

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 services on Sunday 14th April

Abseiling down Holy Trinity, Long Melford

What you are looking at here is the tower of Holy Trinity Church in our very own village.

While the church and tower have stood for many hundreds of years, the tower which you see today dates back to around 1903, with parts of the older incarnations of the tower being visible within.

It stands at around 118 feet high and is an impressive sight dominating the skyline of Long Melford.

After a great deal of hard work we are pleased to announce that there will be an abseiling fundraising event taking place over the late May bank holiday (25th, 26th & 27th May).

Spaces on this unique event are limited and participants are required to fundraise. £20 deposit to secure a slot and £80 minimum however they chose (Sponsorship being the most obvious) with all funds raised going towards the fabric and upkeep of this very special building.

Please direct any enquires to me, preferably by email lynarvell@hotmail.com for more details or to sign up.

Spread the word! 😊



Annual Meetings

An opportunity to serve ... and be blessed. In April we will be having our annual meetings (APCM's) when there is an opportunity to get elected to our parochial church councils to help with the running of our churches. If you would like to find out more, please talk to Matthew or another PCC member.

<u>Lawshall</u>	Wednesday	22 nd April at 7.30pm	All Saints, Lawshall
<u>Long Melford</u>	Monday	29 th April at 7.30pm	St Catherine's
<u>Alpheton & Shimpling</u>	Tuesday	30 th April at 7.30pm	Shimpling Church (corrected)

Annual meeting of the Long Melford PCC will take place on Monday 29th April 2024, 7.30pm at St Catherine's church. Notice of the meeting is on Church notice board at rear of the Church together with nomination forms for Church Wardens, PCC member and Deanery Synod representative. Details of vacancies are posted next to forms. Nomination forms should be returned to Rev Lawson no later than 6pm on Sunday 28th April 2024. For further information please email Linda Goodban at linda@rodbridge.com (PCC Secretary)

2023 PCC Annual Report & Annual Accounts

Holy Trinity with St Catherine's (Long Melford) have now been completed. The full copy of the annual report can be found [here](#) & the accounts report can be found [here](#) (or email chadbrookoffice@gmail.com if you want a copy).

'Refresh' Away Day

If informal worship, some great Biblical teaching, youth and children's groups, food provided, worship and prayer, and a comedian in the evening are your thing, why not come along for a day at the Vauxhall Conference Centre near Hadleigh where the 'Refresh' event is being held for church in North Essex and South Suffolk. You can go for the whole weekend but as it is so close we are suggesting that people attend on **Saturday 15th June**. Please contact Nicky if you plan to go. chadbrooklightwave@gmail.com, 07938 681 319.



New Wine North Essex

refresh

a weekend of worship, teaching, prayer, and fellowship

14th-16th June 2024

<https://bit.ly/3vORDiJ>

Details 

Tickets 

 refresh north essex

Easy Fundraising

Please support Holy Trinity Church Long Melford Organ Fund on #easyfundraising, you can raise FREE donations for us when you shop online with over 8,000 brands. It's simple and only takes 2 minutes to sign up! Plus, once you've signed up and raised £5 in donations, easyfundraising will give us an extra £5 bonus donation. This will make a BIG difference to us.

Pl<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/holytrinitych/U678NE/c2s/BzooopvuG/CE839/fa-cebook/>



Sacred Goddess: Concert of English Choral Music

Excalibur Voices, under the direction of Duncan Aspden, are coming to Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford on Saturday, 18 May. Performance of classical choral music, alternating songs of religious allegory with songs of deities and mythical figures, by some of the finest English composers of their time Music by Vaughan Williams, Elgar, Howells, Holst, Stanford and more

Tickets £15/10/8/free available at bit.ly/ExV-May24

Can also be reserved in advance for payment on the door (card or cash) – **contact Duncan Aspden 07553 906887**



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Holy Trinity, Long Melford

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or on the door.



Quiz Night for Long Melford's Medieval Stained Glass **EVENT NOW SOLD OUT**

A Pilgrimage to Istanbul, The Seven Churches of Revelation and Cappadocia: 3-12/14 May 2025

The Revd Mark Hunt is leading another pilgrimage to Turkey next May and invites you to join him! Two days will be spent devouring fascinating Istanbul, then touring in an air conditioned coach to visit the Seven Churches of Revelation, and an add-on extension to Cappadocia with its amazing 'fairy chimneys' and ancient underground churches. Tempted? There are four places left to fill. For a brochure or further information please contact Mark on 07964 941501, or email: jmarknhunt@gmail.com

Suggestions for Prayer

- We pray for a lasting peace in the Holy Land, for a resolution to the war in Ukraine, and a ceasing of hostilities in other places of violence and hatred.
- We remember before God those who have recently died and those who mourn. In particular we remember the family and friends of June Douglas, Bernard Hale, Donald Palmer Randle, and Gerald Sparke.
- We pray for those in need of God's presence or his healing touch including Pearl Ambrose, Barbara Brady, Robert Hawkins, John Mason and Albie Salmon.

Diary

Sun 14 th	10.30am	Communion Service at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Wild Church - Frithy Wood, Lawshall (if weather warning we will have Café church at Lawshall church)
Mon 15 th	9.30am	Connect Toddler & Bay Group
	7.30pm	A&S Homegroup
Tues 16 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
	11.00am	Funeral at Shimpling – Leonard Gerald Sparke
Wed 17 th	10.00am	Communion at Steeds Meadow
	12.00pm	Funeral at Holy Trinity – Donald Palmer Randle
	2.00pm	Communion at Melford Court
	7.00pm	St George's Day Rehearsal
Thurs 18 th	5.00pm	Organ & Soloist Rehearsal at Shimpling
	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Sun 21 th	9.00am	Communion at Shimpling
	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	3.00pm	St George's Day Service at Holy Trinity
	4.00pm	Shine Informal Worship, Lady Chapel, Holy Trinity

*** Livestream Joining Instructions**

- Google the five words "Holy Trinity Long Melford Facebook".
- Click on the top link [or 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 [here](#).

Dates for your diary include:

27 th May	All Day	Open Gardens Long Melford
15 th June	All Day	'Refresh' at the Vauxhall Conference Centre Hadleigh
13 th July	12-4pm	Melford Village Fete

Collect (*prayer for the day*)

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 3:12-19**

When Peter saw this, he said to them: 'Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. ¹⁷'Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,
This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God**Gospel Reading****Luke 24:36-48***Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke***Glory to you, O Lord**

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.'

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

*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**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Your generosity makes a difference ...

We are so grateful for the commitment and faithfulness of our congregations at a time when many are under pressure financially and in other ways. This support includes regular giving financially through cash, cheques, or card readers at our services, QR codes, standing orders ... or the Parish Giving Scheme (which collects the gift aid automatically for us). If you are not already giving regularly, please could you consider starting – even if a small amount. Every little helps ... and it enables us to manage our resources more effectively. Also note that standing orders and the Parish Giving Scheme reduce the workload of our finance teams.

For Holy Trinity & St Catherine's:

- Ideally use the Parish Giving Scheme: call 0333 002 1271 (you will probably speak to an actual person!) or look up 'Long Melford' on the 'Parish Giving Scheme' website [here](#).
- And of course, you can make set up a standing order to: "Long Melford Parochial Church Council", Sort Code 60 21 03, Account Number 01206125 or make regular donations at our services.
- For a one-off donation please use the plates, card readers or this QR code:



For Alpheton & Shimpling:

- You can set up a standing order to: 'Alpheton & Shimpling PCC', Sort Code 60-04-16; Account Number 56293658 or make regular donations at our services.
- For a one-off donation please use the plates, card readers or this QR code:



For Lawshall

- You can set up a standing order to 'Lawshall PCC', Sort Code 60 04 16, Account Number 56267037 or make regular donations at our services (we are in the process of getting a card reader).
- For a one-off donation please use the plates or make a BACS transfer.

What about the 4 o'clock community?

- As the 4 o'clock community operates across all the benefices, can we suggest that you split your donations between the three parishes (sorry if setting this up is a slight hassle but it is pretty quick if banking electronically).