

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 19th & 26th October 2025.

Tree Roots - A reflection

Sometimes we need to press pause! This is certainly true for me after a couple of busy weeks ... what with Alpha Starting (it was great - please keep praying!), many funerals - all of which are a privilege to be involved with, discipleship groups, wedding enquiries, pastoral visits, and the like. For me the spiritual 'pause' came when someone read out Psalm 1 - so I thought I would share it. I was reminded of the need to find my strength though being rooted in God in these uncertain times. The Psalms were written over many 100's of years by different authors, but when they were compiled into one volume, they clearly decided this was the best way to start - and perhaps Psalm 1 summarises all of the Psalms. May you be blessed. [Revd Lawson](#)



*Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
2 but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither –
whatever they do prospers.*

*4 Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.*

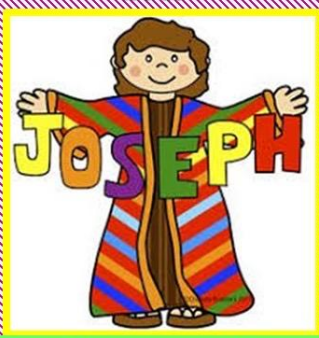
*5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.*

*6 For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.*

**Sunday 19th
October
4-6pm
Long
Melford
Primary
School
CO10 9ED**



does



***Free
crafts, fun
& bakery
treats for
tea!**

***Donations
gratefully
received**

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

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 (see flyer)
Sun	2 nd Nov	4.00pm	Family Service in Lawshall
Sun	16 th	4.00pm	Pub Social at Nethergate, Melford
Sun	23 rd	4.00pm	Shine Informal Worship at Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Flower Team

Looking for a new fulfilling hobby, then why not look into joining the flower team at Holy Trinity, Long Melford – join a creative, fun team and help make the church look even more beautiful in the run up to Christmas & beyond.

The church is decorated most weeks for Sunday services as well as weddings and other occasions as required.

Please let Diana know (07967 944623) if you would like more information or to sign up for occasional duties.



Halloween - No Tricks Just Treats!

All Hallows Eve, often known as Halloween, is commemorated in a number of ways. It is a time of year when we remember and celebrate the lives and faith of those who have gone before us. We will be doing this at our All Souls Evensong at 6.30pm on the 2nd November (see flyer overleaf for name to commemorate).

It is also a time of dressing up and playing 'trick or treat' and the like. Without wanting to write an essay ... on the one hand I don't want to be an annoying kill joy and I remember happily dressing up and getting lots of sweets at Halloween when I was a child(!), but I also feel that Halloween risks watering down the reality of evil ... and its ultimate defeat! Likewise, I think some parents feel a bit uncomfortable with all the ghoulishness.

Therefore, this year the 4 o'clock community are offering a community light Gazebo on Cordell Place in Long Melford where we simply offer treats! We want to create a welcoming environment for any 'trick or treaters' to visit and have a break as they walk around the village. Please come and join us for a hot chocolate, hot dog, or craft.

THE 4 O'CLOCK COMMUNITY
(HOLY TRINITY WITH ST CATHERINE'S)
 INVITE YOU TO OUR

COMMUNITY LIGHT GAZEBO



**NO TRICKS
JUST TREATS!**

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FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER FROM 4:30PM
ON THE FIELD AT CORDELL PLACE

DROP IN FOR A CUP OF TEA, COFFEE
 OR HOT CHOCOLATE
 HOT DOGS AVAILABLE TOO!

GLOW STICKS & ACTIVITIES FOR
 THE CHILDREN TO ENJOY

OR JUST COME TO TAKE A BREAK
 AND HAVE A CHAT

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME!



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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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Holy Trinity Organ Fund

You can help increase Holy Trinity Church Long Melford Organ Fund 's entries into easyfundraising's giveaway to win 1 of 5 £200 donations – every new supporter who joins is an entry! Sign up before midnight 19th October, it'll only take two minutes:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/holytrinitych/U678NE/c2s/J1YccjD6/CE942/facebook/>

Parish Giving Scheme – An Update

With huge thanks to the many who have signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme which is efficient in terms of gift aid and work for our treasurers ... please be aware that they are updating their website which will be back online on Thursday 30th October 2025.

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 remember before God those who have recently died including Frances (Brenda) Angel, Jean Kerby, Tony Jones-Lloyd, Paul Stoddart and we pray for those friends & family who mourn.
- We pray for the 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.

Dates for your Diary include:

Sat 8 th Nov	3.00pm	The Kirbye Voices - A Remembrance Themed Concert at Holy Trinity
Sat 15 th	TBC	Sudbury Choral Society Concert at Holy Trinity



Join our group today where you will find advice on **CRIME PREVENTION**, reporting **SUSPICIOUS AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**, and how we can **SAFEGUARD** our village and everyone in it.

We hold regular Pop-Up events in the village and attend meetings alongside the Sudbury Community Policing Team to share information and discuss any concerns.

You can help us to protect the residents and businesses of Long Melford and our surrounding areas by joining our group.



SEARCH FOR: LONG MELFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A composite image featuring a police officer in a dark uniform and helmet, seen from the back with hands behind his back. To his right is a yellow sign with a black border. The sign contains the text: 'To join Neighbourhood Watch, sign-up at the website ourwatch.org.uk and become a member. It's free. Whilst there, join the Long Melford Neighbourhood Watch scheme. It's easy and another excellent way to bring neighbours together to build a safer community.' Below the text is a QR code and the word 'JOIN' in large letters, with 'ourwatch.org.uk' underneath. At the bottom of the sign, it says 'Make this a better place to live. Together.'

Colin Grimshaw from Halifax, inventor of the Time Machine has died. R.I.P. 1947– 1438



Diary

Sun 19 th	9.00am	Communion at Shimpling
	10.30am	Family Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Messy Church at Melford School
Mon 20 th	9.30am	Connect toddler & baby group at St Catherine's
	7.30pm	Lawshall Homegroup
Tues 21 st	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
Wed 22 nd	7.30pm	Alpha course at The Bull, Melford
Thurs 23 rd	6.00pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Fri 24 th	2.30pm	Tony Jones-Lloyd funeral at Holy Trinity
	7.30pm	Fusion Plus
Sun 26 th	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Shine Informal Worship at Holy Trinity
	6.30pm	Communion at Lawshall
Tues 28 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
	7.30pm	Alpheton Homegroup
Wed 29 th	7.30pm	Alpha course at The Bull, Melford
Thurs 30 th	6.00pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Fri 31 st	4.30pm	Light Gazebo on Cordell Place
Sun 2 nd Nov	9.00am	Communion at Alpheton
	10.30am	Family Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Family Communion at Lawshall
	6.30pm	All Souls Evensong at Holy Trinity *

*** 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 19th October –Trinity 18**Collect (prayer for the day)**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 3:14-4:5**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather round them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Old Testament Reading**Jeremiah 31:27-34**

'The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will plant the kingdoms of Israel and Judah with the offspring of people and of animals. ²⁸ Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant,' declares the LORD. ²⁹ 'In those days people will no longer say,

"The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge."

³⁰ Instead, everyone will die for their own sin; whoever eats sour grapes – their own teeth will be set on edge.

³¹ 'The days are coming,' declares the LORD,

'when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant

I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,'
declares the LORD.

³³ 'This is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,' declares the LORD.

'I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.
³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbour,
or say to one another, "Know the LORD,"
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,'
declares the LORD.
'For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.'

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: 'In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, "Grant me justice against my adversary."

⁴'For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, "Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"'

⁶And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?'

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

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

Readings for the 26th October - Trinity 19**Collect (prayer for the day)**

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 4:6-8**

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Old Testament Reading**Joel 2:23-32**

Be glad, people of Zion,
rejoice in the Lord your God,
for he has given you the autumn rains
because he is faithful.

He sends you abundant showers,
both autumn and spring rains, as before.

²⁴ The threshing-floors will be filled with grain;
the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

²⁵ 'I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten –
the great locust and the young locust,
the other locusts and the locust swarm –
my great army that I sent among you.

²⁶ You will have plenty to eat, until you are full,
and you will praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has worked wonders for you;
never again will my people be shamed.

²⁷ Then you will know that I am in Israel,
that I am the Lord your God,
and that there is no other;
never again will my people be shamed.

²⁸ 'And afterwards,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.

²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.
³⁰ I will show wonders in the heavens
and on the earth,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
³¹ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.
³² And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved;
for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
there will be deliverance,
as the Lord has said,
even among the survivors
whom the Lord calls.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

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Glory to you, O Lord

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: "God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get."
¹³ 'But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner."
¹⁴ 'I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You O Christ

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Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen