

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 5th & 12th October 2025.

Please do bring along something for the foodbank for the services today

Harvest

As we come to Celebrate God's provision of food through this year's harvest, please note the following ways in which we can come together to give thanks:

5 th Oct	9.00am	Harvest Festival at Alpheton
5 th Oct	10.30am	Harvest Festival at Melford
5 th Oct	4.00pm	Harvest Festival at Lawshall

Donations of food are welcome at all our Harvest services; these will then be sent to Storehouse Foodbank (or in Lawshall a community foodbank). Storehouse are looking for the items on the right in particular.

If you or someone you know needs a referral to the Storehouse please contact the nominated person in the Chadbrook Benefice who is Matthew Lawson (01787 310 845).

Do also look at the photos of the amazing decorations at Holy Trinity here (congratulations to the flower team).

STOREHOUSE Foodbank		
We need:		
Tinned Meals:		
Chicken Curry	Rice Pudding	
Chicken in White Sauce	Tin Custard	
Stewed Steak	Tin Fruit	
Chilli Con Carne		Tin Sweetcorn
Minced Beef and Onion		Tin Carrots
	Tin Potatoes	Tin Peas
Tin Hotdogs		Tin Tomatoes
Tin Ravioli	UHT Milk	
Tin Mac n Cheese		

In the news ...

- Firstly, I am sure I am not alone in being horrified by the synagogue attack in Manchester. We pray for all those who were directly affected, and pray that the government will take effective action to protect Jewish communities in this country.
- A new Archbishop of Canterbury has been appointed - Dame Sarah Mullally, who is the current Bishop of London and will be the first female Archbishop. Leadership is always hard & there are lots of significant challenges ahead - please do pray for Sarah and all the bishops. Among a number of things, I am praying that they will inject fresh energy, vision and resources to the parishes. As the media focuses in on the Church of England and on its leadership, let us never forget that the head of the church is Christ himself! Let us, at parish level, do all we can to serve faithfully with the many opportunities God gives us. As it says in Galatians 6:9 using a harvest-related metaphor ...

"Let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." (New Living Translation)

4 o'clock Community services and events in October / Nov include:

Sun	12 th Oct	4.00pm	Wild Church – 'Apple Day' at Lavenham Lodge Farm (///holly.arrive.limits)
Sun	19 th	4.00pm	Messy Church – Melford School
Sun	26 th	4.00pm	Shine Informal Worship at Holy Trinity
Fri	31 st	4.00-9.00pm tbc	'Light Gazebo' at Cordell Place, Melford
Sun	2 nd	4.00pm	Family Service in Lawshall
Sun	16 th Nov	4.00pm	Pub Social at Nethergate, Melford
Sun	23 rd	4.00pm	Shine Informal Worship at Holy Trinity

apple day

*'wild' church celebrates the humble apple,
with picking the orchard, apple pressing...
activities for all the family*

**@ Lavenham Lodge Farm, Old Bury Rd,
Alpheton, CO10 9GN
on Sunday 27th October at 4 o'clock**

*Bring bucket, gloves and long trousers...
and something to sit on!*

*to find out more about 4 o'clock community contact
Nicky 07938 681319 chadbrooklightwave@gmail.com*



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 let Vicky know by Sunday 12th October if you can come along at 7.30pm on the evening Tuesday 14th** at Brook House in Long Melford (opposite the Bull). 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.

Vicky's details are chadbrookoffice@gmail.com or 07804 558160.



Alpha Course

There are still a few places available (for any age) on the Alpha Course which will be starting on Wednesday 15th Oct at 7.30om at the Black Lion pub. Please contact Matthew the Rector if you want to find out more (revmattis@gmail.com or 01787 310 845).



Celebrating Elders

At the end of June this year we commissioned (and recommissioned) our Elders who make up a very important part of our ministry team. Unfortunately, two of our Elders couldn't make that date due to an arrangement made many months in advance. I am therefore delighted that we will be re-commissioning Richard and Charlotte Blyth during the 10.30am service on Sunday 12th October. Between them they: lead services at residential homes, visit the sick, speak and pray in services, service on PCC and deanery Synod, support and lead fundraisers, register gift aid, sing in the choir, and lots more besides. Please pray for Charlotte and Richard and rest of the Elders and ministry team with the responsibilities they carry.

Macmillan Fundraisers

Long Melford - since the Long Melford Macmillan coffee there have been several more donations making a grand total of £1001.46. Please Huge thanks everyone who supported Macmillan so generously. Jan & Ron

Shimpling - A massive thank you to everyone who baked, helped and attended the MacMillan Coffee Afternoon last Friday. We were delighted to see so many villagers in the hall. The cakes that were left over were delivered to the paramedics via our local paramedic, Elise. We raised a total of just over £600!

Service Rotas

Are now on our website until the end of November 2025, I would be grateful if you could please let me know if you are down for anything which you cannot do & I will amend the rota. Many Thanks, Vicky

Well done!

The Alpheton and Shimpling Harvest Supper was a great success. The food was wonderful and plenty of new people came along. The quiz, as ever, was challenging, fun, and quirky! And we raised over £500. Thankyou all who took part.

Suggestions for prayer include:

- We pray all affected by the synagogue attack in Manchester.
- We pray that government will take effective action to protect Jewish communities in this country.
- 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 including Frances (Brenda) Angel, Jean Kerby, Tony Jones-Lloyd, Paul Stoddart and baby Wren, and we pray for those friends & family who mourn.
- We pray for the forthcoming Alpha course that those attending would that God loves them and has a good plan for their life ... and that the church would nurture their faith effectively.
- We pray for those in need of God's presence or his healing touch including Barbara Brady, Anne Bush, David Bremer, Elizabeth Clarke, Phillip Cole, Robert Hawkins, William Hawkins, Judith Mills, baby Munroe, and Mary Tuffen.
- We pray for Charlotte and Richard as they prepare to be recommissioned as Elders next week.

Dates for your Diary include:

Sat 8th Nov 3.00pm The Kirby Voices - A Remembrance Themed Concert at Holy Trinity



THE EMERGERS CHARITY FUNDRAISER

PLAYING FOLK, CLASSICAL AND BLUES

**SAT OCTOBER 11TH 2025
7-10PM
ALL SAINTS CHURCH,
LAWSHALL**

**RAFFLE
LICENSED BAR
HOTDOG INC. WITH
TICKET**

**ADULT £12
CHILD (12-18) £5
INFANT (UNDER 5) FREE**

TICKETS ON THE DOOR

PROCEEDS TO CHURCH TOWER FUND AND
SEN EQUIPMENT FOR LITTLE SAPLINGS
PRESCHOOL

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:
HELLO@LAWSHALLLITTLESAPLINGS.CO.UK
GRANDMACOEE@YAHOO.CO.UK

ALL SOULS SERVICE

Holy Trinity Church, 6.30pm, 2nd November 2025



The "All Souls Service" will this year take place at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 2nd November at 6.30pm.

If you would like a loved ones name/s to be read out email Vicky on chadbrookoffice@gmail.com or call 07804 558160, alternatively, please complete the slip below and return Vicky Moakes, c/o The Rectory, The Green, Long Melford, CO10 9DT by close of play Tuesday 28th October.

If you wish to have a name read out, please complete the slip below and return to Vicky Moakes, The Rectory, The Green, Long Melford, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 9DT .

Name.....

Tel. / email

In memory of.....

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Diary

Sun 5 th	9.00am	Harvest Communion at Alpheton
	10.30am	Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Harvest Festival at Lawshall
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity *
Mon 6 th	9.30am	Connect toddler & baby group at St Catherine's
	7.30pm	Lawshall Homegroup
Tues 7 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
Wed 8 th	10.00am	Coffee Caravan at Alpheton Village Hall
Thurs 9 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat 11 th	7.00pm	Emergers Charity Fundraiser at Lawshall (see flyer)
Sun 12 th	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	'Apple Day' at Lavenham Lodge Farm (///holly.arrive.limits)
Mon 13 th	9.30am	Connect toddler & baby group at St Catherine's
Tues 14 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
	7.30pm	A&S Homegroup
Wed 15 th	10.30am	Community Café at Lawshall
	12.00pm	Funeral at Holy Trinity – Christine Edgerley
	7.30pm	Alpha Course
Thurs 16 th	11.00am	Church Tour at Holy Trinity
	7.00pm	Choir Practice Holy Trinity
Fri 17 th	12.00pm	Funeral at Lawshall – Paul Stoddart
Sat 18 th	2.30pm	Civic Service at Holy Trinity
Sun 19 th	9.00am	Communion at Shimpling
	10.30am	Family Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Messy Church at Melford School

*** 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 5th October –Trinity 16/Harvest**Collect (prayer for the day)**

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading**Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

When you have entered the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ²take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land that the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³and say to the priest in office at the time, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. ⁵Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: 'My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶But the Egyptians ill-treated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. ⁷Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.' Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. ¹¹Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading**John 6:25-35**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, 'Rabbi, when did you get here?' ²⁶Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.' ²⁸Then they asked him, 'What must we do to do the works God requires?' ²⁹Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.' ³⁰So they asked him, 'What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?' ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ³²Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴'Sir,' they said, 'always give us this bread.' ³⁵Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You O Christ

(Bible readings courtesy of Bible Gateway New International Version - UK (NIVUK))

Reading for 10.30am and 4.00pm The Parable of the Sower (Mk 4:3-9, 14-20)

³ 'Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.'

¹⁴ The farmer sows the word. ¹⁵ Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. ¹⁶ Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. ¹⁷ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ¹⁸ Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; ¹⁹ but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²⁰ Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop – some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.'

Evensong Reading**Luke 17:5-10**

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'

⁶ He replied, 'If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it will obey you.'

⁷ 'Suppose one of you has a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, "Come along now and sit down to eat"? ⁸ Won't he rather say, "Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink"? ⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty."'

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for the 12th September - Trinity 17**Collect (prayer for the day)**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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**2 Timothy 2:8-15**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him.

If we disown him, he will also disown us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

¹⁴ Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarrelling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Old Testament Reading**Jeremiah 29:4-7**

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ 'Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.'

Gospel Reading**Luke 17:11-19**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us!'

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, 'Go, show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, 'Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?' ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹ Then he said to him, 'Rise and go; your faith has made you well.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You O Christ

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Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**