

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 31st July.

Newsletter

We are planning to have one newsletter to cover the whole of August, apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Please check the calendar on the website for any events/changes to events. The readings, collect and post communion prayer will be sent weekly.

Coffee & Cake – corrected date

A warm welcome awaits – St Catherine's Thursday 4th August at 10.30am. All welcome

Benefice Picnic – for everyone

The idea is for people from all parts of the church family to spend time together. On Sunday 7th August, there will be a picnic on the Glebe land, next to the Long Melford Rectory by the paddocks, from 12.00pm, the last one (pre-Covid) was a lovely way to carry on those connections made within the church and also to make some new ones. Bring your blankets/seats and for the picnic after the morning service.



Suffolk Art Society

Suffolk Arts Society will once again hold their Exhibition in the Lady Chapel. The Exhibition is a great display of art from all over East Anglia and it attracts people to the village and the church. The Exhibition will be open from 22nd July to 6th August (daily from 10am until 5.30pm, and Sundays from 12noon until 5.30pm). This is a great celebration of the artistic talents so many local people have, and the event also helps to raise much needed funds for the church.



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 each year, and it is a pleasure to welcome people once again on the evening of the 21st September, provisionally at 7.30pm at Conduit House, the Green, Long Melford. There will be light refreshments, a brief talk, a chance to ask questions, and of course time to chat. We would love you to come along (and if you are a regular please feel free being someone new along with you). 'New' means new in the last 3 years! To attend please contact Vicky on 07804 558 160 or chadbrookoffice@gmail.com .

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. We are planning in-person meetings at the start and end, with the main sessions (probably six in total) being held online so that any who test positive (or who have young children) can attend. These will be on Wednesday evenings, probably starting from the 5th October. To register or make enquiries please contact Kevin Powell on r_kpowell@msn.com or 07732 157893. If anyone is seeking confirmation, please contact the Rector as this might for part of the preparation.



Mental Health and Children / Grandchildren

Our young people (and their parents and teachers) have been fantastic during the pandemic however it has not been an easy time. Most of us will know someone who has not always found it easy mentally. At our **Café Church on the 11th September at 4.00pm in Lawshall** we are having a speaker who is a counsellor for young people. Open to all ages, we hope that this will give some pointers as to how to support and pray for our young people. Part of the solution is being able to talk openly about it.

Sit down for 2 hrs on the 18th August – raise an easy £800!

SLR Sound Laboratories in Waldingfield are a specialist company researching all things acoustic. They are looking for 24 volunteers to sit down at their labs to do some sounds tests on the 18th August for a max of 2 hours. If we can field this number of people, money raised will be distributed between the churches represented. All our churches are really looking to build up fundraising after the pandemic – perhaps you could invite a friend along for something a bit different! Please contact chadbrookoffice@gmail.com, or call 07804 558160 to register **asap** if you can attend. Thankyou

Ride And Stride

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust is again holding the Ride and Stride this year on Sat Sept 10th between 9.00am and 5.00pm. For a sponsor form, or if you can volunteer for an hour at either St Catherine's or at Holy Trinity, please contact Vicky our administrator. This is a great cause preserving our churches and heritage – if you ride yourself 50% of funds raised go to your nominated church.



Next week

Sun 31 st	10.30am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity (livestreamed)*
Mon 1 st	7.30pm	A&S Homegroup
Tues 2 nd	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
	7.30pm	Handbells at St Catherine's
Wed 3 rd	1.10pm	Melford Music – Peter Thorne - Piano Catherine Shrubshall - Saxophone
	7.00pm	Bell Practice at Holy Trinity
Thurs 4 th	10.30am	Coffee & Cake at St Catherine's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Sun 7 th	9.00am	Alpheton Morning Worship
	10.30am	Holy Communion at Holy Trinity (livestreamed)*
	12.00pm	Benefice picnic on the Glebe land
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong 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](#)

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

Dates for your Diary

Sun	7 th Aug	12.00pm	Benefice Picnic on the Glebe Land - Holy Trinity
Sat	10 th Sept	2.00pm	Lawshall Flower Show
Sat	24 th Sept	10.30am	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Sat	24 th Sept	TBC	Alpheton & Shimpling Fete – Chadacre
Sat	1 st Oct	Evening	Harvest Supper (Alpheton & Shimpling)
Sat	8 th Oct	6.00pm	Patrick Kohler Memorial Concert at Holy Trinity
Sat	26 th Nov	All day	Melford Christmas Fayre

Collect, Readings, Post Communion Prayer for 31st July 2022

Collect (prayer for the day)

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.'

¹⁴Jesus replied, 'Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?' ¹⁵Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.'

¹⁶And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops."

¹⁸Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

²⁰'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

²¹'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'

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

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**