

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 16th & 23rd November 2025.

We look forward to welcoming Revd Jonathan Ford on the 16th who is preaching at both morning services.

Pray for the BBC ...

Did you know that when the BBC started in 1927 it did not broadcast on a Sunday before 12:30pm? This was not to enable people to have a long lie in, but to attend church. For the rest of Sunday the BBC would only broadcast religious services, classical music and other 'serious' items.

The BBC's founder was Lord Reith, the son of a Scottish Presbyterian minister was himself a convinced Christian. This prayer, which draws from a number of Bible verses, can be



found on the ceiling of the Broadcasting House in Upper Regent Street. Translated from the Latin, it reads:

"This Temple of the Arts and Muses is dedicated to Almighty God by the first Governors of Broadcasting in the year 1931, Sir John Reith being Director-General. It is their prayer that good seed sown may bring forth a good harvest, that all things hostile to peace or purity may be banished from this house, and that the people, inclining their ear to whatsoever things are beautiful and honest and of good report, may tread the path of wisdom and uprightness."

I am still reflecting on the recent revelations of BBC bias by Michael Prescott, which led the Director General to resign. Please could I ask people to pray for the BBC, which has drifted a long way from its Christian roots. It may turn out that their fundamental problem is in fact spiritual rather than organisational - so our prayers could be critical. It would be a great shame for this once great institution to founder.

Indeed, more widely, politicians and policy makers from all sides are increasingly appreciating that facing the huge scale of our challenges could be very difficult without an underlying belief system. One recently questioned whether we need a "spiritual renaissance" inspired by the prophets of the "old religion", Christianity. Food for thought and a motivation for humble prayer ...

Revd Lawson

Reflection - Faith & Works

One of the many factors contributing to the Reformation 500 years ago was a deeper understanding that our salvation was through faith in Christ - and not by what we did (or paid for!). However, this opened the door to lots of theological discussions on the topic of how we are saved (soteriology), maybe at the expense of simply getting on with the practicalities of loving our neighbour! The 'go-to' book in the Bible to remind us that our works are important is James. James says in Chapter 2:

"Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds".

During Morning Prayer on Tuesday this week, I was struck that Jesus similarly tells also us how important our works are ... right at the start of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew Chapter 5 he states:

*"... anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever **practices** and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (my emphasis).*

I have been humbled and inspired by a number of people in our church family who regularly 'just get on with it'. Please be assured that I do believe that our salvation comes through faith in Christ(!). Nevertheless, if we are tempted to get a bit too intellectual about our faith, then these Scriptures are a helpful reminder. There is always something practical we can do to show love of God and neighbour. *Rev'd Lawson*

Invitational Christmas Choir

The choir at Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford is extending an invitation to those who would like join them for the Main Carol Service on 21st Dec at 6.30pm. There is also the chance to sing in the Advent Carol service on the 7th December at 6.30pm, with a rehearsal beforehand at 5pm. The rehearsals will be on Thurs 6th 13th & 27th Nov, Wed 19th Nov & Thurs 4th, 11th & 18th Dec 7.00pm, with a final rehearsal before the Service at 5.15pm.

We are also looking for people to join the children's choir initially for the festive season, but also longer term and more permanently, if there's interest and enthusiasm! Their rehearsals start at 6.15pm and end at 7pm on the same dates as above for the adults. Parents/guardians are cordially invited to stay for the rehearsals and join in the singing if they so wish!

If interested please contact Nigel Brown nwbrown@btinternet.com or telephone Nigel on 07904 000494. Once he knows you're interested, music can be forwarded to give you chance to get familiar with what the choir is singing.

Messy Church at Melford Christmas Fayre

There will be 'shepherds watching their flocks' at the Melford Christmas Fayre on Saturday 29th November. Our popular Messy Church Christmas activities in the village hall need ... your loo rolls! Could you collect and bring to the box at the back of church on Sunday 23rd Nov/

It would help us enormously if you could seriously consider helping us by 'manning a craft' for one or two hours as there are still many spaces on our rota. You will be given clear instructions and it is great fun - please contact Nicky on chadbrooklightwave@gmail.com.



4 o'clock Community services and events in November include:

Sun	16 th	4.00pm	Pub Social at Nethergate Brewery, Long Melford
Sun	23 rd	4.00pm	Shine Informal Worship at Holy Trinity

... do join us at 4.00pm at Nethergate Brewery on the 16th Nov for spiritual refreshment!

**Suggestions for prayer include:**

- We pray for world leaders that they would remain humble, seek peace, and be open to the Spirit of God.
- We pray for our national broadcaster the BBC.
- We remember before God those who have recently died including Barbara Latta and Jan Lindsey-Smith and we pray for those friends & family who mourn
- We pray for the Alpha course that those attending would know 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, Christopher Freeman, Robert Hawkins, William Hawkins, Judith Mills, and Mary Tuffen.

Prayers for Safeguarding Sunday

Please pray for our benefice that we can be a place of welcome and safety for all.

*May the doors of this church be wide enough to receive
all who come seeking God and fellowship.*

*May the doors of this church be narrow enough to shut out
pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.*

May the threshold of this church be no stumbling block to young or frail feet.

May the threshold of this church be too high to admit complacency and self-seeking.

May this church be, for all who enter, a safe place and the doorway to a richer life in Christ.

AMEN

Loving God, we pray that this church may be a place of welcome, security and compassion.

Keep us watchful yet caring, trusting yet ready to question,

*that all who worship here may do so in safety and in the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN*

Diary

Sun 16 th Nov	9.00am	Communion at Shimpling
	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Pub Social at Nethergate Brewery, Melford
Mon 17 th	9.30am	Connect toddler & baby group at St Catherine's
	7.30pm	Lawshall Homegroup
	7.30pm	Long Melford PCC at St Catherine's
Tues 18 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
Wed 19 th	10.30am	Community Café at Lawshall Village Hall
	12.00pm	Funeral at Holy Trinity (Lady Chapel) – Barbara Latta
	6.15pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Alpha course at The Black Lion
Fri 21 st	7.30pm	Fusion Youth Club Film Night
Sun 23 rd	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Shine Informal Service at Holy Trinity
Mon 24 th	9.30am	Connect toddler & baby group at St Catherine's
Tues 25 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
	7.30pm	Alpheton Homegroup
	7.30pm	A&S PCC
Thurs 27 th	6.00pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat 29 th	all day	Messy Church at Melford Village Hall (part of Christmas Fayre)
Sun 30 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](#).

Small Groups

We have regular small groups where there is study, fellowship, and laughter in all of our villages. Please see here the new series on Abraham starting in our Lawshall Group - you don't have to live in Lawshall to attend (and can even join via Zoom).



Lawshall homegroup

Monday evenings

Friendship, cake and
faith discussions

1st & 3rd Mondays each month.
Everyone welcome.

For more information
contact Ros via ros@iologic.co.uk
or 01284 830002

This small group meets at a member's home in Lawshall, but you don't need to live in the village or go to any particular church to attend. On 17th November we will be starting a new set of studies on 'The Story of Abraham', so it's a great time to join us.

If you would prefer to join via Zoom we can arrange that.

Lights of Remembrance Services



LIGHTS OF REMEMBRANCE 2025

The "Lights of Remembrance" Christmas services are a time to remember those loved ones not with us at Christmas time.

If you would like to dedicate a light in memory of a loved one please complete the slip below.

We will hold our short service of remembrance, when we shall light up the tree to remember those who have died, on **Sat 13th Dec at 6.00pm at Alpheton** or **Sun 14th Dec at 6:30pm at Holy Trinity**. (refreshments from 6.00pm)

If you wish to dedicate a light, please call Vicky, Parish Administrator, on 07804 558160 or email chadbrookoffice@gmail.com
Alternatively, please hand this form to one of our church wardens.

I wish to dedicate.....lights at **Alpheton/Long Melford** (*please mark clearly which service*)
Name.....
Address.....Tel.No.....
In memory of (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Congratulations

A belated congratulations and well done to all involved in the 'Tea and Tiaras' fundraiser in Long Melford which raised approximately £2000 towards the Medieval stained-glass restoration project at Holy Trinity. I wonder whether the workmen who created the stained glass knew what would be happening as a result 500 years later!? Thankyou to all involved.



SUDBURY CHORAL SOCIETY
**A concert to honour
 the 80th Birthday of**
JOHN RUTTER
*Requiem
 and
 Gloria*

Saturday 15th November 2025 at 7pm
Holy Trinity Church
Long Melford CO10 9DL

WITH AN INVITED ORCHESTRA
 Musical Director: John Chillingworth
 Soprano: Daisy Livesey
 Supported by the Josephine Baker Trust

TICKETS: £18 (£5 Children & full-time students)
 From Sudbury Tourist Office (Town Hall)
 Juniper Flowers (North Street)
 Ticketsource online or on the door.
 DOORS AND BAR OPEN AT 6.30pm

www.sudburychoralsociety.co.uk
 Reg. Charity No. 269588

Scan for Ticketsource online





Christmas Tree Festival

Lawshall Village Hall

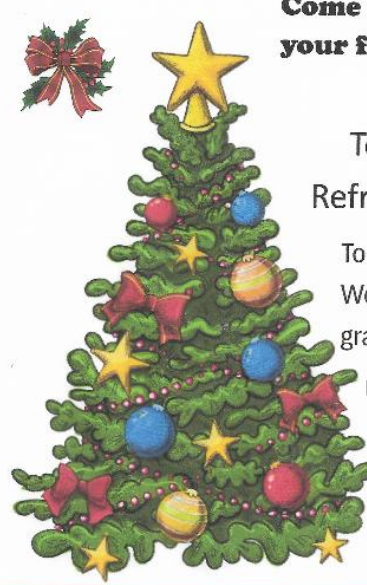
Saturday 6th December from 2pm, followed by carol singing at 6pm. Sunday 7th from 2 - 4.30pm

Come along and vote for your favourite tree!

Tombola Refreshments

To reserve a tree contact
 Wendy: 07900 617 833
 grandmacoe@yadoo.co.uk

Proceeds to be shared equally between All Saints' Church and Lawshall Village Hall





Readings for the 16th November – 2 before Advent**Collect (prayer for the day)**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reading**2 Thessalonians 3.6-13**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: 'The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.'

¹¹ We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. ¹² Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. ¹³ And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

O.T Reading**Malachi 4:1-2a**

Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire,' says the Lord Almighty. 'Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.

Gospel Reading**Luke 21:5-19**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶ 'As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.'

⁷ 'Teacher,' they asked, 'when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?'

⁸ He replied: 'Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, "I am he," and, "The time is near." Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.'

¹⁰ Then he said to them: 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹² 'But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will

put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You O Christ

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Readings for the 23rd November – Sunday next Advent/Christ the King**Collect (prayer for the day)**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading**Colossians 1:11-20**

Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The supremacy of the Son of God

¹⁵ 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.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading**Luke 23:33-40**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.’

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: ‘Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. ‘Don’t you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence?’

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

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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Safeguarding Contact Details

You will see the poster below on our notice boards and in various other places.

If someone is in immediate danger please call the police on 101.

If you feel at risk or are worried about someone's safety or well-being please contact one of the following as you feel comfortable:

Cheryl Morgan	Safeguarding Officer for all our churches	07943 811 030
Matthew Lawson	Rector	01787 310 845
Karen Galloway	Diocesan Safeguarding Officer	07785 621 319
	Social Services	0808 800 4005
	Childline	0800 1111
	National Domestic Violence Helpline	0808 2000 247
	Elder Abuse	080 8808 8141

Promoting a safer church

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church

House of Bishops
Safeguarding Policy for children, young people & adults

OUR COMMITMENTS

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk.

HELPLINES

- Independent Support Service Safe Spaces: 0300 303 1050
- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Family Lives: 0808 800 2222
- National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247
- Elder Abuse: 080 8808 8141

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Officer or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.

Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Name: **CHERYL MORGAN**
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Name: **KAREN GALLOWAY**
Role: **Diocesan Safeguarding Officer**
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Local Authority Social Services:
0808 800 4005

IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE RISK OR DANGER PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE ON 101.

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www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding