

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 13th & 20th July 2025.

Fallen woodwork

You may be aware that on Tuesday a decorative wooden panel fell from the top of Holy Trinity. Thankfully nobody was hurt. Much as we want to open the main body of the church we cannot risk large pieces of decorative wood falling from as high as 11m until they have all been physically checked, so the main body of the church remains closed at the moment. We are working as hard as possible to bring together the relevant experts, church repairers, and a specialist cherry picker(!) asap. Thankyou for your understanding. Please also thank our newly appointed wardens for their proactive response to this unexpected situation when you get a chance - they have been amazing (and they are volunteers!). The diocese has also been extremely helpful.



The Lady Chapel will continue to be open daily for prayer and visitors and, for the moment, all services and events will be in the Lady Chapel (including this Sunday's 10.30am service). Please note that sadly, due to related practical complexities, this Sunday's 'Shine' informal worship is postponed.

We have a magnificent church building in Long Melford for which we are thankful, but we are again reminded that the church is the people not the building. I hope and pray that we will not allow this inconvenience to prevent our seeking and deepening our relationship with the redeemer of our souls. [Revd Lawson](#)

And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple (1 Pe 2:4)

Baptism / Confirmation Class

If you are considering getting either baptised or confirmed the Rector is planning some preparation classes in autumn. Please speak to Revd Matthew if you would like to come along - even if you are just asking questions and want to find out more (01787 310 845).

Pet Services



Thankyou to all the animals who brought their owners to our pet services last Sunday. As well as being fun we learnt about God's love - how we should love one another and God.

Supporting Alpheton & Shimpling Churches

Swimming pool, tennis court, afternoon tea

GARDEN PARTY
10 August 2025
3.00pm-6.00pm

Advance tickets only: £15 per person
ticketsshimpling@gmail.com under 14yrs free
Ford Hall, Bridge Street CO10 9BQ

Congratulations Pam!

Many Congratulations to Pam who received a commendation from King Charles yesterday at Lambeth Palace in recognition of her work with children, youth, and families. Please find on page 5 a prayer for our children and young people.



FaithChat Please note that the date of the next meeting has moved to 19 July - 10.30 at the Tweeds as usual. If you would like to find out more about this discussion group on matters of faith please contact Malcolm or Judith on 01787 315689.

VJ Day

Many people in Suffolk were affected by the War in the Far East, indeed I have spoken to a good number whose relatives suffered or died on the Burma Railway. VJ will be commemorated within our normal communion services on the 17th August within our prayers, hymns, sermon (with visiting preacher Revd Jonathan Ford), and with the lighting of a candle.



Dragonfly & Damselfly Identification Walks at Foxearth Meadows

Foxearth Meadows Nature Reserve Foxearth, Sudbury CO10 7HY (what3words: charm/dragonfly/townhouse). Saturday 26th July. With experts David Chandler and Andrea Harrison. This is a popular event where you can learn from the experts and see dragons up close. Please book in advance as places are limited to 15 for each walk. Morning session 10.30am – 12.15pm [booking link via Eventbrite](#). Afternoon session 1.15pm-3pm [booking link via Eventbrite](#).

Barleyfest

There will be a collection box at the back of Holy Trinity Church for the next few weeks for any donations of Bric-a-Brac or raffle prizes for the fete to be held at Barleycombe on 26th July. Thank You - Revd. Judith

Suffolk Art Society

The Suffolk Art Society summer exhibition will be held in the Lady Chapel of the historic Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford from Friday 18 July to Sunday 3 August. The exhibition will feature work by 65 artists from across East Anglia showcasing a high standard of artistic talent. The work will cover a wide variety of subjects in many different media. All the paintings will be for sale, with 20 per cent of sales during the exhibition being donated to St Nicholas Hospice. Entrance is FREE. Open daily 10 am to 5.30 pm EXCEPT Fri 18 July 1 pm to 5.30 pm and Sunday 3 Aug 10 am to 4 pm. Please let me know if you would like details about some of the artists exhibiting with pictures of their work. Clare Powell. 07890210361. clarepowell9@btinternet.com



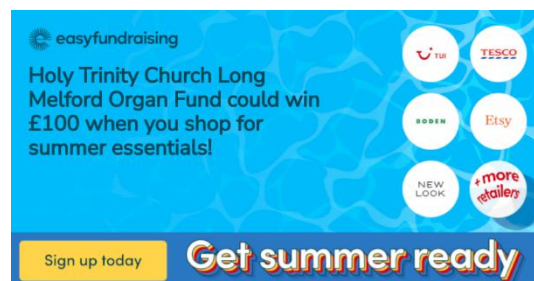
(clearly we very much hope this can go ahead in light of the situation in the main body of the church)

Welcome Evening *(including our online community)*

Once upon a time, before the pandemic, we would have a welcome / social evening every autumn to bring together those who were new to our church community across the benefice so that they could meet new people, and so they could learn more about the church family. As life returns back to 'normal' we want to start this up again. So if you are new (in the last four years!) please do let Vicky know if you can come along on the evening Tuesday 14th October (location tbc). Also we would like to invite those who normally watch us online to attend so that we can feel closer to you (and you to us) as we worship together.

Easyfundraising of Holy Trinity Organ

You can help us win one of ten £100 donations! Shop with participating retailers on easyfundraising's competition page before 20th July and Holy Trinity Church Long Melford Organ Fund will get an entry into the prize draw. It's a great way to help us raise even more on the things you're buying anyway. Sign up today and increase our chances of winning when you shop online:



<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/holytrinitych/U678NE/c2s/JgrfMhQJ/CE043/facebook/>

A Prayer for the Emerging Generations



Gracious God,
We thank you for the ministry of those who care for
children, young people and their families in your Church.

Lord Jesus, who welcomed children,
Empower those called to this ministry with courage and
creativity.

May their ministry be rooted in joy, emboldened by the
Spirit,
And always grounded in your unshakable love.

Bless those who serve the emerging generations.
May they be signs of your presence,
Bringing light in the darkness, peace into places of anxiety,
And hope in the context of despair.

Lord Jesus,
Impart a vision in us to see the younger generations.
To abundantly welcome them as an integral part of your
Church.
Forming in us a Christ-like character and a child-like hope.
Leading the Church to reflect your love in word and deed.

In your loving name

Amen



Song Circle
Summer Concert



Saturday 19th July
Holy Trinity Church, LONG MELFORD
5pm (doors open at 4.45)
Adult tickets £5.50 in advance at
Ticket Source (scan code)
Or £7.50 on the door. Children Free
Image: samcannonart.co.uk

Video Update from a local organic farm - Please [click here](#)



Diary

Sun 13 th	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity (Lady Chapel)
	4.00pm	Shine Informal Worship (postponed)
Mon 14 th	9.30am	Connect baby & toddler group at St Catherine's
Tues 15 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
Wed 16 th	10.00am	Communion at Steeds Meadow (all welcome)
	11.00am	Melford Music Rehearsal
	1.10pm	Melford Music Recital at Holy Trinity (arrangements tbc)
	2.00pm	Communion at Melford Court
Thurs 17 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Fri 18 th	2.00pm	Funeral at Holy Trinity – Joan Brown
Sat 19 th	10.30am	FaithChat
	12.00pm	Rossignol Choir Practice
	4.45pm	Song Circle Concert at Holy Trinity
Sun 20 th	9.00am	Communion at Shimpling
	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	12.30pm	Baptisms at Holy Trinity
Mon 21 st	9.30am	Connect baby & toddler group at St Catherine's
	10.30am	Funeral at Holy Trinity - Shirley Bailey
	11.30am	Funeral at Alpheton – Margaret Taylor
	7.30pm	A&S Homegroup
Tues 22 nd	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
	10.15am	Long Melford School Leavers assembly at Holy Trinity
Wed 23 rd	11.00am	Melford Music Rehearsal
	1.10pm	Melford Music Recital at Holy Trinity (Lady Chapel)
Thurs 24 th	2.00pm	Graveside Service at Holy Trinity – Jennifer Wilson
	7.00pm	Choir Practice Holy Trinity
Fri 25 th	2.00pm	Funeral at Holy Trinity – David Carter
Sun 27 th	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	6.30pm	Communion at Lawshall

*** 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](#).

Dates for your Diary include:

Sat 12 th July	daytime	Melford Village Fair
Sun 10 th Aug	afternoon	‘More tea vicar?’ Garden Party at Ford Hall, Bridge Street
Sat 13 th Sep	11am – 3pm	Church bazaar at Holy Trinity
Sat 10 th Oct	evening	‘The Emergers’ will be playing for a fundraiser at Lawshall church

Suggestions for prayer include:

- We pray for the children of our villages together with our own children and grandchildren awaiting examination results that they may have the grades to take them on to the next stage they have planned for their lives.
- 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 Shirley Bailey, Joan Brown, David Carter, Margaret Taylor, Jennifer Wilson, and Edmund.
- We pray for those in need of God’s presence or his healing touch including Barbara Brady, David Bremer, Phillip Cole, Robert Hawkins, baby Munroe, and Mary Tuffen.



Readings for the 13th June –Trinity 4**Collect (prayer for the day)**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading**Colossians 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people – ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world – just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Old Testament Reading**Amos 7:7-17**

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb-line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord asked me, 'What do you see, Amos?'

'A plumb-line,' I replied.

Then the Lord said, 'Look, I am setting a plumb-line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

⁹'The high places of Isaac will be destroyed

and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined;

with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam.'

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: 'Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. ¹¹For this is what Amos is saying:

“'Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.'”

¹²Then Amaziah said to Amos, 'Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. ¹³Don't prophesy any more at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.'

¹⁴ Amos answered Amaziah, 'I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. ¹⁵ But the Lord took me from tending the flock and said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel." ¹⁶ Now then, hear the word of the Lord. You say,

"Do not prophesy against Israel, and stop preaching against the descendants of Isaac."

¹⁷ 'Therefore this is what the Lord says: "Your wife will become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and daughters will fall by the sword. Your land will be measured and divided up, and you yourself will die in a pagan country. And Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land."

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

²⁶ 'What is written in the Law?' he replied. 'How do you read it?'

²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbour as yourself."

²⁸ 'You have answered correctly,' Jesus replied. 'Do this and you will live.'

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."

³⁶ 'Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?'

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.'

Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for the 20th July - Trinity 5**Collect (prayer for the day)**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading**Colossians 1:15-28**

The Son is the image of the invisible 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.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation – ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness – ²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Old Testament Reading**Amos 8:1-12**

This is what the Sovereign Lord showed me: a basket of ripe fruit. ² 'What do you see, Amos?' he asked. 'A basket of ripe fruit,' I answered.

Then the Lord said to me, 'The time is ripe for my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

³ 'In that day,' declares the Sovereign Lord, 'the songs in the temple will turn to wailing. Many, many bodies – flung everywhere! Silence!'

⁴ Hear this, you who trample the needy
and do away with the poor of the land,

⁵ saying,

'When will the New Moon be over
that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath be ended
that we may market wheat?'

skimping on the measure,
boosting the price

and cheating with dishonest scales,
⁶ buying the poor with silver
 and the needy for a pair of sandals,
 selling even the sweepings with the wheat.
⁷ The Lord has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: 'I will never forget anything they have done.
⁸ 'Will not the land tremble for this,
 and all who live in it mourn?
 The whole land will rise like the Nile;
 it will be stirred up and then sink
 like the river of Egypt.
⁹ 'In that day,' declares the Sovereign Lord,
 'I will make the sun go down at noon
 and darken the earth in broad daylight.
¹⁰ I will turn your religious festivals into mourning
 and all your singing into weeping.
 I will make all of you wear sackcloth
 and shave your heads.
 I will make that time like mourning for an only son
 and the end of it like a bitter day.
¹¹ 'The days are coming,' declares the Sovereign Lord,
 'when I will send a famine through the land –
 not a famine of food or a thirst for water,
 but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord.
¹² People will stagger from sea to sea
 and wander from north to east,
 searching for the word of the Lord,
 but they will not find it.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!'

⁴¹ 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You O Christ

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Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen