

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 19th & 26th July 2026.

For enquiries please contact our administrator Vicky: chadbrookoffice@gmail.com or 07804 558160.

Farming Community

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



Verging

If anyone is interested in verging at weddings and funerals within our churches please contact Vicky on 07804 558160.

Suffolk Churches Ride & Stride

We will once again be taking part in the Suffolk Church Ride & Stride day on Saturday 12th September, Carolyn & Steven are looking for volunteers to help with refreshments at both Holy Trinity & St Catherine's, if you can possibly spare a little time on the day please contact them (see poster details on page 3)

Dates for your diary include:

14 th August	Barn Dance at Shimpling Park Farm
3 rd Oct	Lawshall Harvest Supper

MELFORD MUSIC
presents

June – August 2026

1.10pm every Wednesday

JUNE

- 3 JOANNA LAM Piano
- 10 CheGO Chelmsford Guitar Orchestra
- 17 STACKS OF SAX Saxophone Ensemble
- 24 ROCK CHOIR A variety of great tunes

JULY

- 1 MAV DUO Mixed styles from Colombia, Cello & Harp
- 8 ALTHENA ENSEMBLE Violin, Oboe, Flute & Piano
- 15 LIZZIE GUTTERIDGE Music from around the time of Holy Trinity Church
- 22 JEFFERY WILSON and JOHN HUMAN Clarinet, Saxophone & Piano
- 29 ROCOCOS An 18th century grand tour, Baroque Quartet

AUGUST

- 5 PHILIP PRIOR Organ
- 12 SACKVILLE PIANO TRIO Piano, Violin & Cello
- 19 STEPHEN GUTMAN Piano
- 26 BEECH DUO Guitar & Violin

The organisers reserve the right to change recitals without notice

The Suffolk Art Society
ART EXHIBITION
at
The Lady Chapel, Holy Trinity Church
LONG MELFORD



FRIDAY 17TH JULY – SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST
OPEN DAILY 10AM - 5.30PM EXCEPT
Friday 17th July 1pm - 5.30pm
Sunday 2nd Aug 10am - 4pm

FREE ADMISSION
www.suffolkartsociety.co.uk



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GRANTA
OPERA

Granta Opera presents
a semi-staged concert of
Gilbert & Sullivan's
THE GONDOLIERS

31 July - Holy Trinity Long Melford - 7.30pm
1 August - Haslingfield Village Hall - 7.30pm
2 August - St Augustine's Cambridge - 3.00pm

ENQUIRIES: contact@grantaopera.org.uk
TICKETS: Pay What You Decide - www.ticketsource.com/granta-opera

ALPHETON & SHIMPLING CHURCHES

FRIDAY 14 AUGUST • 7:30PM

HARVEST BARN DANCE



Catch the Pigeon 7:30 – 11:00 PM Shimpling
Ceilidh Band and caller Doors at 7:00 Park Farm IP29 4HY

GOOD FOOD & BAR ON SITE

MORE INFO • GOOGLE 'A CHURCH NEAR YOU SHIMPLING'

£25

Scan QR Code
to buy tickets



Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride  Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

**Saturday,
12 September 2026
9.00am - 5.00pm**

Local Organiser
from whom sponsorship
forms are available:

**STEPHEN & CAROLYN
SPRAGGONS
8 ST CATHERINE'S
ROAD
LONG MELFORD
01797 370686**

Visit shct.org.uk for more information.
You can also find us on Facebook and X.
Sponsorship money raised will be divided between Suffolk Historic Churches Trust
and the church or chapel chosen by the participant.



MUSIC ON THE GREEN
A Family Fun Day! 2026
LIVE MUSIC • FAMILY FUN • COMMUNITY TOGETHER

LIVE MUSIC FEATURING

- ROUTE 66 CLASSIC ROCK
- THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY AND JIM POP ROCK
- SUFFOLK SLAPPERS FOLK FUNK
- OBLIVIOUS POP & ROCK

LOCATION
THE TOP GREEN LONG MELFORD

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

- FREE CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY LONG MELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
- THE ARTFUL DABBER FACEPAINTER
- BUBBLY CIRCUS CHILDREN'S BALLOONIST
- OUTDOOR CLIMBING WALL

LOCAL FOOD AND DRINK VENDORS

- NETHERGATE BREWERY
- BAR RUMBA AND BAR RUMBA CAFE
- PROJECT SEVEN
- THE DAILY SLICE PIZZA TRUCK
- MY THAI
- SPOUETTE
- DINKY TREATS
- MR WHIPPY

**SATURDAY 1-8 PM
1st AUGUST**

FAMILY FRIENDLY
BRING A PICNIC
FOOD & DRINK VENDORS
LIVE MUSIC



Diary

Sun 19 th	9.00am	Communion at Shimpling
	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
Mon 20 th	7.30pm	Lawshall Home Group
Tues 21 st	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
Wed 22 nd	1.10pm	Melford Music at Holy Trinity – Jeffrey Wilson & John Human
Thurs 23 rd	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Fri 24 th	1.30pm	Funeral at Holy Trinity – David Grandin
Sun 26 th	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	6.30pm	Evening Communion at Lawshall
Tues 28 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
Wed 29 th	1.10pm	Melford Music at Holy Trinity – Rococos
Thurs 30 th	tbc	Funeral at Holy Trinity – Nina Bird
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Fri 31 st	11.00am	Church Tour at Holy Trinity
	7.30pm	Gondoliers Concert at Holy Trinity
Sat 1 st August	1.00pm	Music on The Green
Sun 2 nd	9.00am	Communion at Alpheton
	10.30am	Family Communion at Holy Trinity *
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity *

* 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](#).

Suggestions for prayer include:

- We pray for world leaders that they would remain humble, seek peace, and be open to the Spirit of God.
- We pray for our politicians and all in authority.
- Please pray for all getting married or baptised this year, and give thanks for the many getting married in our churches.
- We remember before God those who have recently died including Nina Bird, Rebecca Chalmers, Rosalind Clayton, Shelley Hall, and Ron Speakman, 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, Joan Jacobs, Jenny Lister, Judith Mills, Ann Share, Mary Tuffen, and Abigail S.

Readings for the 19th July 2026 – Trinity 7**Collect (prayer for the day)**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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**Romans 8.12-25**

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’ ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Old Testament Reading**Genesis 28.10-19**

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the Lord, and he said: ‘I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’

¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.’ ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.’

¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

Gospel Reading**Matthew 13.24-30,36-43***Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew***Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ 'The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?"

²⁸ "'An enemy did this," he replied.

'The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?"

²⁹ "'No," he answered, "because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.'

³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ 'As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord***Praise to You O Christ****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**

Readings for the 26th July 2026 – Trinity 8**Collect (prayer for the day)**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading**Romans 8.26-39**

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. ³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son,

but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: ‘For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 29.15-20

Laban said to him, ‘Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be.’

¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder one was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, ‘I’ll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel.’

¹⁹ Laban said, ‘It’s better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me.’ ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.’

³³ He told them still another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about thirty kilograms of flour until it worked all through the dough.’

⁴⁴ ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵ ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ ‘Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ ‘Have you understood all these things?’ Jesus asked. ‘Yes,’ they replied.

⁵² He said to them, ‘Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.’

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

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**