

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:

- Notices.
- The church diary (including livestream & Zoom joining instructions).
- Prayers and readings for the morning services on Sunday 7th & 14th June 2026.

For enquiries please contact our administrator Vicky: chadbrookoffice@gmail.com or 07804 558160.

Holy Trinity Closure

Will be closed next Tuesday 9th June due to essential maintenance, apologies for any inconvenience.

Friends of Holy Trinity

Will be holding their APCM on 24th June in the Lady Chapel at 7.30pm – all are welcome.

Additional Evensong in June

There will be an additional Choral Evensong in June by a visiting choir, please see flyer attached for more details. The retiring collection from the service on the 21st will be for the organ fund.



Chiara goes East!

'Chiara' started in 2013 when a small number of friends from choirs in the East Midlands got together to sing church services. The group has since gone from strength to strength and now women from all over the country come to take part. We've sung in many churches and Cathedrals including St Paul's, Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel, Windsor.

We meet a few times a year to explore the varied repertoire written for women's voices and love singing together! We're coming to Suffolk/Essex for a weekend in the summer and will be singing the following services:

Friday 19 June at 8pm	Compline	Clare Priory Chapel
Sunday 21 June at 4pm	Evensong	Holy Trinity, Long Melford

It would be lovely to see you at one of the services - do hope you can join us!

RIP Ron Speakman

Ron was a very regular member of Holy Trinity church before moving away with his wife Margaret to live in Cambridgeshire. Ron had a lovely smile, a warm heart, and was 'grounded' - having being blessed with wisdom and common sense. He will be missed by many and our prayers are with Margaret, Vicky, and all the family.

Suggestions for prayer include:

- We pray for world leaders that they would remain humble, seek peace, and be open to the Spirit of God.
- Please pray for all getting married or baptised this year, and give thanks for the many getting married in our churches.
- We remember before God those who have recently died including Barry Coe, Margaret McGovern and Ron Speakman, and we pray for those friends & family who mourn
- We pray for those in need of God's presence or his healing touch including 4-year old Alia, Barbara Brady, David Bremer, Margery Brinkley, Elizabeth Clarke, Christopher Freeman, Robert Hawkins, Joan Jacobs, Jenny Lister, Judith Mills, Mary Tuffen, and Abigail S.

Dates for your diary include:

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| 24 th June | Archdeacons' Visitation, St Lawrence, Gt Waldingfield CO10 0TJ, 7.00pm.
(please come along to this to support our wardens or if you would like to learn more about Warden ministry) |
| 27 th June | Ordinations at the Cathedral - (11am) Nicky Lawson as Deacon (ordained pioneer) and (2.30pm) Charlotte Harkness as Priest. |
| 28 th June | Celebratory Ordination picnic / tea (on Glebe Land by Holy Trinity) at 4.00pm |
| 11 th July | Long Melford Fete |
| 18 th July | Lawshall Village Day |
| 14 th August | Barn Dance at Shimpling Park Farm |
| 3 rd Oct | Lawshall Harvest Supper |



June – August 2026
1.10pm every Wednesday

JUNE	
3	JOANNA LAM Piano
10	CheGO Chelmsford Guitar Orchestra
17	STACKS OF SAX Saxophone Ensemble
24	ROCK CHOIR A variety of great tunes
JULY	
1	MAV DUO Mixed styles from Colombia, Cello & Harp
8	ALTHENA ENSEMBLE Violin, Oboe, Flute & Piano
15	LIZZIE GUTTERIDGE Music from around the time of Holy Trinity Church
22	JEFFERY WILSON and JOHN HUMAN Clarinet, Saxophone & Piano
29	ROCOCOS An 18 th century grand tour, Baroque Quartet
AUGUST	
5	PHILIP PRIOR Organ
12	SACKVILLE PIANO TRIO Piano, Violin & Cello
19	STEPHEN GUTMAN Piano
26	BEECH DUO Guitar & Violin

The organisers reserve the right to change recitals without notice

ALPHETON & SHIMPLING CHURCHES

FRIDAY 14 AUGUST · 7:30PM

HARVEST BARN DANCE

Catch the Pigeon 7:30 – 11:00 PM Shimpling
Ceilidh Band and caller Doors at 7:00 Park Farm IP29 4HY

GOOD FOOD & BAR ON SITE MORE INFO - GOOGLE 'A CHURCH NEAR YOU SHIMPLING'

£25

Scan QR Code to buy tickets

Diary

Sun 7 th	9.00am	Communion at Alpheton
	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	12.30pm	Baptism at Holy Trinity
	4.00pm	'Sing Lawshall' at Lawshall Church
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity * (dedicated to Margaret McGovern)

Mon 8 th	9.30am	Connect Baby & Toddler Group at St Catherine's
	7.30pm	Lawshall PCC
Tues 9 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
	All day	Holy Trinity closed for essential Maintenance
	7.30pm	A&S Home Group
Wed 10 th	10.00am	Coffee Caravan at Alpheton
	1.10pm	Melford Music at Holy Trinity – CheGO
Thurs 11 th	11.00am	Church Tour at Holy Trinity – East Beds Ladies NFU
	2.30pm	Church Tour Holy Trinity – Highgate Arts Society
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Fri 12 th	2.00pm	Funeral at Lawshall
Sun 14 th	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Shine Informal Worship at Holy Trinity
Mon 15 th	9.30am	Connect Baby & Toddler Group at St Catherine's
	7.30pm	Lawshall Home Group
Tues 16 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
Wed 17 th	10.00am	Communion at Steeds Meadow (all welcome)
	10.30am	Community Café at Lawshall
	1.10pm	Melford Music at Holy Trinity – Stacks of Sax
	2.30pm	Communion at Melford Court
Thurs 18 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Fri 19 th	7.30pm	Fusion Plus Youth Group
Sat 20 th	1.30pm	Wedding at Holy Trinity – Steven & Elsa
Sun 21 st	9.00am	Communion at Shimpling
	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Choral Evensong who Chiara in the Lady Chapel
	4.00pm	Pub Social at The Bush, Shimpling

*** Livestream Joining Instructions for services at Holy Trinity**

- 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 7th June 2026 – Trinity 1**Collect (prayer for the day)**

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

First Reading**Romans 4.13-25**

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah's womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why 'it was credited to him as righteousness.' ²³ The words 'it was credited to him' were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading**Matthew 9.9-13,18-26**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?'

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'

While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, 'My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.' ¹⁹ Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

²⁰ Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. ²¹ She said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.'

²² Jesus turned and saw her. 'Take heart, daughter,' he said, 'your faith has healed you.' And the woman was healed at that moment.

²³ When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and the people playing pipes, ²⁴ he said, 'Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.' But they laughed at him. ²⁵ After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. ²⁶ News of this spread through all that region.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You O Christ

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for the 14th June 2026 – Trinity 2

Collect (prayer for the day)

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son 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

Romans 5.1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9.35-10.8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and illness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'

10 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and illness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim this message: "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸Heal those who are ill, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

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

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**