

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY



Today we welcome Chris and Anji Dawkins, Kagera Link Coordinators to our services at St George's, Shimpling & Holy Trinity, Long Melford

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 Vicky, the administrator on 07804 558160. 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 15th September 2024

Diocese of Kagera

One of the joys of the Anglican church is its network of companionship links with other Anglican churches around the world. Through these links we explore our shared faith and develop friendships and understanding of different countries and cultures.

Our diocese has been linked with the Diocese of Kagera in Tanzania since 1994.

Kagera is a beautiful and inaccessible region in the northwest part of Tanzania. However it is one of the poorest areas of the country and most of its two million people live on less than £1.50 a day. In recent years rains have become unpredictable, leading to crop failures and food shortages. In the midst of this poverty, the church here is growing rapidly, and since the formation of Kagera Diocese in 1985 two new dioceses have been split off from Kagera – Lweru, led by Bishop Godfrey and Biharamulo, led by Bishop Vithalis.

Bishop Darlington of Kagera writes *"Both Dioceses have been enjoying this partnership with a lot of experiences through friendship, understanding, praying, learning and sharing. Kagera Diocese is grateful to be in partnership with our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich. We hope that God will continue to make our people from both dioceses to enjoy and celebrate all blessings that come as the result of us being together in the mission of God."*

Sermon from Sunday 8th Sept

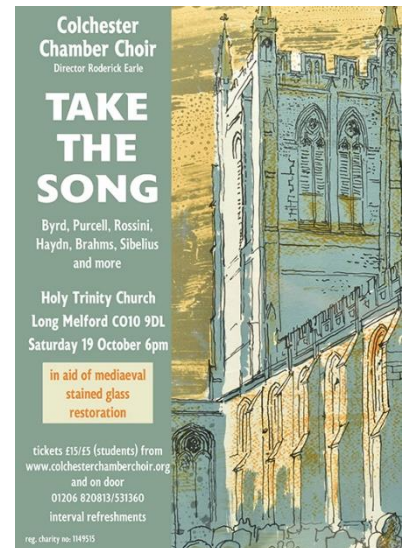
Unfortunately a good many members of the congregation were unable to hear the sermon last Sunday morning (8 September). It's attached [here](#) if you would like to catch up with it. Malcolm

'Take the Song'

Holy Trinity will be the venue for a performance entitled 'Take the Song' on Saturday, 19th October commencing at 6pm by Colchester Chamber Choir. Under the direction of Roderick Earle, who currently teaches choral scholars at Trinity College, Cambridge, the evening will include works by Byrd, Purcell, Rossini, Brahms, Sibelius and Haydn.

Tickets: £15 (£5 for students) are available online from colchesterchamberchoir.org and can also be purchased on the door. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available.

All proceeds will go towards Holy Trinity's mediaeval stained glass restoration



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please come and join us for our Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer, to be held at our house, 13 Laurel Drive Long Melford, on Saturday 21st September, 10am until 12. There will also be a raffle and second-hand book stall. We look forward to welcoming you, Jan & Ron



Open air service at Foxearth Meadows

Lessons from Noah - the First Conservationist

Sunday 22 September, 3.00pm

Foxearth Meadows Nature Reserve, Foxearth, Sudbury CO10 7HY.

Do come along to this open air service featuring speaker Professor James Pearce-Higgins, Science Director for the British Trust for Ornithology. James had spoken at a couple of our benefice dawn-chorus gatherings we have held in Alpheton & Shimpling in recent years. To be followed by refreshments, please bring along a chair and a mug. For more information please contact Sarah on sarah.leedham@arocha.org | 07810 141234.

Bishop Mike's Final Service

Sunday 29 September, 3.30pm St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

Everyone is warmly invited to St Edmundsbury Cathedral as we say farewell to Bishop Mike as he leaves to become the Bishop of Exeter. The service will be followed by Devon cream teas and fizz. For catering purposes, please use this link to RSVP so we have an indication of numbers: <https://forms.gle/7Byys8vNYtMTqQF99>

Harvest Suppers

We are extremely fortunate that 2 of our villages are hosting Harvest Suppers this year, please see details on the posters below if you would like to book tickets



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 including the unrest in towns and cities in our own country.
- We remember before God those who have recently died and those who mourn.
- We pray for those in need of God's presence or his healing touch including Barbara Brady, David Bremer, Robert Hawkins, Ian MacDonald, baby Munroe, Audrey Wreford & Gordon Wright

Diary

Sun 15 th	9.00am	Communion at Shimpling
	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	12.30pm	Baptism at Holy Trinity
	4.00pm	Wild Church at Melford Country Park
Mon 16 th	9.30am	Connect baby & toddler group
	7.30pm	A&S Homegroup
	7.30pm	Lawshall PCC
Tues 17 th	9.00am	Zoom prayer meeting #
Wed 18 th	10.00am	Communion at Steeds Meadow
	2.00pm	Communion at Melford Court
Thurs 19 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Sun 22 nd	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	12.30pm	Baptism at Holy Trinity
	4.00pm	Pub Social at The Swan Lawshall

*** 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

5 th Oct	7.00pm	Harvest Supper at Alpheton Village Hall
5 th Oct	7.00pm	Harvest Supper at Lawshall Village Hall (see flyer on page 2)
6 th Oct	9.00am	Harvest Celebration at Alpheton
6 th Oct	10.30am	Harvest Celebration at Holy Trinity
13 th Oct	4.00pm	Harvest Celebration at Lawshall
19 th Oct	6.00pm	Take the Song Concert at Holy Trinity (see flyer on last page)
2 nd Nov	6.30pm	All Souls Evensong

4 O’clock Dates for your diary

15 th Sept	4.00pm	Wild Church at Melford Country Park **
22 nd Sept	4.00pm	Pub social at The Swan Lawshall **
29 th Sept	4.00pm	Shine Informal Worship at Holy Trinity

** If weather warning will swap with Sept Pub Social at the Swan Inn Lawshall

Collect (*prayer for the day*)

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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**James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ²We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

³When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹²My brothers and sisters, can a fig-tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading**Mark 8:27-38**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁷Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, 'Who do people say I am?'

²⁸They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.'

²⁹'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah.'

³⁰Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³²He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

³⁴Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.'

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

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**