 with its promises of hope instead of despair in times of trouble. Includes an invitation for prayer ministry.

Note from Rector - Confirmation

Over the last few weeks it has been very encouraging meeting with people either coming to faith in Christ or wanting to confirm their faith having been Christened as a child. We are looking to hold a Baptism / Confirmation service with the Bishop in March next year. If you would like to be considered as a candidate or have questions please contact the Rector on 01787 310845 or email revmattis@gmail.com.



This year's 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



Alpheton Christmas Coffee Morning

Alpheton will be holding a Christmas Coffee morning at the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December between 10.30am – 1pm. Please come along and join us for seasonal stalls, tombola, raffle, refreshments and much, much more. If you would like a stall or can help out on the day please contact Julie Moss on 01284 828507.

Lights of Remembrance

Christmas can be a difficult time of year for those of us who have lost loved ones. As we prepare for all the Christmas entails – the good and the bad – this is a chance to remember loved ones before God and to get spiritual strength for the weeks ahead.

Alpheton & Shimpling – 4pm on Sunday 4th Dec at Alpheton

Long Melford – 6.00pm on Saturday 10th Dec at Holy Trinity

See last page for flyer and to add names

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.

Invitational Christmas Choir

As in previous years, the choir would like to extend a warm invitation to those in the congregation to join the choir for the festive period (or longer if available), 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. Those who wish to join for the whole of the Advent incl 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. 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 will 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!

Madrigalia - A Melody of Harps Concert

Perform Christmas Music with Carols at All Saints, Lawshall on Saturday 10th December from 7.30pm. Tickets on the door £8, includes refreshment. For more details please contact Anne Chorley 07761 934059 or Elizabeth Clarke 07813 430985



in concert with

A Melody of Harps

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All Saints' Church Lawshall

Saturday 10th December 7:30pm

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

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
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

Diary

Sun 20 th	10.30am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity with live Stream *
	12.00pm	Holy Communion and baptism at Shimpling
	4.00pm	Shine Informal Worship at Holy Trinity
Mon 21 st	9.00am	Connect baby & Toddler Group – St Catherine’s
	7.30pm	A&S Homegroup
Tues 22 nd	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom #
	7.30pm	Ministry Team Meeting
	7.30pm	Handbells at St Catherine’s
Wed 23 rd	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice at Holy Trinity
	7.30pm	Lawshall PCC
Thurs 24 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Fri 25 th	5.00pm	Christmas planning meeting at HT
	7.30pm	Pantomime at Alpheton Village Hall
Sat 26 th	11-3.30pm	Messy Christmas at Melford Christmas Fayre (at the old ‘Gigi’s Trattoria)
Sun 27 th	10.30am	Holy Communion & Baptism at Holy Trinity with live Stream *

* *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.

** *Zoom Coffee after the Service*

Zoom Meeting ID: 833 5925 6347, Passcode: 682003, or [click this link](#)

Morning Prayer

Zoom Meeting ID: 810 2345 2032, Password: 283350, or [click this link](#)

Suggestions for Prayer

- We remember before God those who have recently died and those who mourn
- 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 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.

Collect (prayer for the day)

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading**Colossians 1:11-20**

being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. God, the firstborn over all creation.¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Gospel Reading**Luke 23:33-43**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left.³⁴ Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.’

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar³⁷ and said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: ‘Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. ‘Don’t you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.’

⁴² Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’

⁴³ Jesus answered him, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.’

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

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Lights of Remembrance

There will be 2 lights of remembrance services in December this year, one in Alpheton on Sunday 4th December and one in Long Melford on Saturday 10th December, please let Vicky know if you would like a name/s read **clearly indicating** which service you would like them read at. Please contact Vicky on chadbrookoffice@gmail.com or 07804 558160
Alternatively, please complete the form below

LIGHTS OF REMEMBRANCE 2022



The "Lights of Remembrance" Christmas services are a time to remember those loved ones not with us at Christmas time.

If you would like to dedicate a light in memory of a loved one please complete the slip below.

We will hold our short service of remembrance, when we shall light up the tree to remember those who have died, on **Sunday 4th December at 4.00pm at Alpheton** or **Saturday 10th December at 6:00pm at Holy Trinity in Long Melford.**

If you wish to dedicate a light, please call Vicky, Parish Administrator, on 07804 558160 or email chadbrookoffice@gmail.com

Alternatively, please hand this form to one of our church wardens or send to: The Rectory, The Green, Long Melford, Suffolk CO10 9DT

I wish to dedicate.....lights at **Alpheton/Long Melford** (*please mark clearly which service*)

Name.....

Address.....Tel.No.....

In memory of (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)
