

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

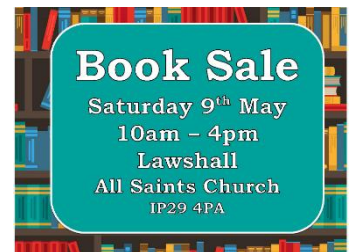


If this is your first newsletter, **welcome!** If you have any questions about the church family, the Christian faith, or about our children's work, please do not hesitate to get in touch. This notice sheet covers the next two weeks:

- Notices
- The church diary (including livestream & Zoom joining instructions)
- Prayers and readings for the morning services on Sunday 12th & 19th April 2026

Book Sale - Lawshall

There will be a fundraising book sale at Lawshall Church on the 9th May between 10am and 4pm. 1,000's of quality books for 50p, card payments & refreshments available. Why not plan to drop in and have a look at some amazing books at discount price - you would be most welcome. Raising money for Lawshall Church



Annual Meetings

These are a chance to remind ourselves of all the good things that are happening as well as to ask questions. If you are feeling called to serve on the PCC please talk to Matthew or an existing PCC member.

Alpheton & Shimpling	Mon 11 th May 7.30pm	Alpheton Church
Long Melford	Mon 18 th May 7.30pm	St Catherine's
Lawshall	Tues 12 th May 7.30pm	All Saint's Church (changed date)

Want to get more involved?

In May we will be having our annual meetings when there is an opportunity to get elected to our church councils to help with the running of our churches. If you would like to find out more, please talk to Matthew or another PCC member.

FaithChat

The next Faithchat will take place on 18th April at 10.30am for more details please contact Malcolm on 07896 462444

Rota

The rota has been completed up until end of July, I would be very grateful if you could check that you are available for any services you are scheduled to read or intercede at and let me know if anything needs amending. Many thanks as always Vicky (chadbrookoffice@gmail.com)

Easyfundraising for Holy Trinity

You can help Holy Trinity Church Long Melford Organ Fund without doing anything extra! Just sign up to #easyfundraising and retailers will donate to us every time you shop online. The best part? It's completely free! [Please click here to join](#)



Farming Community

Why not get up to date on what is going on at a local farm with the latest video blog [here](#).



BINGO NIGHT

at

St Catherine's Church,
St Catherine's Road,
Long Melford

Thursday 23 April

Doors open 6pm. Play starts 6.30pm

Tickets £15
(includes snack food)

* Bar with wine and beer at affordable prices *
* Soft drinks free *
* Raffle *

To book tickets email simon@simon-edge.com

All proceeds go to support the conservation of the medieval stained glass windows at Holy Trinity



Diary

Sun 12 th	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
Mon 13 th	9.30am	Connect Baby & Toddler Group at St Catherine's
Tues 14 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
	7.30pm	A&S Homegroup
Wed 15 th	10.00am	Communion at Steeds Meadow (<i>all welcome</i>)
	2.00pm	Communion at Melford Court
Thurs 16 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Fri 17 th	5.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal at Holy Trinity – Andrew & Jennifer
Sat 18 th	1.30pm	Wedding at Holy Trinity – Andrew & Jennifer
Sun 19 th	9.00am	Communion at Shimpling
	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Shine Informal Worship
Mon 20 th	9.30am	Connect Baby & Toddler Group at St Catherine's
	11.00am	Funeral at Holy Trinity – Pam Cadge
	3.00pm	Church Tour at Holy Trinity
	7.30pm	Lawshall Home Group
Tues 21 st	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
Wed 22 nd	12.00pm	Funeral at Holy Trinity – Edna Ford
Thurs 23 rd	6.00pm	Fundraising Bingo at St Catherine's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
	7.00pm	St George's Day Rehearsal with Scouts
Sat 25 th	9.45am	Suffolk Art Society in Lady Chapel
Sun 26 th	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	3.00pm	St George's Day Service at Holy Trinity
	6.30pm	Communion at Lawshall

*** Livestream Joining Instructions for services at Holy Trinity**

- 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:

- 14th August - Barn Dance at Shimpling Park Farm

Suggestions for prayer include:

- We pray for world leaders that they would remain humble, seek peace, and be open to the Spirit of God.
- Please pray for all getting married this year and give thanks for the many getting married in our churches.
- We remember before God those who have recently died including Pam Cadge & Edna Ford, and we pray for those friends & family who mourn
- We pray for those in need of God's presence or his healing touch including 4-year old Alia, Barbara Brady, David Bremer, Margery Brinkley, Elizabeth Clarke, Christopher Freeman, Robert Hawkins, William Hawkins, Joan Jacobs, Judith Mills, and Mary Tuffen.

Readings for the 12th April 2026 – Easter 2**Collect (prayer for the day)**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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**Acts 2.14a, 22-32**

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

'Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence."

²⁹ 'Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading**John 20:19-31**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

²⁸ Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You O Christ

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings for the 19th April 2026 – Easter 3

Collect (prayer for the day)

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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

Acts 2.14,36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

'Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.'

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?'

³⁸ Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.'

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-25

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognising him.

¹⁷ He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?'

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'

¹⁹ 'What things?' he asked.

'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

²⁵ He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

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

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**