

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 25th October & 1st November 2026.

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

Remember that the clocks change!



Last few days to confirm any names

ALL SOULS SERVICE

Holy Trinity Church, 6.30pm, 1st November 2026



The "All Souls Service" will this year take place at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 1st 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 27th 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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Light Gazebo

(no tricks only treats!)



Being Anglican (an online course open to all ...)

The six-session course starts on 9 November at 7.00pm - Teams. Join the Revd Canon Charlotte Cook to explore the essential aspects of Anglicanism together in an informal learning style. This course will be particularly valuable if you would like to explore your rich Anglican heritage. It is free of charge and all are welcome. Further information, dates, times and booking details are available [here](#).

Holy Trinity Church Long Melford Organ Fund

Please sign up to support Holy Trinity Church Long Melford Organ Fund on easyfundraising today and raise FREE donations every time you online shop.

With Christmas around the corner, it's the perfect time to join and turn your festive shopping into free donations for us! Over 8,000 retailers are ready donate at no extra cost to you!

Plus, if you join today we could win one of four £250 donations: Sign up [here](#)

Oct – Dec Rota (incl. Christmas provisional)

The rota and provisional Christmas rota are now showing all services until the end of the year, I would be extremely grateful if you could please look at the rotas and let me know of any services/duties you are unavailable for or would rather not undertake. Many Thanks, Vicky chadbrookoffice@gmail.com

Vergers

We are looking for vergers at Holy Trinity and Alpheton & Shimpling, this is for both 2027 weddings & any funerals which may happen from now. Please let Vicky know if you would be interested so that sufficient training can be given. Please note that there is a payment offered for vergers

chadbrookoffice@gmail.com or call 07804558160

Many thanks Vicky

Dates for your diary include:

8th Nov 9.00am Remembrance Service at Alpheton

8th Nov 10.45am Remembrance Service at Lawshall

8th Nov **10.50am** Remembrance Service at Holy Trinity (*please note later start of service*)

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 remember before God those who have recently died including Lady Georgina Dixon-Smith, Phyllis Kiddy, Elaine King, Ted Pine and Alan Theobald & 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, Jill, Barbara Brady, David Bremer, Margery Brinkley, Elizabeth Clarke, Robert Hawkins, Joan Jacobs, Jenny Lister, Judith Mills, Ann Share, Mary Tuffen, Clive and Abigail S.

Diary

Sun 25 th	10.30am	Communion at Holy Trinity *
	4.00pm	Shine Informal Worship at Holy Trinity
	6.30pm	Evening Communion at Lawshall
Mon 26 th	2.30pm	Tea and Tiara's - Melford Village Hall
	7.30pm	A&S Homegroup
Tues 27 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
Thurs 29 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat 30 th	4.30pm	Light Gazebo, Cordell Place Long Melford
Sun 1 st Nov	9.00am	Alpheton Communion
	10.30am	Family Communion at Holy Trinity *
	6.30pm	All Saints Evensong *
Mon 2 nd	9.30am	Connect toddler & baby group at St Catherine's
	7.30pm	Lawshall Home Group
Tues 3 rd	9.00am	Morning Prayer #
Thurs 5 th	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Fri 6 th	7.30pm	Fusion
Sun 8 th	9.00am	Alpheton Remembrance
	10.45am	Lawshall Remembrance
	10.50am	Holy Trinity Remembrance *

*** 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](#).

Readings for the 25th October 2026 – Last after Trinity**Collect (prayer for the day)**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our 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**1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. ²We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. ³For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. ⁴On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. ⁵You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed – God is our witness. ⁶We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. ⁷Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, ⁸so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Old Testament Reading**Deuteronomy 34.1-12**

Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, opposite Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land – from Gilead to Dan, ²all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, ³the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. ⁴Then the Lord said to him, 'This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, "I will give it to your descendants." I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.'

⁵And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. ⁶He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. ⁷Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. ⁸The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

⁹Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses.

¹⁰Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, ¹¹who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt – to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. ¹²For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Gospel Reading**Matthew 22:34-46**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

⁴Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?'

³⁷Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'

⁴¹While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴²'What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?'

'The son of David,' they replied.

⁴³ He said to them, 'How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him "Lord"? For he says,

⁴⁴ "'The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.'"

⁴⁵ If then David calls him "Lord", how can he be his son?' ⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You O Christ

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings for the 1st November 2026 – All Saints

Collect (prayer for the day)

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

1 John 3:1-3

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Old Testament Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'

¹¹ All the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹² saying: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, 'These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?'

¹⁴ I answered, 'Sir, you know.' And he said, 'These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore, 'they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ "Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them," nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; "he will lead them to springs of living water." "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."'

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,
² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**