

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 28th April

Messy Church

Annual Meetings

Firstly, many thanks to those attending Lawshall’s APCM last week and for those who have committed to serve on the PCC. Our other annual meetings are detailed below; if you would like to find out more, please talk to Matthew or another PCC member.

<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

Re the Long Melford PCC - 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). The full copy of the annual report can be found [here](#) & the accounts report can be found [here](#)

June Douglas RIP

June was a much-loved member of the church community at Holy Trinity. Her funeral will take place on Friday 3rd May at Holy Trinity at 2.30pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with Alan and the family.

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.

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 lyncarvell@hotmail.com for more details or to sign up.



Dawn Chorus Walk

Join us for a Dawn Chorus walk from Shimpling church to Alpheton Woods next Sunday 5th May 5.30am start.

This will be followed by breakfast at the church. All welcome, for more info please contact Nicky on 07938 681319 or email chadbrooklightwave@gmail.com



4 o'clock Community invites you to a 'Wild Church' Dawn Chorus Walk

Starting at 5.30 am (prompt start) on Sunday 5th May
 @ St George's Churchyard, Aveley Lane, Shimpling, IP29 4HF
 walking to Alpheton Woods (with kind permission of the Landowner)
 ...followed by breakfast at the Church

For more info or to find us on the day contact Nicky chadbrooklightwave@gmail.com 07938 681319

'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 by churches in North Essex and South Suffolk. You can go for the whole weekend but we are suggesting that people attend on **Saturday 15th June**. Please contact Nicky if you plan to go. chadbrooklightwave@gmail.com, 07938 681 319. Food provided. For the full programme see [here](#).

New Wine North Essex

refresh

a weekend of worship, teaching, prayer, and fellowship

14th-16th June 2024

 refresh north essex

Details 

Tickets 

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

Church Warden's phone number

There appears to be some difficulty getting in touch with one of our church wardens at Holy Trinity. If you are unable to contact Cheryl on 07943 811030 then please use 07553 563096. Thankyou.

A Pilgrimage to Istanbul, The Seven Churches of Revelation & 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

Church Rota

The draft church rota has been published until the end of September, I would be very grateful if you could please take a look and let me know if you would like any dates changing. Many Thanks Vicky
chadbrookoffice@gmail.com

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



SHIMPLING VILLAGE VS CHADACRE

Fun day out for the family

Cricket starts 12.30
Garden games for children
Visit the Grotto, Sedge and Rose gardens
BBQ bar afternoon teas
Angels Delight Flute and Harp Duo

St George's Shimpling
East Window Appeal


30TH JUNE 2024

THE CRICKET FIELD CHADACRE
IP29 4JD

GATE OPENS 12 NOON
(PLEASE BRING A FOLDING CHAIR)

Entry £7.50 per person
Under 15s free

SORRY - ASSISTANCE DOGS ONLY



SHIMPLING CELEBRATES

MONDAY 27th MAY 2024



11am SHIMPLING CART RACE – Gather at The Bush Pub then go to the start at Slough Hill.

Race starts 12 noon

ENTER YOUR CART [email:shimplinvh@gmail.com](mailto:shimplinvh@gmail.com)
or text 07855762812

1 – 4pm HALLIFAX PLACE GREEN EVENTS
Climbing Wall / Axe throwing / Archery
Bouncy Castle & Creative area

2pm Basketball Shooting contest.

3pm Tug of war – why not create a team?

Refreshments

1-4pm Food Trucks including
Mickey & Jordy's ICECREAM VAN
Mrs Bean's COFFEE CAR

Programme of Recitals

June

- 5 MARIANNE OLYVER Gypsy & Classic Pop
Electric Alchemy
Sponsored by BREAKOUT
- 12 CheGO Playing all styles
Chelmsford Guitar Orchestra
Sponsored by BESPOKE BLINDS
- 19 JILL CROSSLAND Piano
Sponsored by THE MILL B & B
- 26 LIZZIE GUTTERIDGE
English music from around the time of the church
Sponsored by THE IVESON CLINIC

July



- 3 THE ROCK CHOIR
- 10 GWENDAL MOELE Accordion & Vocals
and JANE WARD **Sponsored by**
KING ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & PLANNING
- 17 MAV DUO Cello & Harp
Mixed Styles from Columbia
Sponsored by THE ARTS SOCIETY, STOUR VALLEY
- 24 TOM COGAN Organ
Sponsored by THE DOVE COMPANY
- 31 ROMAN RUDNYTSKY Piano
Sponsored by THE HARE INN

August

- 7 SERENDIPITY Wind Trio
Sponsored by DAVID BURR
- 14 RACHEL BREEZE Vocal
Songs from the Shows
Sponsored by THE GEORGE & DRAGON
- 21 AHMED DICKINSON Spanish Guitar
Sponsored by THE CLOTHES LOUNGE
- 28 SAM PLACKET DUO Jazz Guitar
Sponsored by THE BLACK LION

The organisers reserve the right to change recitals without notice

Diary

Sun 28 th	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Messy Church at Melford School
	6.30pm	Communion at Lawshall
Mon 29 th	9.30am	Connect Toddler & Baby Group
	7.30pm	Melford APCM
Tues 30 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
	7.30pm	Alpheton & Shimpling APCM
Wed 1 st May	9.00am	Brass Cleaning at Holy Trinity
	8.00pm	Alpha Course follow up
Thurs 2 nd	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Fri 3 rd	11.00am	Interment of Ashes at Holy Trinity – John Toosey
	2.30pm	Funeral at Holy Trinity – June Douglas
Sun 5 th	5.30am	Dawn Chorus Walk at Shimpling
	9.00am	Communion at Alpheton
	10.30am	Family Communion at Holy Trinity *
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong at 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:

25-27 th May		Abseiling down Holy Trinity, Long Melford
27 th May	All Day	Open Gardens Long Melford
5 th June	1.10pm	Melford Music Season Starts
15 th June	All Day	‘Refresh’ at the Vauxhall Conference Centre Hadleigh
30 th June	12.00pm	Shimpling Village vs Chadacre Cricket & Fun Day

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 8:1-3,26-40**

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ² Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. ³ But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means 'queen of the Ethiopians'). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.'

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked.

³¹ 'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

'He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?' ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading**John 15:1-8**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean

because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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**

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.
- We pray for those in need of God's presence or his healing touch including Barbara Brady, Robert Hawkins, John Mason, Albie Salmon, and Audrey Wreford.
- We pray for our family and children's work.
- We pray for the new Lawshall PCC and the forthcoming annual meetings in Alpheton & Shimpling and Long Melford.

Seasonal niche joke for musicians *(apologies!)*



G-sus is risen!