

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> July & 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025.

### Fallen woodwork

You may be aware that recently a decorative wooden panel fell from the top of Holy Trinity. Thankfully nobody was hurt. Much as we want to open the main body of the church we cannot risk large pieces of decorative wood falling from as high as 11m until they have all been physically checked, so the main body of the church remains closed at the moment. We are working as hard as possible to bring together the relevant experts, church repairers, and a specialist cherry picker. The preliminary inspection is scheduled to take place at the beginning of next week. Thank you for your understanding

The Lady Chapel will continue to be open daily for prayer and visitors and, for the moment, all services and events will be in the Lady Chapel (including this Sunday's 10.30am service).

### Baptism / Confirmation Class

If you are considering getting either baptised or confirmed the Rector is planning some preparation classes in autumn. Please watch this space for more details.

### Welcome Evening *(including our online community)*

Once upon a time, before the pandemic, we would have a welcome / social evening every autumn to bring together those who were new to our church community across the benefice so that they could meet new people, and so they could learn more about the church family. As life returns back to 'normal' we want to start this up again. So if you are new (in the last four years!) please do let Vicky know if you can come along on the evening Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October (location tbc). Also we would like to invite those who normally watch us online to attend so that we can feel closer to you (and you to us) as we worship together.

### VJ Day

Many people in Suffolk were affected by the War in the Far East, indeed I have spoken to a good number whose relatives suffered or died on the Burma Railway. VJ will be commemorated within our normal communion services on the 17<sup>th</sup> August within our prayers, hymns, sermon (with visiting preacher Revd Jonathan Ford), and with the lighting of a candle.





## Suffolk Coastal Walk for Alzheimer's

On Saturday 2 August I will be attempting to walk 26 miles along the Suffolk coast in the Dunwich area in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. If you can donate to this worthy cause, visit my 'just giving' charity fundraising page, type in my name when trying to find it. Thank you very much. Richard Blyth.

## Suffolk Church Ride & Stride

We are looking for volunteers to man St Cats and Holy Trinity for the duration of the 'Ride & Stride' on 13<sup>th</sup> September. We really struggled last year to cover it. Ideally, we also need someone else to take on the organising in future. Tel 01787 379686 for sponsors forms and offers of help. Thanks Steve & Carolyn Spraggons



## Suggestions for prayer include:

- We pray for the children of our villages together with our own children and grandchildren awaiting examination results that they may have the grades to take them on to the next stage they have planned for their lives.
- 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 and we pray for those friends & family who mourn.
- We pray for those in need of God's presence or his healing touch including Barbara Brady, David Bremer, Phillip Cole, Robert Hawkins, baby Munroe, and Mary Tuffen.

## Almshouse Vacancy



### Almshouse Vacancies

An Almshouse bedsit is available in The Hospital of the Holy and Blessed Trinity, Long Melford.

The iconic building sits at the top of the green.

The centrally heated bedsit is for a single occupant only, ground floor, with shower and fitted kitchen.

Residents are required to pay a monthly contribution towards the cost of maintaining the property as well as all utility bills (except Gas Heating and Hot water) and Council Tax.

Criteria for consideration as a resident are:

- A person of dependable, kind and caring character
- resident in the Parish of Long Melford or surrounding parish villages for at least 5 years or have strong connections to the village
  - In financial, housing and social need
- No significant debts (credit cards, loans or other)
  - Able to live independently
  - Keen to contribute to the community
  - Have the right to live in the UK

Please note: No smoking permitted. No pets.

**For further details and application forms please apply to:**

**Email: [longmelfordhospital@gmail.com](mailto:longmelfordhospital@gmail.com)**

Or by post to: Mrs Helen Brabner, Clerk,  
22 Chadburn Road, CO10 9EE

**Diary**

Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity (Lady Chapel) *
	6.30pm	Communion at Lawshall
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	1.10pm	Melford Music Recital at Holy Trinity (Lady Chapel)
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup>	7.00pm	Choir Practice (Lady Chapel)
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> August	4.00pm	Possible Wedding Rehearsal at HT – Harrison & Sophie
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Rossignol Choir Practice – Lady Chapel
	11.30am	Possible Wedding at Holy Trinity – Harrison & Sophie
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Communion at Alpheton
	10.30am	Family Communion at Holy Trinity (Lady Chapel) *
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity (Lady Chapel)
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Coffee Caravan at Alpheton
	1.10pm	Melford Music Recital at Holy Trinity (Lady Chapel)
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Choir Practice Holy Trinity (Lady Chapel)
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Possible Wedding Rehearsal at HT – Callum & Jessica
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Possible Wedding at HT – Callum & Jessica
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity (Lady Chapel) *
	12.30pm	Christening at Holy Trinity (Lady Chapel)
	3.00pm	Garden Party at Ford Hall

**\* 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](#).

**Dates for your Diary include:**

Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	3.00-6.00pm	‘More tea vicar?’ Garden Party at Ford Hall, Bridge Street
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Sep	11am – 3pm	Church bazaar at Holy Trinity - tbc
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	evening	‘The Emergers’ will be playing for a fundraiser at Lawshall church

Readings for the 27<sup>th</sup> July –Trinity 6**Collect (prayer for the day)**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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****Colossians 2:1-7**

I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. <sup>2</sup>My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, <sup>3</sup>in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup>I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. <sup>5</sup>For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

<sup>6</sup>So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

**Old Testament Reading****Hosea 1:2-7**

When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, 'Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord.' <sup>3</sup>So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

<sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Hosea, 'Call him Jezreel, because I will soon punish the house of Jehu for the massacre at Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of Israel. <sup>5</sup>In that day I will break Israel's bow in the Valley of Jezreel.'

<sup>6</sup>Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the Lord said to Hosea, 'Call her Lo-Ruhamah (which means "not loved"), for I will no longer show love to Israel, that I should at all forgive them. <sup>7</sup>Yet I will show love to Judah; and I will save them – not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but I, the Lord their God, will save them.'

<sup>8</sup>After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son. <sup>9</sup>Then the Lord said, 'Call him Lo-Ammi (which means "not my people"), for you are not my people, and I am not your God.

<sup>10</sup>'Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people", they will be called "children of the living God".

**Gospel Reading****Luke 11:1-13**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

**Glory to you, O Lord**

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

<sup>2</sup>He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.”

<sup>5</sup>Then Jesus said to them, 'Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer



him.” <sup>7</sup> And suppose the one inside answers, “Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.” <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

<sup>9</sup> ‘So I say to you: ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>11</sup> ‘Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

*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

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> August - Trinity 7**Collect (prayer for the day)**

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading****Colossians 3:1-11**

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup>But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

**Old Testament Reading****Hosea 1:1-10**

The word of the Lord that came to Hosea son of Beeri during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and during the reign of Jeroboam son of Joash king of Israel:

**Hosea's wife and children**

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**Gospel Reading****Luke 12:13-21**

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Glory to you, O Lord

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.'

<sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, 'Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?' <sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.'

<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops."

<sup>18</sup> 'Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

<sup>20</sup> 'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

<sup>21</sup> 'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'

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## Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**