

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 17th March

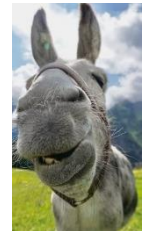
Lent Lunches

We welcome you to a simple soup lunch at St Catherine's on Fridays during Lent served at 12.30pm. There will be a short reflection which is suitable for church goers and visitors alike. We will be raising money for the Foodbank and for the Bishops special appeal for the church in Kagera Tanzania see [here](#). Thank you to all who have hosted already. The final lunch is on Friday 22nd March.




Live Donkey on Palm Sunday (24th March)!

As well as a guest speaker (Archdeacon Sally Gaze) you will be able to walk up from the bottom of the Green in Long Melford at approx. 10.00am with a live donkey. Please to join us ...



Holy Week in the Chadbrook Benefice



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Sun 24th Mar 10.30am 6.30pm	PALM SUNDAY Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Long Melford Passiontide Evensong at Holy Trinity
Thurs 28th Mar 7.00pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY Simple meal & Communion at Holy Trinity **
Fri 29th Mar 2.00pm	GOOD FRIDAY Devotional Service at Holy Trinity
Sat 30th Mar 8.30pm	EASTER EVE Service of Light at Holy Trinity
Sun 31st Mar 10.30am 6.30pm	EASTER DAY Easter Celebration with Confirmations & Comm'n Evening Communion at Lawshall

www.longmelfordchurch.com
www.alphetonandshimplingchurches.org.uk
www.achurchnearyou.com/church/1952/ (Lawshall)

****Please let Vicky know if you would like attend on 07804 558160 or chadbrookoffice@gmail.com**

Maundy Thursday Simple Supper

There will be a service on Maundy Thursday 28th March at 7.00pm at Holy Trinity, this will be followed by a simple supper. If you would like to attend the supper please contact Vicky on chadbrookoffice@gmail.com 07804 558160 with any dietary requirements **before 20th March**.

Note Please sign up as soon as you can (before 20th March) so we can start preparing the catering.

2023 PCC Annual Accounts

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

Walking with the Cross on Good Friday

On Good Friday the Rector will walk with the cross through our villages. Do join him as he walks along, or stand alongside as he passes, and reflect and pray with this reminder of what Christ went through for us.

9.00am	Lawshall	from the crossroads with Hartest Lane to the Church
10.00am	Shimpling	from the Bush to the Village Hall
11.00am	Alpheton	Old Bury Road and down Church Lane
12.00am	Long Melford	St Catherine's Church to Holy Trinity Church

Open Gardens in Long Melford

This is a very happy occasion and last year raised a substantial amount of money for the church. Do please put Monday 27th May in the diary if you want to come along; and if you are able to open your garden that would be wonderful – see flyer. (If you are able to support serving refreshments at Holy Trinity for an hour please contact Denise on 01787 827719 or carpediem2@hotmail.co.uk). See Flyer Page.

Your village needs you!

The Annual Shimpling Village Clean Up Morning will take place on Sunday 17th March at 11.30am from the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there. We have some high vis vests and litter picking sticks but if you have your own high vis vest and gloves, please bring them along. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

Shimpling Spring Market & Sale Trail

Come and join us at Shimpling Village Hall on Saturday 13th April between 10am & 1pm for our Spring Market and Sale Trail. (See flyer at end).

Christian Aid Week May 2024

Our benefice group of churches, supports the work of Christian Aid. This is a charity which supports development and emergency relief projects in the third world. This year Christian Aid week is from Sunday Starting with a Service at Holy Trinity at 6.30pm on the evening of the 12th of May, the week continues to 12 Saturday 18 May. Anybody who wishes to distribute envelopes to people's homes (and/or collect from them) in Long Melford (or elsewhere in our Benefice), please could you contact me by the middle of March. This year I hope to again have collecting buckets in some of the Long Melford shops. Please contact me on 01284 828544 or 07939 194233. Thank you, Richard Blyth.

'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

 [refresh north essex](https://www.facebook.com/refreshnorthessex)

Details



Tickets



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

Power Assisted lean-back chair available

If interested please contact Bernie on 01787 378 183.



Quiz Night for Long Melford's Medieval Stained Glass

Friday 26th April 6.30pm - Quiz night with supper with wine, hosted by TalkSport's Guy Swindells. £15 a head, minimum of 4 people to a team (max 6 people). Tickets will be available from Breakout & Budgens. All to restore Holy Trinity's medieval stained glass; a national treasure.

6.30pm
Village
Hall

Friday
26th
April



QUIZ NIGHT

WITH SUPPER & WINE

Hosted by TalkSport's GUY SWINDELLS

£15 per head, min 4 per team (max 6)

Price includes chilli con carne* and soft drinks
Wine available by the glass or bottle

Tickets from Breakout & Budgens

To raise funds to restore Long Melford's
medieval stained glass
– a unique national treasure

*Vegetarian option available



Easyfundraising

There's a free and easy way to support Holy Trinity Long Melford Organ Fund from home, and it starts with easyfundraising! Turn your online shopping at over 8,000 brands into free donations. All your favourite brands are available to shop with, so why not sign up? Plus, for a limited time, we'll get a bonus £7.50 donation: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/holytrinitych/U678NE/c2s/nwHRwGiX/CE815/facebook/>

Simple fundraiser if renewing you house insurance this year?

Ecclesiastical Insurance will pay your local church £130 if you take your house insurance with them (it is an Which? Best buy). The offer ends in Dec 2024.

Contains promotional material

£130 for your church

Take out a home insurance policy with Ecclesiastical – one of the UK's most trusted home insurance providers¹ and a Which? Best Buy² – and we will donate £130³ to your church or cathedral. And of course the more people who take out home insurance policies, the more funds that are raised. So restoring that dull, draughty pane to its sparkling former glory could be in sight.

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Diary

Sun 17 th	9.00am	Communion at Shimpling
	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Café Church at St Catherine's Long Melford
Mon 18 th	9.30am	Connect Toddler group at St Catherine's
	7.30pm	A&S Homegroup
Tues 19 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
	10.00am	Wives Fellowship at Holy Trinity
	7.30pm	A&S PCC
Wed 20 th	10.00am	Communion at Steeds Meadow
	2.00pm	Communion at Melford Court
	7.30pm	Lent course
Thurs 21 st	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Fri 22 nd	12.30pm	Lent Lunch at St Catherine's
	7.30pm	Fusion Youth Group at St Catherine's
Sun 24 th	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Social the Bush Shimpling
	6.30pm	Passiontide 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:

31 st Mar	10.30am	Easter Baptisms and Confirmations at HT with Bishop Mike
13 th Apr	10am-1pm	Shimpling Spring Market & Sale Trail (the Village Hall & round the village)
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

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 Steven Cornelius, Violet Hamilton, Doreen Jordan, & George Young.

- We pray for those in need of God's presence or his healing touch including Barbara Brady and Albie Salmon.

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Collect (*prayer for the day*)

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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**

Hebrews 5:5-10

In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.'

⁶ And he says in another place,

'You are a priest for ever, in the order of Melchizedek.'

⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

John 12:20-33

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. 'Sir,' they said, 'we would like to see Jesus.' ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

²⁷ 'Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!'

Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.' ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, 'This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**



Easter Memorial Lilies

Easter Sunday this year will be on 31st March. There will be a lily display in remembrance of loved ones, with names remembered listed in the porch as part of our Easter Celebrations. There is a suggested minimum donation of £5.00. Orders can be taken until noon, Friday 22nd March. We usually have a marvellous response to the Easter Memorial Lilies so look forward to hearing from you. Please use the form below and write the names clearly in **capitals** of those whom you wish to remember.

Easter Lilies 2024

I would like to purchase lilies at £5.00 each in memory of:-

1.
2.
3.
4.

Total £

Signed.....

Tel. No.....

Address.....

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You may pay by cheque payable to Long Melford PCC or placed **clearly** marked in an envelope in the church donation box. Alternatively, please email the names to chadbrookoffice@gmail.com

