

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. Our administrator Vicky is available 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 20th October 2024

Assisted Dying

This is a very sensitive topic which has been in the media recently in light of the Private Members Bill being introduced into parliament shortly. As the Archbishop has said: We want compassion offered to those in deep distress and we want our loved ones to be able to die with dignity ([see here](#)). Similarly, he points out the legitimate concerns about slippery slopes and safeguards, and personally I wonder whether the NHS has the capacity to manage this well and worry about our culture further losing its sense of the sanctity of life. Please firstly can you pray for anyone who finds this debate upsetting as they remember their loved ones. Please also pray for wisdom for our leaders. If you want to engage further please contact our MP James Cartlidge as there will be an open meeting on this topic.

Revd Matthew

Closer to God?

As Christians we are encouraged to get closer to God, but how exactly do we do that? We can go to church, where we will hear His Word, sing hymns in His praise, and take Holy Communion. Or we can read the Bible to get a deeper insight into Scripture, or perhaps say grace before our meals to acknowledge His generosity. We can walk in the countryside and admire His creation, or we can help others by giving to charity, volunteering, or supporting friends and family in times of trouble. We can even join fellowship groups to share ideas on how to be better Christians. And, of course, we can pray.

According to a nationwide poll of over 2,000 adults carried out in 2018 by the Tearfund, 51% of UK adults pray. Even among those who say they are not religious, 20% say that they pray especially during a crisis. This suggests that even in our secular society prayer is still important to us and, as many of us who pray regularly know, it is perhaps the most effective way of getting closer to God. Why? Because God answers our prayers. He may not answer them immediately, or exactly in the way we hoped, but time and again He leads us to the right solution, one that helps us on our journey through life and, ultimately, brings us closer to Him.

So how, and when, do we pray? Some of us may pray in church. Others may pray before they go to sleep at night. Some may only pray when they or someone close to them is in trouble. Or we may just sneak in a little prayer as we drive to work in the morning especially if we are stuck in traffic and worried that we'll be late! Yet if prayer really is so good at bringing us closer to God, perhaps we should be more adventurous in how and when we do it? If you would like to try a new way of praying why not join our weekly online Prayer Group? It is held on Zoom every Tuesday from 9 – 9.30 a.m., and thanks to the miracle of technology you can join us from anywhere in the world, even wearing your pyjamas!

Miriam Toosey

(Zoom Meeting ID: 810 2345 2032, Password: 283350, or click [here](#))

Wooden Collection Box at Holy Trinity

Our heartfelt thanks go to David Hamand for organising the repair and return of the box which is now back in its rightful place, looking as magnificent as before. Sorting out the two burglaries is a long and complicated process and the help that David has given us has been invaluable ... a huge thankyou to all involved.

Easyfundraising for Holy Trinity Organ Fund

There's a free and easy way to support Holy Trinity Church Long Melford Organ Fund from home, and it starts with easyfundraising! Turn your online shopping at over 8,000 retailers into free donations. All your favourite retailers are available to shop with, so why not sign up? Plus, every new supporter is a chance for us to win one of ten £300 donations! Not only that, but when you go on to raise £5, easyfundraising will double it. Join [here](#)

Melford Warm Space

Over the winter months, The Mill, Long Melford have decided to open their breakfast room for older Long Melford residents that would like free coffee/tea & biscuits and a chance to meet & chat with others.

"We are a small place, so only have maximum seating for six people. Slots MUST be booked in advance.

Time: We open from 1.30pm – and close at 4.00pm every Wednesday from November 2024 - end of March 2025. There is absolutely nothing to pay, so come and enjoy a warm space with some relaxing music too!

Call us on 01787 378035 or 07791532531 with your name, and tell us the date you would like to come.

Let us know how many people are coming, turn up and enjoy! We are unable to offer any parking on site, as our 2 parking spaces will be in use for guests staying with us. And, we cannot accept walk ins without booking in advance, due to limited seating"

Thanks – Paul & Clare

(Note that the Library in St Catherine's is also open most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturday mornings)

Suggestions for Prayer

- We pray for those whose loved ones are nearing the end of their lives and are in distress, and pray for the medical teams supporting them - many of which are stretched.
- We pray for wisdom for our leaders as they debate this important topic.
- 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 & Gordon Wright.

Don't forget to change your clocks

Before next week's services on 27th October



Tea and Tiaras: new Stained Glass Conservation Fundraising event

Tuesday 19 November, 2-4pm, at the Village Hall

Did you know that many of the jewels worn by the main characters in Downton Abbey were made in Long Melford? In a very special fundraising event, we're offering the chance to meet the creator, see the jewels for yourself – and even win one of Andrew Prince's stunning creations in a raffle. Andrew was commissioned to supply a large collection of costume jewellery for the hit series in 2012. He has now worked on three seasons and two of the three film spin-offs. His creations have been worn by Elizabeth McGovern, Michelle Dockery, Lily James and of course the late Dame Maggie Smith. He is offering a sneak preview of his collection for the third and final film, which comes out next year.

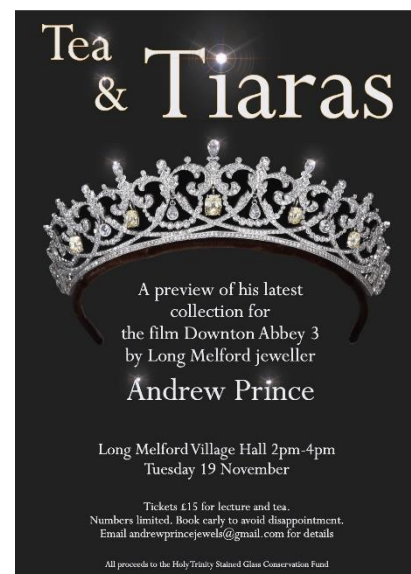
Tickets cost £15, with all proceeds to the medieval stained glass conservation fund. Price includes afternoon tea. Early booking is strongly advised as space is limited. How to book:

- Bank Transfer to SJ Edge, a/c 48765120, sort code 60-21-03. Please use TIARAS followed by your surname as a reference.
- Cheque payable to Long Melford PCC and marked STAINED GLASS on the reverse. Send it with the completed form below to: Stained Glass Fund, c/o Mansel Hall, Hall Street, Long Melford CO10 9JB

I would like ticket(s) for Tea and Tiaras at £15 per person

Name(s)

Email



ALL SOULS SERVICE

Holy Trinity Church, 6.30pm, 3rd November 2023



The "All Souls Service" will this year take place at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 3rd 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 29th 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 20 th	9.00am	Communion at Shimpling
	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Messy Church at Melford school
Mon 21 st	9.30am	Connect baby & toddler group
	7.30pm	A&S Homegroup
Tues 22 nd	9.00am	Morning Prayer via zoom #
Thurs 24 th	10.00am	Shimpling Coffee Caravan
	5.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal – Ollie & Alex
	7.00pm	Choir Practice at Holy Trinity
Fri 25 th	1.30pm	Wedding at Holy Trinity – Ollie & Alex
	2.45pm	Harvest Festival – Lawshall School
Sun 27 th	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Wild Church – Apple Day at Lavenham Lodge Farm
	6.30pm	Evening 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: 810 2345 2032, Password: 283350, or click [here](#).

Dates for your diary

3 rd Nov	6.30pm	All Souls Evensong
10 th Nov	9.00am	Remembrance Service at Alpheton
10 th Nov	10.45am	Remembrance Service at Lawshall
10 th Nov	10.50am	Remembrance Service at Holy Trinity (please note slightly later start of service)
17 th Nov	10.30am	Elders Commissioning with Archdeacon David Jenkins at Holy Trinity

4 o'clock Community October and November

Oct	6th	10.30 am Harvest Family service @ Holy Trinity
	13th	4pm Harvest @ All Saints, Lawshall
	20th	4pm Messy Church @ Melford Primary School
	27th	4pm Apple Day @ Lavenham Lodge Farm
Nov	2nd (Sat)	6pm Fireworks social @ Swan Inn, Lawshall (in aid of Little Saplings Nursery)
	3rd	10.30 am Family service @ Holy Trinity
	10th	Remembrance services (see websites)
	17th	4pm Shine @ Holy Trinity, Long Melford
	24th	4pm Hands together craft social venue TBC
	30th (Sat)	Messy Christmas @ Melford Christmas Fayre

Contact :-

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Or see our websites for more info :-

longmelfordchurch.com or achurchnearyou.com

Collect (*prayer for the day*)

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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**Hebrews 5:1-10**

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honour on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵In 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.'

⁶And he says in another place,

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

⁷During 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. ⁸Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading**Mark 10:35-42**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we want you to do for us whatever we ask.'

³⁶'What do you want me to do for you?' he asked.

³⁷They replied, 'Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.'

³⁸'You don't know what you are asking,' Jesus said. 'Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with?'

³⁹'We can,' they answered.

Jesus said to them, 'You will drink the cup I drink and be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.'

⁴¹When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴²Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

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

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**