

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 22nd May.

Rogation Sunday (22nd May) – Farm Visit

You are welcome to come for a tour of Shimpling Park Farm on Sunday afternoon, we are meeting at 4.00pm. The visit will include a tour, a reflection and prayer, and refreshments. Please bring suitable clothing and footwear for paths, mud, and the occasional nettle. This is an event organised by the 4 o'clock community. For more details, please contact Nicky on 07938 681 319. The postcode is IP29 4HY, and directions can be found [here](#) (scroll down). At the end of the long drive bear right at the fork and park on the concrete hardstanding.



Platinum Jubilee

The Queen must be one of the most famous and respected people in the world, and the head of the Church of England ... her 70-year reign is worth marking. Our villages are all planning celebrations of many kinds, ranging from a running race in Shimpling to the street parties on the Sunday afternoon, and we hope people can get involved. There will be two formal church events.

- We will be starting celebrations as the Rector leads a Beacon Lighting service on the Upper Green in Long Melford starting at 9.15pm on Thursday 2nd June.
- We will be holding a Service of Thanksgiving at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 5th at 6.30pm.



Please note that we will be holding services on Sunday 5th at 9.00am in Alpheton and 10.30am at Holy Trinity (it is Pentecost!). We are aware that many people will want to prepare for the Street Party in Long Melford, so the 10.30am service will be simple – we will aim for under 40 minutes. It is also appreciated that not everyone will be able to attend on Sunday evening due to involvement in the celebrations; the service will be livestreamed. We did consider various alternatives however in the end the Sunday evening was the best (and usual) time.

Pentecost Workshop and Assembly

This week Pam led a Pentecost workshop at Melford Primary School, after which Pam and Rev Matthew took a Pentecost Assembly. It was really nice to have the whole school together in the assembly hall after so long when we could not gather in this way. We also had Fusion Youth Group on Friday.



Ascension Day Prayer Walk - Foxearth

'Footprints on the Earth', Thurs May 26th, 7.30 – 8.30pm at Foxearth Meadows. Led by Rev Ruth Ridge from Churches Together in Sudbury and District. Do arrive early from 6.00pm if you want to relax together with a 'bring your own supper'. This prayer walk is part of 'Suffolk in Prayer' and the 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer movement.



Tower Tours

On Sunday 5th June 2022 there will be Open Tower Tours, 12-6pm. This will include group tours up to the top of the tower, each lasting approximately 45 mins. Refreshments (tea and cake) will be available in the church during this period. There will also be a Teddy bears parachute jump - £1 per bear, participants to make their own parachute with a small prize for the most inventive parachute.

All funds raised will be for Sam's World Scout Jamboree to Sae-Man-Geum in South Korea in 2023. Sam is one of our bellringers who has been chosen to go to the World Scouting Jamboree and he has to raise £4000 towards the trip.

Sudbury Sings

Join Sudbury Sings on Saturday 25th June from 6.30pm at Holy Trinity. Enjoy a lively evening of music from a choir of 70 voices singing some of their and your favourite songs and some new toe tapping arrangements. This is their first performance since 2010. Tickets £10 from Sudbury library and Holy Trinity shop. All proceeds to St Nicholas Hospice and Ukraine

Bishop Martin in the Lords'

Bishop Martin delivered his maiden speech on Monday 16th May in the House of Lords, as he enters the House as a Lord Spiritual, setting out his intentions to be a voice for Suffolk in parliament. Speaking on the third day of the Queen's Speech debate which focussed on the economy, energy and the environment, Bishop Martin also highlighted rural poverty and isolation and the challenges facing the young especially. Bishop Martin said:

"I have had the joy and privilege of serving the people of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, which comprises most of the wonderful county of Suffolk, for the past seven years. It has been a journey of great discovery, learning about rural life, agriculture, care of the land and environment, the conditions of rural poverty and isolation, and the challenges particularly facing young people, that are hidden behind picture post card scenes of beautiful landscape and coastline. It is these concerns and experiences that I hope to bring to the attention of the House and Her Majesty's Government."

This Week

Sun 22 nd	10.30am	APCM and Holy Communion at Holy Trinity with livestream*
	4.00pm	Rogation Sunday Farm Visit – Shimpling Park Farm
Mon 23 rd	9.30am	Connect baby & toddler group at St Catherine’s
Tues 24 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
	7.00pm	Handbells at St Catherine’s
	7.30pm	Lawshall APCM
Wed 25 th	10.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints, Lawshall
	2.30pm	Funeral at West Suffolk Crematorium – Brian Dunhill
Thurs 26 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Foxearth Meadows – prayer walk for Ascension Day
Sat 28 th	7.30pm	Visiting Ringers at Holy Trinity
Sun 29 th	10.30am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity with livestream*
	4.00pm	Messy Church at 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](#)

Dates for your Diary

Wed	1 st June	1.10pm	Melford Music season begins
Thurs	2 nd June	9.15pm	Beacon Lighting Service for the Jubilee on the Green
Sat	5 th June	12.00pm	Tower Tours at Holy Trinity
Thurs	9 th June	10.30am	Coffee & Cake at St Catherine’s
Sat	25 th June	6.30pm	Sudbury Sings at Holy Trinity
Sun	7 th August	12.00pm	Benefice Picnic on the Glebe Land - Holy Trinity
Sat	24 th Sept	TBC	Alpheton & Shimpling Fete – Chadacre
Sat	8 th Oct	6.00pm	Patrick Kohler Memorial Concert at Holy Trinity

Suggestions for Prayer

- For a peaceful resolution to the crisis in Ukraine, remembering before God the thousands who have been killed or injured and their families, refugees, and all caught up in these awful events. Specifically, we pray for Rev Canon Malcolm Rogers in Moscow and for Ukrainian families settling locally.
- We remember before God those who have recently died and those who mourn including the families and friends of Hazel Davey, Brian Dunhill, Anthony Fraser, May Leake, Jan Morris, Mary Powell, and Diane (Betty) Wright.

Collect (prayer for the day)

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district^[a] of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. 'If you consider me a believer in the Lord,' she said, 'come and stay at my house.' And she persuaded us.

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-27

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.'

²² Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, 'But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?'

²³ Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ 'All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

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 our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**