

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 18th & 25th May 2025.

Open Gardens Long Melford May 26th

Did you know that some of the money raised by Open Gardens comes to Holy Trinity? This year we are still hoping for more gardens, big and small. Please have a think about whether you could open your garden for viewing, to help raise funds for our lovely village. If you would like to take part please contact Paul on 01787 378 035 or email contact@themill-longmelford.com



As in previous years Mansel Hall garden will be open and offering a wide selection of plants and refreshments; all proceeds will go to the stained-glass fund. If anyone has any plants to contribute please let Deborah know on 07867 540881.

Ascension Day Prayer Walk 29th May

Thursday 29 May 7.30 pm, bring your own picnic from 6.30pm, Foxearth Meadows Nature Reserve (what3words: charm.dragonfly.townhouse). Led by the Revd Ruth Ridge, enjoy a picnic together then walk and pray together as the sun sets. A beautiful, reflective evening for all.

Annual Meetings

We have now held our APCM's for Long Melford & Lawshall. Alpheton & Shimpling APCM will take place tomorrow Mon 19th May at 7.30pm Alpheton Church. If you would like to find out more about Alpheton & Shimpling, please talk to Matthew or another PCC member. Do come along for the review of the year - it is a chance to remind ourselves of all the good things that are taking place. We are extremely grateful for all office holders and those who have service our church communities on the PCC.

Christian Aid

It has not been possible to have a door-to-door collection this Christian-Aid Week, however we would encourage you to support those in need through this worthy cause, please consider donating via their website [here](#)

Many thanks

Richard and Charlotte Blyth

Melford Music

The new season of Melford Music will be starting in June, please see the program of recitals below. Light refreshments are available and there will be a retiring collection. For more details please see our website.

A huge thank you to all our sponsors.

Programme

JUNE

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| 4 | AHMED DICKINSON & EDUARDO MARTIN | Guitar Duo |
| 11 | BELLA VOCE | Girls Choir |
| 18 | KYOMI SEED & REBECCA ZAPEN | Marimba and Violin |
| 25 | ROCK CHOIR | A variety of great tunes |

JULY

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| 2 | MARIANNE OLYVER & FRIENDS | Sparkling & foot-tapping |
| 9 | DICKIE DE VERE and the DORCHESTER MAVERICKS | The 1920's & 1930's |
| 16 | JOANNA LAM | Piano |
| 23 | BLAKE MORRISON & THE HOSEPIPE BAND | Poems & original music |
| 30 | THE ROCOCOS | An 18 th Century Grand Tour Baroque Quartet |

AUGUST

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| 6 | STEPHEN GUTMAN | Piano |
| 13 | THE BOXFORD TRIO | Haydon in London
Flute, Violin & Cello |
| 20 | STACKS OF SAX | "Deep in the Forest"
Saxophone Ensemble |
| 27 | ANGLIA BAROQUE | A Musical Feast
Baroque Quintet |

The organisers reserve the right to change recitals without notice

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 and we pray for those who mourn including the family & friends of Jan Berry.
- We pray for those in need of God's presence or his healing touch including Barbara Brady, David Bremer, Catrina Brooks, Phillip Cole, Robert Hawkins, baby Munroe, and Mary Tuffen.
- We give thanks for those who have service on our PCC's, those currently service, and all new appointees. We pray that as they give out in service, God would also give to them and bless them.
- We pray for the new Pope as he takes up his role and likewise pray for those involved in the appointment of a new Archbishop of Canterbury.



*"Prayer" by Marie Howe, which won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry 2025**... again another prayer I think most of us can relate to. God is happy when we are honest.*

Every day I want to speak with you. And every day something more important
calls for my attention—the drugstore, the beauty products, the luggage

I need to buy for the trip.
Even now I can hardly sit here

among the falling piles of paper and clothing, the garbage trucks outside
already screeching and banging.

The mystics say you are as close as my own breath.
Why do I flee from you?

My days and nights pour through me like complaints
and become a story I forgot to tell.

Help me. Even as I write these words I am planning
to rise from the chair as soon as I finish this sentence.

Dates for your Diary include:

Sat 21 st June	<i>from 4pm</i>	Alpheton Village BBQ with music and more
Sun 22 nd June	<i>10.30am</i>	Elders Commissioning / Recommissioning at HT with Archdeacon Sally Gaze
Sat 28 th June	<i>11.00am</i>	Ordination of Charlotte Harkness at the Cathedral
Sun 29 th June	<i>10.30am</i>	Clopton Rose Service at Holy Trinity
Sun 2 nd July	<i>10.30am</i>	Pet Service Long Melford
Sun 2 nd July	<i>4.00pm</i>	Pet Service Lawshall
Sat 12 th July	<i>daytime</i>	Melford Village Fair

Diary

Sun 18 th	9.00am	Shimpling Communion
	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity*
	4.00pm	Shine Informal Worship at Holy Trinity *
Mon 19 th	9.30am	Connect baby & toddler group at St Catherine's
	10.30am	Church Tour at Holy Trinity
	7.30pm	A&S APCM
Tues 20 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
Wed 21 st	10.00am	Communion at Steeds Meadow (All Welcome)
	10.30am	Church Tour at Holy Trinity
	10.30am	Community Café at Lawshall Village Hall
	2.00pm	Communion at Melford Court
Thurs 22 nd	3.15pm	Church Tour at Holy Trinity
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sun 25 th	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	6.30pm	Communion at Lawshall
Mon 26 th	All Day	Melford Open Gardens
Tues 27 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
	TBC	Possible Concert at Holy Trinity
Thurs 29 th	6.30pm	Ascension Day Prayer Walk Foxearth Meadows
	7.00pm	Choir Practice Holy Trinity
Fri 30 th	4.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal at Shimpling – Tim & Bronte
Sat 31 st	1.00pm	Wedding at Shimpling – Tim & Bronte
Sun 1 st June	9.00am	Alpheton Communion
	10.30am	Family Communion with Baptism at Holy Trinity*
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity *

*** Livestream Joining Instructions**

- Google the five words “Holy Trinity Long Melford Facebook” or [click here](#) 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 18th May - Easter 5**Collect (prayer for the day)**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 11:1-18**

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him ³ and said, 'You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.'

⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

⁸ 'I replied, "Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth."

⁹ 'The voice spoke from heaven a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹ 'Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, "Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved."

¹⁵ 'As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: "John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?'

¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, 'So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading**John 13:31-35**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

When he was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

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

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings for the 25th May – Easter 6**Collect (prayer for the day)**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of our 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.

*This is the word of the Lord***Thanks be to God****Gospel Reading****John 14:23-29***Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John*

Glory to you, O Lord

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.

²⁸ 'You heard me say, "I am going away and I am coming back to you." If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

*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**