



THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST LEONARD, LEXDEN

ORDINARY PEOPLE. EXTRAORDINARY GOD.



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Times and Colours

May is now upon us and hopefully the weather has improved! Over the month of May a lot is packed in from a Church of England perspective. Forty days after Easter we have Ascension Day, this year on the 9th of May. It is the last day that the disciples saw Jesus before he ascended into heaven after promising the disciples that they would receive power from the Holy Spirit.

Then we will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday 19th May. The wondrous day when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples. The house they were in was filled with sound, like the rush of a violent wind, filling the entire house and a tongue of fire rested on each disciple and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and were given the gift of speaking different languages. They were able to talk to all, no matter what nation they came from, about the Good News, that was Jesus.

Then, on Sunday 26th May we celebrate Trinity Sunday. The sermon that priests often don't want to write because the Trinity is so much about our faith, what we believe, that it's difficult to put into words. We say in our creed that we believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, but to explain it is difficult.

And then June arrives and apart from some Saints' days we are in ordinary time. The colour for vestments is green going through to Advent; the white and purple of Lent and Easter gone for quite a while.

The word 'ordinary' comes from the word ordinal which means 'counted'. Each week is known by a number, e.g. Proper 4 being the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. The use of the term Ordinary Time

distinguishes it from the other seasons - Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter - which focus on particular aspects of the life of Jesus: his birth, suffering, death and resurrection.

But what does ordinary time mean for us? It sounds boring, nothing special. But I feel it is a time when the pressure is off. Our diaries aren't full of extra services. It's a time when we can concentrate on the bible in a peaceful, calm way.

Ordinary Time celebrates Jesus' teaching and ministry. It gives us opportunity to reflect on how we live as Christians, to look at and 'order' our lives while we read and reflect on one of the Gospels. The Church has a three-year cycle for focussing on a particular Gospel so that we can enter it more deeply. This year is year B – The Gospel of Mark. Mark is a good gospel to get to grips with. Not too long, vibrant and full of pace. But it still says an awful lot.

Ordinary Time, as I said, is when we wear green. Think of all the green around us at this time of year. All the trees are clothed in their late spring/early summer clothes. New life has sprung from the earth, and it is vibrant and green. The allotments are coming to life, full of green leaves, beans climbing up canes, green shoots being nurtured by dedicated gardeners – or feeding the wildlife!

The Cambridge Dictionary's definition of the word ordinary is 'not different or special or unexpected in any way'. Ordinary can make us feel safe. It can give us comfort, give peace and healing.

I ask you to really invest time during this ordinary period to the reading of St. Mark's Gospel. Read the passages not associated with the 'special' events in Jesus' life but His ordinary time, which was always extraordinary. God Bless,

Jacquie

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the latest bimonthly Church Magazine. The previous two months have been hectic with many things happening, a lot of which will be reported in this magazine. Easter is a very busy time with much to do. We started with our Lent course which included our pilgrimage to the shrine of St Julian in Norwich. Then the preparation for Easter itself which isn't just about services but many other things. We also got Christian Aid week off to a start in mid-April with a Pot Luck lunch as well as all the other things that go on in our thriving church. The coming two months sees us involved in many things culminating in our biggest fund raiser of the year, the summer fete. Hopefully we can look forward we look forward to warm days and evenings and make the most of the summer months.

Mike.

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MAY-JUNE DIARY

Wednesday 1st May

9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall
10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee
10:45am Holy Communion at Woodlands
11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

Thursday 2nd May

8.00am Eucharist

Saturday 4th May

8:30am Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY 5th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9:45am ALL-AGE EUCHARIST

Tuesday 7th May

11:30am Holy Communion at Cheviot
7.30pm 'Medley' house group (Rosemary 515245)

Wednesday 8th May

9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall
10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee
11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

Thursday 9th May

7:30pm Eucharist for the Feast of the Ascension

Saturday 11th May

10:30am Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid

SUNDAY 12th May – 7th Sunday of Easter

9.45am PARISH EUCHARIST with Junior Church

5.30pm Evensong & Sermon

Monday 13th May

7:00pm Eucharist

7:45pm PCC Meeting

Wednesday 15th May

9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee

11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

Thursday 16th May

8.00am Eucharist

1:45pm Funeral of Margaret Leaning RIP

Saturday 18th May

8:30am Women's Breakfast

PM Wedding of Nick Carter and Hannah Coe

SUNDAY 19th May – Pentecost

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9:45am PARISH EUCHARIST with Junior Church

Wednesday 22nd May

9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee

11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

Thursday 23rd May

8:00am Eucharist

SUNDAY 26th May – Trinity Sunday

9.45am PARISH EUCHARIST with Junior Church

12:00pm Baptism of Jax William King

5.30pm Eucharist for Wholeness & Healing

Tuesday 28th May

10:00am Brick Club

Wednesday 29th May

10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee

Thursday 30th May

8.00am Eucharist

Saturday 1st June

8:30am Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY 2nd June – 1st Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9:45am ALL-AGE EUCHARIST with Baptism of Noah Reuben Stewart

Tuesday 4th June

11:30am Holy Communion at Cheviot

7.30pm 'Medley' house group (Rosemary 515245)

Wednesday 5th June

9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee

10:45am Holy Communion at Woodlands

11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

Thursday 6th June

8.00am Eucharist

SUNDAY 9th June – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

9.45am PARISH EUCHARIST with Junior Church

12:00pm Baptism of Etta and Otis Torongo

5.30pm Evensong & Sermon

Wednesday 12th June

9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee

11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

Thursday 13th June

8.00am Eucharist

Saturday 15th June

8:30am Women's Breakfast

SUNDAY 16th June – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9:45am PARISH EUCHARIST with Junior Church

Wednesday 19th June

9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee

11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

Thursday 20th June

8.00am Eucharist

SUNDAY 23rd June – 4th Sunday after Trinity

9.45am PARISH EUCHARIST with Junior Church

12:00pm Baptism of Amelia Ivy Carlowe-Wright

5.30pm Eucharist for Wholeness & Healing

Wednesday 26th June

9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee

11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

Thursday 27th June

8.00am Eucharist

Friday 28th June

10:00am Church open for Fete Donations

Saturday 29th June

11:00am Summer Fete

SUNDAY 30th June – 5th Sunday after Trinity

9.45am PARISH EUCHARIST with Junior Church



MOUSE TAILS

Daisy and Gerry were super excited as the Balcony family made preparations to go on their annual holiday with the Woods family. Dad and Gerry were repairing the sled that was used to carry all of their belongings. Mum and Daisy were busy packing bedding, clothes, knitting and whatever food and drinks they could find, they never liked to go empty handed.

Once everything was ready and packed onto the sled the family set off at twilight to make their way through the tunnel leading from the Church and under the road to finish up near the pond in the woods. They went cautiously on their journey as other creatures had burrowed and lived in the tunnel, rabbits, moles, rats etc.



Most creatures were friendly or just ignored the mice but occasionally a nasty rat had threatened them, demanding food. However, on this trip they didn't see anyone else and arrived safely in the woods. It was then just a short trip to the homes of their cousins.

Gerry and Daisy scampered ahead to find their cousins and there was much squeaking and hugging as the two families greeted each other. "Right", said Mum, "

before you all disappear, we need to find our spot to nest in and make up the beds and store our stuff in a safe place".

With the help of Mrs. Woods they found a nearby spot and set about settling in. Mum handed over the provisions that they had brought and then joined Mrs Woods in getting some food together as they were all very hungry after their exertions of the day. Soon both families were sitting down to enjoy the meal and Dad opened up the elderberry wine for the grown-ups and cordial for the youngsters. On sipping his wine Dad said that he now felt he was really on holiday."



A lovely evening was spent sipping their drinks and catching up on all their news until, one by one, they started yawning and as it had been a long and busy day they gratefully went to bed and were soon fast asleep.

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MAGAZINE DEADLINE

Final day for items for the JULY-AUGUST edition:

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE

Please submit items to the Editor
email: magazine@stleonardslexden.org.uk

Please include your name with any submission
and limit text to 500-600 words maximum.
Longer articles may be edited. Thank you.

Reflections on Holy Week

From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday and all the events in between are the most important in our Christian calendar; without them our faith would not exist.

It is essential for growth in our faith, understanding and journey with Christ that we spend time studying, reflecting and worshipping together. And being together, for me is so very important - to share the range of emotions felt during Christ's journey to the cross and beyond to the resurrection; to be a family and have fellowship together during this time is, I believe, crucial to our growth as a community.



For many people, coming to the church is not always easy or convenient; so maybe we need to look for different ways and times in order to be together - any suggestions you have would be most welcome.

To help stimulate your thoughts and ideas I have shown below the services and attendances during Holy Week.

SERVICE	NUMBERS
Palm Sunday 9:45am	67
Messy Church 3:00pm - 5:00pm	79
Readings & Praise 6:30pm	50
Complines 7:00pm	8 per evening
Wednesday Eucharist 10:00am	12
Maundy Thursday 7:30pm.	27
Good Friday All Age Service 10:00am	38
Good Friday - Devotion at the Cross 12:00pm - 2:00pm	12
Good Friday Liturgy 2:00pm	32
Easter Vigil & New Fire 7:30pm	26
Easter Sunday BCP 8:00am	11
Easter Sunday Eucharist 9:45am	110
TOTAL FOR THE WEEK	500

Over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we had over 1,000 people in two days.

Take care & God bless

Maggie

Congratulations to Suzette and Lowena

St Leonard's was pleased once again to welcome Bishop Roger on the evening of 22nd April to conduct the service of confirmation for five candidates from St Leonard's and St Albrights.

Bishop Roger did a fantastic job; the evening was one of joy and happiness and it was lovely to see the Church so full of people from a wide range of ages. If anyone is interested, the Bishop's sermon was twelve minutes in duration and was centred on linking the role of sheep and lambs in the bible stories.

Congratulations to Suzette, Lowena, Mathaniah, Micaiah and Amy Louise. Welcome to your new Church family. Thank you to everyone involved in making this such a joyous occasion.



Please can you give a big thank you to the St Leonard's family who has made me feel so welcome. In particular, I'd like to thank Maggie for helping me to get ready for confirmation and answering all my questions, thanks to Viv, Jacquie, the choir and, most of all, the members of the congregation who came out on a wet night to support Lowena and I. I am very grateful and feel blessed for all the cards, well wishes and support. Love Suzette

PCC Charities for 2023-24

At the November PCC meeting it was agreed that the following charities should receive our support this year. Each charity will receive a donation of £1000.

- Colchester Foodbank
- Korban (helps homeless young adults in Colchester)
- OMF (overseas mission)
- CYO (Christian Youth Outreach)
- Youth Enquiry Service (Adolescent mental health charity)
- English for Women (Educational charity for female refugees)
- Next Chapter (Women's refuge)
- Colchester Debt Centre (new name for CAP)

I thought it would be helpful to give you a bit of information about each of these charities, this month it is OMF.



OMF is a global fellowship of Christians with a heart for East Asia. They are passionate to demonstrate and proclaim the good news to East Asia's billions, many of whom have never seen or heard it.

As well as church work, they get behind a wide range of initiatives including.

- Church Planting and Evangelism – OMF help teams work alongside local Christians to start churches and share the good news of Jesus.
- Outreach in the Workplace - In countries that do not welcome Bible teachers or evangelists, professional skills can open doors for sharing the good news of Jesus in the workplace.
- Student Work - OMF workers partner with national student organisations to share the good news of Jesus.
- Theological education - OMF serves the Church in East Asia by helping to train future leaders for pastoring churches.



Christian Aid week takes place from 12th – 19th May.

Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. This involves working in partnership with local organisations, as well as with governments and the private sector.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Pot-Luck lunch recently. This was not a true potluck lunch in the American sense but, judging by the many favourable comments that were given, it seems the different format was well received. The lunch, which was hot, took place to kick start our campaign for Christian Aid and raised over £500 when gift aid was factored in. The meal consisted of either Lasagne or Cottage Pie served with salad and Garlic bread. Wine was provided as well as soft drinks. Finally, everyone received a brown carrier bag which contained differing desserts, chocolate biscuit and a party popper.



The catering team would like to thank everyone who supported the event and provided raffle prizes, the lunch organiser would also like to thank the Pot-Luck Lunch catering team.



On Saturday 11th May we will be holding a coffee morning to start Christian Aid week off with a bang!

Please come along and bring your friends and family.



Parish Pilgrimage to St Julian of Norwich

"He did not say, 'You shall not be perturbed, you shall not be troubled, you shall not be distressed', but he said, 'You shall not be overcome.' "

On Saturday 9th March several of us travelled to Norwich to visit St Julian's church and shrine. We had learnt about St Julian and her visions during the Lent course so a visit to the place where she experienced her visions over 650 years ago seemed appropriate. It was a cold sunny day and the warm welcome from the team at the reception was very welcome. Excellent tea and biscuits were much appreciated by all.

After refreshments we went into the Church where Revd. Richard Stanton gave us an insightful presentation about Julian of Norwich's life, her impact then and now, and how we are only beginning to really appreciate the meaning of her 'shewings'. It was a truly inspiring talk and testament to his presentation was that the coldness of the chapel was soon forgotten!



Though St Julian's Church was badly damaged during WWII bombing, generous donors from around the world made a post-war reconstruction possible, during which time the foundations of Julian's Cell was uncovered - having been destroyed some centuries earlier. We were able to enter the cell, which contains a small chapel for reflection and

private prayer. Sitting in her calm, but basic living quarters, was a special moment.



As well as the shrine church, there is the adjoining churchyard garden, a spacious green area well suited for picnics, quiet reflection, or a breath of fresh air. A delightfully peaceful place in the centre of a busy city.

We also had a wonderful time visiting the lovely city of Norwich. Some of us even met the London pilgrims at Evening Prayer in the Cathedral that day! I got chatting to some of them as we walked very fast (ran!) to the station. How wonderful that Julian and our faith can create fellowship amongst friends and strangers.

As St Leonard's approached Holy Week, the Lent group reflected on our study theme of Witnessing the Cross. There is no doubt, our pilgrimage has enriched the experienced and helped us move ever closer to Christ and the meaning of Easter.

"GOD, OF YOUR GOODNESS, GIVE ME YOURSELF; YOU ARE ENOUGH FOR ME, AND ANYTHING LESS THAT I COULD ASK FOR WOULD NOT DO YOU FULL HONOUR. AND IF I ASK ANYTHING THAT IS LESS, I SHALL ALWAYS LACK SOMETHING, BUT IN YOU ALONE I HAVE EVERYTHING."

All shall be well!

Easter



As always, we were treated to an incredible display of Easter Flowers



Flowers

Thank you to Peter and his team for all you do to keep the Church looking beautiful



Baby and Toddler Group



Every Wednesday during term-time
in the Church Hall

Session Times – 9:30am and 11:00am



Find us at www.facebook.com/stleonardsbabyandtoddlergroup

St Leonard's Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler group runs every Wednesday morning in term time in the church hall. There are two identical sessions in the morning which run for an hour. One starts at 9.30am and another at 11.00am. The group is well established and there is always a warm welcome for carers and their children. Each session is based on a theme with a range of activities to engage babies and toddlers. We provide tea, coffee and a snack during the session and the children have a great time playing and exploring. The Facebook page gives a flavour of the sessions so do have a look. No need to book. Just turn up. Here is what we will be up to in the coming weeks.

Summer Term Programme

<p>1st May Music Time!</p>	<p>An opportunity for the children to try out the instruments and make a shaker</p>
<p>8th May Caterpillars and Butterflies</p>	<p>Making a hungry caterpillar from pompoms and balloon printing</p>
<p>15th May Camping Fun</p>	<p>Fun in the tents and dens and exploring the woodland animals in the big box</p>
<p>22nd May Paddington Bear</p>	<p>Marmalade sandwich making, bear masks and welly boot fun</p>
<p>5th June Me and My Body</p>	<p>Games indoors and out, mark making and hospital role play</p>
<p>12th June Vehicles</p>	<p>Ride-on vehicles inside and out, train sets and garages</p>
<p>19th June Water and tube play</p>	<p>Water fun with tubes and pom poms, rolling balls down the big tubes</p>
<p>26th June Boats</p>	<p>Water play, painting and fishing fun</p>
<p>3rd July Sand exploration</p>	<p>Sand play with a seaside crab craft</p>
<p>10th July Bubble Time</p>	<p>Water play with squeezey bottles and sponges, bubble blowing and a messy marble rolling paint activity</p>
<p>17th July The Tiger Who Came to Tea</p>	<p>Teatime play with our favourite book characters and a picnic surprise</p>



MAY-JUNE 2024

5 th May	All Age Service
12 th May	Twelve special helpers Who will be chosen?
19 th May	Gifts of the Spirit The disciples receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
26 th May	Isaiah's vision of God How do we experience God?
2 nd June	All Age Service
9 th June	Saul is chosen to be king Making important choices
16 th June (Messy Church 3pm in Church)	David is chosen to be king Small changes can make a big difference
23 rd June	David and Goliath Being confident in our abilities
30 th June	David loses his friend Jonanthan It's alright to feel sad



HAVE ANY SPARE BRICKS?

Due to the success of Brick Club (over 50 children attended in half-term) we are looking for donations of any spare building bricks you may have. If you can help please speak to Mike or Linda

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday	8.00am 1662 BCP Holy Communion (1st & 3rd Sundays) 9.45am PARISH EUCHARIST with Junior Church Or All Age Eucharist (1st Sunday in the month) 5.30pm Evensong and Sermon (2nd Sunday) 5.30pm Eucharist for Wholeness & Healing (4th Sunday)
Monday	8:45am Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8:45am Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10.00am Eucharist
Thursday	8.00am Eucharist



SUMMER FETE



**ST.
LEONARD'S
CHURCH,
LEXDEN**

**Saturday
29th June
11.00 to
14.30**



A Carer's Call

It all started when I went out for coffee with a parishioner who cares for a family member at home...

All they wanted was for someone to listen, to offload some of their frustrations and to share time with someone different.

It got me to thinking that there must be many members of the congregation who are in the same boat and that, as a church community, we should be supporting them if possible. Not by organising a regular, formal meeting but by being at the end of a phone so people can just talk or arrange to go out with someone for coffee and a chat.

The idea is very much in its initial stages of development, but I believe that it can grow into something special.

If you are someone who would like to be able to contact our '**Carer's Call**' or someone who would like to be considered as a listener, then please contact me on: maggie@stleonardslexden.org.uk. Confidentiality is ensured.

Please pray for this project.

Lord,

For those who are caregivers to friends and family, may they feel your love and your sustaining power. May they feel less frustrated and experience less guilt for the very human feelings they may have about wanting to escape their tasks. May they find us eager to support them during their difficult times.

Amen



From the Archives

In our last magazine we looked at the Vestry Minutes up to 1819, in this edition we turn our attention to the events of April, May 1820. To say the least they are tumultuous as the decision is made to demolish a medieval church and replace it with the church we now use. The driving force for the new building is the Revd Preston.

Vestry Meeting 26th April 1820

The Revd G. Preston chaired the meeting. The following was resolved:

1. That the present church having been for some time past extremely inconvenient and much too small for the accommodation of the greatly increased population of the parish and the walls, roof and foundation thereof having also having been found on examination by two competent surveyors to be much decayed and in an unsafe condition, the same to be taken down and rebuilt on a larger scale according to a plan and estimate now submitted to the meeting by the chairman.
2. The chairman stated he had received funds to carry out the plan. Amounting to £880 in subscriptions plus £200 from the Church Building Society. It was decided that the Churchwardens could borrow the further sum of £1000 for completing the new church. This to paid off by an annual church rate.
3. That the Churchwardens to apply to Mr. M. G. Thompson, Architect of Dedham, who furnished the said plan and estimate for a specification of the same and that Messer Hayward and son Carpenters and Mr. J. Nelson Bricklayer, all of this Parish, do send in tenders agreeably thereto.

The events of the meeting of the 26th would appear to be already decided. That Revd Preston had obtained the basic finances to carry out the demolition of the medieval church having obtained a surveyor's report saying the old church was

dilapidated and dangerous. Also, Revd Preston submitted the plans and estimate for the new church.

4. The Grateful thanks of the meeting was given to the following for their generous subscriptions towards the furtherance of the above design.

Revd John Rawston Papillon (Lord of the Manor)	£400
Revd George Preston (Rector)	£100
John Fletcher Mills Esq.	£100
George Round Esq.	£100
Samual Cooke Esq and Son (Colchester)	£ 50
Mrs Patrick (Colchester)	£ 50
Mr Henry Hayward (Churchwarden)	£ 25
Mr James Tillet (Churchwarden)	£ 25
Mrs. Matthews (Colchester)	£ 10
William Mason Esq. (Colchester)	£ 10
Mrs. Andrews	£ 10
Mrs. Cracknell (Colchester)	£ 10
Total	£900

Vestry Meeting 24th May

Tender from Henry Hayward Jnr (Carpenter & Builder) on behalf of himself and James Nelson (Bricklayer) to build the church as planned £2200. The Society for promoting the enlargement and building of Churches and Chapels made a grant of £500

As stated in the last magazine Henry Hayward Junior was the son of the Churchwarden but it seems they were in business together.

In 2001 the Colchester Archaeological Trust had a watching brief as Anglian Water worked on the water supply in Spring Lane. The CAT Report 160 section 3.5 states that the remains of the Medieval church were still visible in the 1950's. In an Article in the Essex Archaeological and History Paper volume 24 (1993) J. Horace Round makes the following observation when quoting from Mr. Halwell Phillips stating that it was the practise in pre and the early Victorian era for objects that would now be highly valued, were thought old fashioned and unworthy of an enlightened age were swept away. George Round Esq. who donated money for the destruction of the medieval church was the ancestor of J Horace Round.

APCM - SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2024

The APCM took place on Sunday 28th April and was attended by 21 members of the congregation. The meeting was chaired by Nick Allston (Churchwarden). The following is a summary of the outcome of the meeting.

1. Election of Churchwardens. David Watkins and Nick Allston were unanimously elected as our Churchwardens for another year.
2. The Annual Report on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the Parish in general, and the Financial Statement had been made available previously to the congregation. There were no matters arising from either report and both were approved.
3. The Financial Statement. Adrian reported on the annual financial statement and was available to take questions. He reported that income was up on the previous year; very successful fund-raising events were held. The tax recovered from gift aided donations continues to be significant. Thanks must go to our outgoing stewardship recorder, Tom Scrimgeour and his successor Andrew Lennard-Jones. However, as in previous years, our expenditure did not meet our income and therefore the accounts for 2023 show a negative balance. Thanks were expressed to Adrian and the Treasury Team.
4. Election of Representatives of the Laity to the Deanery Synod - no new members were elected, Maureen Watkins, Julie Hinchcliffe, and Linda Firth continue as our representatives.

APCM - SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2024

5. Election of Representatives of the Laity to the Parochial Church Council – three nominations were received for Yvonne Romain, David Burrows and Deirdre Fordham. All 3 were duly elected.
6. The appointment of Independent Examiners - Peyton Tyler Mears were proposed and unanimously appointed.
7. Appointment of Child Protection Officer and Adult Safeguarding Officer - Julie Hinchcliffe continues as our Parish Safeguarding Officer and Mandy Allston as Deputy Safeguarding Officer. They were both thanked for all their work during the year.
8. Churchwardens Assistants – Peter Hinchcliffe, Mike Firth and Esther Heptonstall will continue to support David and Nick as Churchwarden’s assistants. Nick thanked them for what they do in making the role manageable for himself and David.
9. Mike Firth proposed a vote of thanks to the Clergy and Churchwardens for everything they have done to keep the Parish operating in Matt’s absence.
10. Nick thanked all those who give service at St Leonard’s in any way over the last year. He added his personal thanks to everyone who has helped him in his 1st year as Churchwarden.



CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

Thank you so much to everyone who came and helped with the church Spring clean, from the hoovering of the rafters to the polishing of the brass, each and everyone who came contributed significantly to the life of the parish.





Women's Breakfast



3rd Saturday of the month in Church.
All Welcome, we look forward to seeing you there...
If you have any questions please contact
maggie@stleonardslexden.org.uk

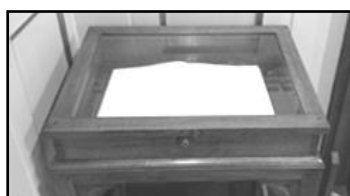
Men's Breakfast



1st Saturday of the month in Church.
All Welcome, we look forward to seeing you there...
If you have any questions please contact
davidw@stleonardslexden.org.uk

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE MAY

Long, Emily Jane	4 th May 1892 – 16 th May 1968
Cook, Agnes Frances	18 th September 1906 – 15 th May 1988
Long, Maurice Donald	28 th October 1927 – 3 rd May 1992
Rowe, Valerie Doris	9 th June 1932 – 13 th May 2000
Niblett, Harry George	21 st July 1911 – 23 rd May 2003
York-Moore, Aline Rosemary	7 th July 1925 – 20 th May 2004
Walden, Gwendoline Irene May	13 th May 1917 – 7 th May 2006
O’Keefe, Frank Dennis	3 rd May 1931 – 21 st May 2007
Claxton, Cyril Arthur	4 th September 1913 – 18 th May 2008
Highfield, Peter Martin	5 th August 1961 – 27 th May 2009
Rhodes, Christopher John	4 th September 1944 – 31 st May 2011
Adamou, Gertrude	5 th January 1916 – 5 th May 2010
Ellis, Vera Jessie	5 th November 1928 – 17 th May 2001
Cook, Mary Elizabeth	13 th May 1929 – 11 th May 2020



If you would like the name of a relative added to the Book of Remembrance, you will find forms with instructions on the bookcase beside the north door.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

JUNE

Scrimgeour, Freda Evelyn	11 th August 1941 – 3 rd June 1992
Teggin, Margaret Ellen	8 th November 1924 – 13 th June 2000
Breens, Cyril Arthur	3 rd June 1915 – 13 th June 1986
Shepherd, Queenie	5 th December 1928 – 6 th June 2005
King, Betty Doris	12 th March 1924 – 29 th June 2006
Green, James Bisdee Malcolm	27 th January 1910 – 27 th June 2005
Marchington, Arthur Henry	27 th August 1922 – 1 st June 2007
Long, Ernest John Walker	30 th April 1924 – 22 nd June 2008
London, Betty Florence	8 th December 1914 – 18 th June 2009
Bareham, Peter Harold	29 th July 1923 – 18 th June 2011
Hull, Mary	July 1922 – 15 th June 2012
Yeats, Roy Walter	18 th March 1930 – 26 th June 2012
Cook, Ralph Harvey	24 th June 1923 – 19 th June 2017
Niblett, Miriam Emily Lucy	19 th March 1920 – 6 th June 2016
Lappage, Pamela Dorothy	21 st May 1938 – 22 nd June 2022



If you would like the name of a relative added to the Book of Remembrance, you will find forms with instructions on the bookcase beside the north door.

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FUNERALS

8th March

Douglas Millar

15th March

Mary Quartermaine

18th March

Charles Edison



'Rest in peace and rise in glory.'



BAPTISMS

7th April

Eliza Rain Reed

'One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all.'

CONFIRMATIONS

22nd April

Suzette Brown

Lowena Rivett



'God has called you by name and made you his own.'

Have You been Bereaved?

Losing a loved one can leave you feeling adrift; talking and meeting with others in a similar situation may help.

Lexden Bereavement Support Group offers the opportunity to chat over a cup of tea. The group is informal and relaxed, and led by trained volunteers.

It is open to people of all faiths and backgrounds and is usually run on Thursday afternoons fortnightly.