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 get in touch. This notice sheet covers the next two weeks and combines:

- Notices
- The church diary (including livestream & Zoom joining instructions),
- Prayers and readings for the morning services on Sunday 2nd & 9th Remembrance 2025.

Remembrance Sunday 9th Nov

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

9.00am Remembrance Service – Shimpling
 10.45am Remembrance Service – Lawshall
 10.50am Remembrance Service – Holy Trinity



Please ensure that if you are parking on the Greens that you arrive prior to 10.15am early at Holy Trinity as the road will be closed for the parade from approx. 10.10am.

Please also note the Remembrance themed concert at Holy Trinity on Sat 8^{th} - see flyer on page 3.

Light Gazebo Success in Cordell Place









Congratulations to all who took part including an amazing team from the 4 o'clock community who set-up and took down everything. We provided welcome for over 150 trick-or-treaters with hot chocolate (with marshmallows!), other drinks, hot dogs, craft, and a sit down. There was a lovely atmosphere and it was great fun ... except when the generator stopped working! (thanks to those who supported us with this glitch at short notice).

Invitational Christmas Choir

The choir at Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford is extending an invitation to those who would like join them for the Main Carol Service on 21st Dec at 6.30pm. There is also the chance to sing in the Advent Carol service on the 7th December at 6.30pm, with a rehearsal beforehand at 5pm. The rehearsals will be on Thurs 6th 13th & 27th Nov, Wed 19th Nov & Thurs 4th, 11th & 18th Dec 7.00pm, with a final rehearsal before the Service at 5.15pm.

We are also looking for people to join the children's choir initially for the festive season, but also longer term and more permanently, if there's interest and enthusiasm! Their rehearsals start at 6.15pm and end at 7pm on the same dates as above for the adults. Parents/guardians are cordially invited to stay for the rehearsals and join in the singing if they so wish!

If interested please contact Nigel Brown nwbrown@btinternet.com or telephone Nigel on 07904 000494. Once he knows you're interested, music can be forwarded to give you chance to get familiar with what the choir is singing.

Holy Trinity Flower Team

Looking for a new fulfilling hobby, then why not look into joining the flower team at Holy Trinity, Long Melford – join a creative, fun team and help make the church look even more beautiful in the run up to Christmas & beyond.

The church is decorated most weeks for Sunday services as well as weddings and other occasions as required.

Please let Diana know (07967 944623) if you would like more information or to sign up for occasional duties.



4 o'clock Community services and events in November include:

Sun	2 nd Nov	4.00pm	Family Service in Lawshall	

Sun 16th 4.00pm Pub Social at Nethergate Brewery, Long Melford

Sun 23rd 4.00pm Shine Informal Worship at Holy Trinity

Suggestions for prayer include:

- We pray for world leaders that they would remain humble, seek peace, and be open to the Spirit of God.
- We remember before God those who have recently died including Frances (Brenda) Angel, Jean Kerby, Tony Jones-Lloyd, Paul Stoddart and we pray for those friends & family who mourn including those who have names read at our All Souls Evensong.
- We pray for the Alpha course that those attending would that God loves them and has a good plan for their life ... and that the church would nurture their faith effectively.
- We pray for those in need of God's presence or his healing touch including Barbara Brady, Anne Bush, David Bremer, Elizabeth Clarke, Phillip Cole, Robert Hawkins, William Hawkins, Judith Mills, baby Munroe, and Mary Tuffen.

A message of thanks

Ann Share writes ... "many, many thanks to my church family for all the messages, cards, telephone calls, emails, visits and gifts of scrumptious home cooked food for my freezer. I have been greatly sustained by all your loving support and prayers as I recover from my knee replacement surgery. I shall be back with you all in person as soon as I can. With love to you all, Ann"



Diary

Sun 2 nd Nov	9.00am 10.30am 4.00pm 6.30pm	Communion at Alpheton Family Communion at Holy Trinity * Family Communion at Lawshall All Souls Evensong at Holy Trinity *
Mon 3 rd	9.30am 7.30pm	Connect toddler & baby group at St Catherine's Lawshall Homegroup
Tues 4 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
Wed 5 th	11.00am 7.00pm	Interment at Alpheton Remembrance Rehearsal
Thurs 6 th	6.00pm 7.00pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal Choir Practice
Fri 7 th	2.00pm 7.30pm	Funeral at Lawshall – Jean Kerby Fusion Youth Club Film Night
Sat 8 th	3.00pm	Kirbye Voices Remembrance Concert at Holy Trinity
Sun 9 th	9.00am 10.45am 10.50am	Remembrance Service at Shimpling Remembrance Service at Lawshall Remembrance at Holy Trinity *
Mon 10 th	9.30am 7.30pm	Connect toddler & baby group at St Catherine's Sudbury Choral Society rehearsal at Holy Trinity
Tues 11 th	9.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer # Alpheton Homegroup A&S PCC
Wed 12 th	10.00am 7.30pm	Coffee Caravan at Alpheton Village Hall Alpha course at The Black Lion
Thurs 13 th	6.00pm 7.00pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal Choir Practice
Fri 14 th	6.00pm	'Pizza be with you' youth discipleship group
Sat 15 th	7.00pm	Sudbury Choral Society Concert
Sun 16 th	9.00am 10.30am 4.00pm	Communion at Shimpling Communion at Holy Trinity * Pub Social at Nethergate Brewery, Melford

* Livestream Joining Instructions

- Google the five words "Holy Trinity Long Melford Facebook" or <u>click here</u> to open the church's Facebook page (scroll down a bit to see the feed).
- Please note that you do not need a Facebook account yourself in order to watch the livestream.

Morning Prayer Zoom Meeting ID: 816 5338 9796, Passcode: 289895, or click here.



Readings for the 2nd November – 4 before Advent/All Saints

Collect (prayer for the day)

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading (10.30am & 4.00pm)

Acts 9:1-9

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'

'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. ⁶ 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'

⁷The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

First Reading (6.30pm)

Psalm 130

Second Reading (6.30pm)

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

'For your sake we face death all day long;

we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, in neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

⁵ 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked.

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

² Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

³ If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

⁶I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

⁷ Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

⁸ He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Readings for the 9th November - 3 before Advent/ Remembrance

Collect (prayer for the day)

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading Matthew 5:1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

- ³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ Blessed are the meek,

for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,

for they will be shown mercy.

- ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
(Bible readings courtesy of Bible Gateway New International Version - UK (NIVUK))

Praise to You O Christ

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**

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