



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LEONARD, LEXDEN

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Honouring the gift of children and the vulnerable among us

The presence among us of children, the vulnerable, the outcast, and of newcomers is one of the greatest gifts of God. The teaching and ministry of Jesus makes this abundantly clear. But to cherish this gift properly is to accept a great deal of responsibility and to act upon it. We know and practice this in the contemporary world using the word, 'safeguarding.'

The letters of Paul and other apostles demonstrate that Christian communities have been trying to honour this gift by practising forms of safeguarding for as long as there has been a Church. Paul's teaching (and clear expectation!) is that the weaker members of any Church community should receive the greatest honour – not mere protection, but the greatest honour. When we read the New Testament in greater depth, however, we also see the great failures and problems in this regard within the early Church.

Less frequently spoken of explicitly are the dangers and temptations that come with our responsibilities in communities and the church: abuse of our power over others, complacency, and self-preservation at others' cost. But in God's Kingdom Jesus showed that there is no room for blind deference to human power, no room for human ego nor complacency, and no room for abusive or negligent relationships.

Like every human institution, the Church has often fallen foul of these things. This is always an immense tragedy in the Church, however, because - although we acknowledge that each of us is a sinner and falls short of the standards of God - the Church must strive with all its

energy and determination to be the living embodiment of God's salvation for all in the world.

Given this gift, this responsibility, and these tragic failings, I was very pleased to learn of a new initiative called Safe Spaces. It can be very difficult to speak of abuse and suffering within the church. But Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal, and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church in England and Wales or the Church in Wales. Those who would benefit from this service can make contact via their website <https://safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/> or by telephone on 0300 303 1056 (Mon-Fri 9.00-21.00, Saturdays 9.00-13.00, Sundays 13.00-17.00).

Here at St Leonard's, we remain committed to continue our hard work in maintaining a culture that takes safeguarding seriously. If you'd like to know about safer recruiting (<https://tinyurl.com/5n8yec26>) and safeguarding (<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding>), follow these links. Alternatively talk to our Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), Julie Hinchcliffe (safeguarding@stleonardslexden.org.uk, other contact details can be found later in this magazine) or her deputy Amanda Allston.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please act with urgency, and speak with our PSO or deputy – or me, of course, once I am back at work full time. I am grateful to all of you, and especially to Julie and Amanda, for St Leonard's extraordinary efforts in helping us cherish the gift of children, the vulnerable and outcast, and newcomers among us. May we never be complacent in honouring this central part of the Gospel.

With warmest regards,



FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the September/October edition of the Parish Magazine.

During the past few weeks, it has been great to see our Priest in Charge Matt back taking and being involved in services. As he says himself, he still has a long way to go but all progress is good.

It seems like only yesterday that we were talking about our Christmas events and here we are coming into Autumn and the horror of shorter days, the clocks going back and Christmas, looming once again.

During September we see the start of Junior Church, friendship lunches and a host of other things. In October we have our autumn quiz (a notice about that is below), the coffee morning in aid of Macmillan and Harvest festival.

So, enjoy the Magazine

Mike



The poster is for a 'Church Autumn Quiz' and is framed with a grey border and red ribbon-like accents. At the top center, there are three black stars. Below the stars, the title 'CHURCH AUTUMN QUIZ' is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. Underneath the title, the text 'Come and test your knowledge at a fun packed evening!!!' is written in red. The poster lists the following details: Venue: St Leonard's Church Hall, Lexden; Date/Time: Friday 4th October at 7.00pm; Size of teams: minimum 2 people, maximum 6; Cost: (cash only please) £10 per person / £5 for under 16s; Tickets: available at the back of Church during Sunday morning Services. Price includes a Ploughman's supper and drink. You can also bring your own drinks if preferred. At the bottom left, the name 'Steve Whiteman' is written in a blue cursive font, with 'Steve Whiteman, Quiz Master' in a smaller black font below it. To the right of the name is a blue ribbon award icon. Further right, the text 'Contact for any queries by email:' is followed by the email address 'stevewhiteman211@gmail.com' in blue. There are small icons of people in the corners of the poster.

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Steve Whiteman
Steve Whiteman, Quiz Master

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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER DIARY

SUNDAY 1st September – 14th Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9:45am ALL AGE EUCHARIST

Tuesday 3rd September

11:30am Holy Communion at Cheviot

7:30pm 'Medley' house group (Rosemary 515245)

Wednesday 4th September

10:00am Eucharist followed by coffee

10:45am Holy Communion at Woodlands

Thursday 5th September

8:00am Eucharist

Saturday 7th September

2:00pm Wedding of Ronald Scrimgeour and Alison Gonning

SUNDAY 8th September – 15th Sunday after Trinity

9:45am PARISH EUCHARIST with Junior Church

5:30pm Evensong and Sermon

Monday 9th September

12:00pm Funeral of David Hudson RIP

Wednesday 11th September

9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

10:00am Eucharist followed by coffee

11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

Thursday 12th September

8:00am Eucharist

Saturday 14th September

12:00pm Friendship Lunch

SUNDAY 15th September 16th Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9:45am PARISH EUCHARIST with Junior Church

Monday 16th September

7:00pm Eucharist

7:45pm PCC Meeting

Wednesday 18th September

9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

10:00am Eucharist followed by coffee

11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

Thursday 19th September

8:00am Eucharist

Saturday 21st September

8:30am Women's Breakfast in the Church

SUNDAY 22nd September – 17th Sunday after Trinity

9:45am PARISH EUCHARIST

3:00pm OMG

5:30pm Eucharist for Wholeness & Healing

Wednesday 25th September

9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

10:00am Eucharist followed by coffee

11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

Thursday 26th September

8:00am Eucharist

SUNDAY 29th September – 18th Sunday after Trinity

9:45am PARISH EUCHARIST with Junior Church

3:00pm Messy Church

Tuesday 1st October

11:30am Holy Communion at Cheviot

7:30pm 'Medley' house group (Rosemary 515245)

Wednesday 2nd October

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 3rd October

8:00am Eucharist

Friday 4th October

7:00pm Church Autumn Quiz in the Hall

Saturday 5th October

8:30am Men's Breakfast

10:30am Macmillan Coffee Morning

SUNDAY 6th October - Harvest

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9:45am ALL AGE EUCHARIST

Wednesday 9th October

9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall
10:00am Eucharist followed by coffee
11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

Thursday 10th October

8:00am Eucharist

Saturday 12th October

12:00pm Friendship Lunch

SUNDAY 13th October – 20th Sunday after Trinity

9:45am PARISH EUCHARIST with Junior Church
5:30pm Evensong and Sermon

Wednesday 16th October

9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall
10:00am Eucharist followed by coffee
11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

Thursday 17th October

8:00am Eucharist

Saturday 19th October

8:30am Women's Breakfast in the Church

SUNDAY 20th October – 21st Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9:45am PARISH EUCHARIST with Junior Church

Wednesday 23rd October

9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall
10:00am Eucharist followed by coffee
11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall

Thursday 24th October

8:00am Eucharist

SUNDAY 27th October - 13th Sunday after Trinity

9:45am PARISH EUCHARIST
5:30pm Eucharist for Wholeness & Healing

Tuesday 29th October

10:00am Brick Club

Wednesday 30th October

10:00am Eucharist followed by coffee

Thursday 31st October

8:00am Eucharist

A Rather Unusual Blessing



On Sunday 11th August I performed a rather unusual blessing.

The young man in the picture is Brett, who comes from New Zealand and has Māori ancestry. He has lived in the UK for 15 years and recently he and his fiancée, Vicky, returned to New Zealand to get married.

As tradition has it, Brett's father passed on to him a beautiful piece of pounamu to celebrate this important event in Brett's life. The pounamu has to pass through running fresh water in its country of origin and be blessed before being given to the recipient. The same ceremony is repeated in the country where the pounamu ends up.

As the water ran out of the ewer into the font I blessed the water and the pounamu and said a special prayer to bless the marriage of Brett and Vicky.

It was wonderful to think about the importance of sharing differing kinds of spirituality; just feeling the beauty of the stone, which goes back thousands of years, was amazing.

Pounamu is a term for several types of hard and durable stone found in the South Island of New Zealand. They are highly valued in New Zealand, and carvings made from pounamu play an important role in Māori culture. Pounamu taonga increase in mana (spiritual power or prestige) as they pass from one generation to another. Pounamu is believed to absorb the mana of its past owners, and some heirloom pieces are named after a former owner in memory of their position and authority. The most prized taonga are those with known histories going back many generations: these are believed to have their own mana and are often given as gifts to seal important events in someone's life.

Maggie



MOUSE TAILS

After all the excitement of the Church Fete, most of the mice families returned to their usual homes, including the Woods families. Mum was, as always, happy to return to their cosy balcony nest, her son and his young family were back in their below the stairs home.

Uncle Bertie had stayed on with the Halls and the families had chance to find out more about his life to date and how he came to arrive at St Leonard's Church. Apparently, he and his grandchildren, little Freddie, and his older sister Molly, had been living at the far end of the Woods. One day they had been forced to scavenge for food further afield. However, a large dog, off the leash, had spotted the little group and bounded up to them to investigate the little creatures and terrified them. The mice had scattered and, once the dog's owner had put on his leash and taken him away, Uncle Bertie started to frantically search for the youngsters, but without success.

During his search he had met up with one of the Woods family (he had decided not to take his family to the Church as his young wife was expecting her first baby and he thought it safer to stay put.) He explained to Uncle Bertie that the rest of his family had gone to the Fete as they did every year to meet up with their cousins, he showed Bertie the way to the underground tunnel and promised to keep an eye open for the missing youngsters. So, this explained why Bertie had arrived at the Church; he had come to ask for their help in finding his grandchildren.

Of course, all the mice living in and around the Church were only too happy to help and tried to comfort Bertie as best they could.

Two days later, two of the Woods family appeared at the Hall and, joy of joys, the two young mice, Freddie and Molly, were with them. Bertie was overjoyed and thanked God and the Woods for returning his family to him. After some discussion he decided to stay and make his home in the Church grounds. Young Freddie was full of it, telling everyone how he had "looked after" Molly as he was the 'man of the family'!



Mrs. Hall made sure that the youngsters were well fed and gave them some cosy bedding materials to start them off. Having done a 'recce' around the grounds Bertie had found what he thought was a nice safe spot underneath the laurel bushes however, had to rethink as gardeners appeared and cut down the lot!



After an extensive search, the trio settled on a spot behind the Hall and in no time at all had a safe, cosy nest not too far away from their new found relatives. Freddie was thrilled to have found lots of young mice to hook up with and was looking forward to new adventures. Molly, a gentle creature, was simply happy to be safe and Bertie was relieved that he had found his long-lost family and looked forward to joining in with their many activities.

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Parish Away Day to Pleshey

On Saturday 3rd August 13 members of the congregation plus our 3 associate priests attended an away day at Pleshey retreat. The day was facilitated by Revd David Armstrong, a former curate at St Leonards.

During the morning various topics were discussed in groups with the main focus being on our faith and how we saw our path to God. This was a very meaningful time, not only in group discussion but of self-reflection. We then celebrated Holy Communion in the beautiful chapel with members of the group assisting David.

After a buffet lunch we gave general feedback from our group discussions, each group reported back on the outcome of their discussions. This was then opened up to the whole group for feedback and personal thoughts; the over overriding theme was that as Christians we must help others, but we also must look after ourselves.

Our day ended with a closing prayer; then we all went out into the beautiful garden for a group photo at the Cross.

Everybody who attended the day felt it had been a success, enabling us to get together outside of our own Church and to reflect on other people's thoughts and their perception of their path to our Lord.

Thank you to the Clergy team for organising this day.



Linda

Crossword

Answers in Next Magazine



Friendship Lunches

**St Leonard's Church
Lexden** welcomes you to its
Friendship Lunches

Join us for delicious
homemade soup and cake.

Every month on the 2nd
Saturday from **September to
March** at 12pm

Please book by emailing
admin@stleonardslexden.org.uk
or phoning the Parish Office on **01206
575565** or use the sign up sheet in
Church.

Donations welcome on the day.

Friendship Lunch returns on 14th September

Our Friendship Lunches are open to everyone, whether you are a church member or not. It is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and to have time to chat to old ones. We run every second Saturday in the month from September up until March, starting at 12 noon. Just ring Esther in the parish office on 01206 575565 or email admin@stleonardslexden.org.uk if you would like to come – There is also a signup sheet in church.

It would be lovely to see you so please give us a try. There is no charge, but donations are welcome on the day.

The Friendship Lunches Team



FRIENDSHIP LINE

(Formerly known as Carer's Call)

You may have noticed a couple of posters in church or even received a letter about our **Friendship Line**, which is now up and running after several months of careful planning, deliberation and, of course, many prayers.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Anyone who feels that they need someone with whom they can have a friendly chat, someone who will listen to any concerns they might have. Our aim is not to solve their worries but to help them feel more positive, after sharing things that are playing on their minds.

HOW IT WORKS?

Just phone the **Parish Office on 01206 575565** during the day and leave your contact details. These will then be passed to one of the **Friendship Line** team who will call you back.

Everything is treated with the utmost confidentiality.

We believe that the work we have started is being led by the Holy Spirit. It is our mission to reach out to all members of our Parish community and to show the love and support we can offer.

If you would like to know more, please contact me on:
maggiew234@gmail.com

Take care & God bless.

Maggie



SAVE THE DATE!

WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

We will be holding our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 5th October in Church. Please come along to support a great cause and have a look at the beautiful Harvest decorations.

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Date: Friday 4th October 2024

Wednesday, 18th September 2024

A new monthly Bible Study Group will be starting in the Nicholls Room @ 7:30 pm

Please contact Maggie for further details.



CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX OPENING AND COFFEE MORNING 2ND NOVEMBER

If you would like to know about the work of the Children's Society or would like a donations box please speak to Julie, Linda or Rachel.



Remembrance Concert

Come and join us in singing some of your favourite wartime songs!!!

Venue: St Leonard's Church

Date: Saturday 16th November at 7pm.

More details to follow nearer the date.

St Leonards Church Lexden

CHRISTMAS MARKET

2024

Saturday 30th November

In the Church Hall

11:00am to 2:00pm

Come and join us for our Annual Market

All the usual stalls plus some new stalls. including

Refreshments, Gifts, Christmas Fare

Kiddies Corner, Tombola and Father Christmas



SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER

1 st September	All Age Service
8 th September	Favouritism Forbidden The importance of treating everyone the same
15 th September	The power of the tongue Using words wisely
22 nd September Plus - OMG meet in the hall at 3pm For children in Year 4 and above	Choosing God, choosing wisdom Looking to God when we are unsure
29 th September Plus - Messy David and Goliath In church at 3pm	Right person, right place, right time The story of Esther
6 th October	All Age Service Harvest
13 th October	Where are you God? Job wants to reach out to God for help
20 th October	Card making for those unable to come to church
27 th October	I had heard but now I see Job finds an answer through prayer

Families and Children at St Leonard's

What's on in September and October?

Well, the answer is that there is something for everyone!

For the youngest children and their carers [St Leonard's Baby and Toddler group](#) starts again on Wednesday 11th September. We run two identical sessions at 9.30am and 11.00am each Wednesday in term time. We will begin the term by having fun with our Harvest theme of tractors, farms and sensory play.

[Junior Church](#) runs at 9.45am every Sunday except for the first Sunday when our All-Age Service usually takes place. The children explore bible stories in a reflective and creative way and then rejoin the service towards the end.

Our next [Messy Church](#) takes place at 3pm on Sunday 29th September and is sure to be action packed with a David and Goliath theme. This is an informal family worship session with activities suitable for pre-school and primary school children.

Finally, our [OMG Youth Group](#) is aimed at children in Year 4 and above and our first session this term is at 3pm in the hall on Sunday 22nd September. This group is an active session with games and activities and the opportunity for the children to share ideas and experiences. And there's a Tuck Shop!

To find out more about any of the above email

baby&toddler@stleonardslexden.org.uk

juniorchurch@stleonardslexden.org.uk

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Guli following unrest and violence across the UK

8 August 2024

The Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Rev Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani has sent the following Pastoral Letter to church leaders across Chelmsford Diocese.

Dear friends,

Just over a week ago, three children were tragically murdered in Southport. That appalling event was then hijacked by extreme right wing groups, sparking anti-immigration attacks and riots nationally which were fuelled by hatred and lies spread on social media. This has left many people feeling fearful and anxious, especially among Muslim communities who have experienced attacks on a number of mosques, but also other groups and individuals of Global Majority Heritage.

There had been threats of further violence in many areas across the country yesterday, including in several places within Chelmsford Diocese. I know that many were extremely fearful. That's why it was all the more heart-warming to see the threats of violence either dissipate or in some cases be subsumed by anti-racism marches. A wonderful outpouring of solidarity for people to demonstrate commitment to a Britain that is peaceful, respectful and generous towards cultural diversity and welcoming to refugees. All this should be a great encouragement to us as we seek to be a force for good in our communities.

I want to express my thanks to those of you in churches across the diocese who have worked closely with the police and other groups in

the past few days. Your involvement and efforts have made a real difference and I'm deeply grateful. In times of national crisis the role of the church should never be underestimated and that has been evident once again.

I hope and pray we will now see an end to the violence and that social media will cease enflaming the situation. I know, however, that a sense of apprehension and uncertainty may well continue for a while. I'm grateful to colleagues on the Bishop's Leadership Team who have been reaching out to churches and individual clergy who may feel especially vulnerable. Please do ask for support if you need it.

None of this takes away the reality that many in this country feel disenfranchised and have grave concerns about the lack of resources for public service. Their voices must be heard and listened to. But violence is never the answer and the spreading of hatred is never to be condoned.

Finally, as people of faith, we continue to share the good news and hope of Jesus Christ in word and action – we do this in season and out of season; we do this in difficult times and in easier times. It's a privilege for me to share in ministry alongside you.

With every blessing,

Yours,

+ Guli

Rt Rev Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani
Bishop of Chelmsford

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 the Youth Enquiry Service (YES).



YES is an award-winning youth charity organisation that has been delivering services for young people across the North-East Essex region for over 30 years. They engage with over 8000 young people per year through the charity's housing, teen pregnancy and mental health counselling services.

Counselling - YES provides a space for young people to speak with a trained professional about their concerns and issues, and to explore their thoughts, feelings and behaviours. YES Counselling is confidential and non-judgmental.

Housing – YES works with a variety of young people that are homeless and at risk of becoming homeless. This can include those that are sofa surfing, young people living in a dangerous or abusive environment and those staying in temporary accommodation such as a hostel or night-shelter.

Teen Pregnancy – YES supports young parents with pregnancy health and wellbeing, as well as housing and benefits advice. They also run group sessions, inviting parents to join in with a variety of activities including picnics, arts & crafts and child attachment & development sessions.



From the Archives

Having looked at archives from the 19th century I felt that it was the time to come a little up to date, so we are returning to 1991, 30 plus years ago.

In 1991 an article appeared in the local newspaper concerning the church organ at St Leonard's. Some of our readers may well remember that year as several significant events happened around the world; at the beginning of 1991 Desert Storm started, Mikhail Gorbachev stood down as President of the USSR, the USSR split into separate states and Margaret Thatcher ceased to be Prime Minister.

Regarding St Leonard's, the big issue was the state of the Church Organ which was beginning to show its age. Work had been carried out over the years with changes made in 1921, 1950 and 1970. A report in the local newspaper described the organ as giving out wheezing noises! In 1921 a report in the local paper mentioned the rededication of the restored church organ, taking place on Sunday afternoon with the Rector the Rev. T.S. Raffles conducting the service. It was also reported that the church was well attended. Once the service of rededication was complete Mr. E.H. Turner, the organist from All Saints Church, gave a recital.

The reconstruction was carried out by Messer's Hill and Son and Norman and Beard, following a scheme prepared by Messer's V.E. Marshall, F.J. Motum and E.H. Turner for a cost of £685. During this work it was found that a number of parts dated back to 1823 when the original church organ was installed and the 1921 restoration was to the church organ installed in 1902.

Further restoration and repairs were carried out in 1950 and 1970. This included modifying the pneumatic keyboard to an electrical system and replacing the swell organ and the wind chest. Both these items were second hand due to financial constraints, nothing changes.

A company called Simson and Gentry did the 1991 restoration having carried out a detailed survey of the work required. It was found the sound board was split along its whole length and the workmen also removed five buckets of dust from the pipes in the organ loft. It was quickly realised that many of the problems related to the central heating. A dehumidifier was installed to solve this problem, and the wind chest was increased in size. The keyboard console was renovated, and a new pedal board was fitted.

The church organ contains almost 1000 pipes of various sizes; to raise funds the congregation was asked to sponsor the work on the pipes.

- £10 for the 50 or so 6 metre pipes,
- £5 for the 200 2 metre pipes,
- £3 for the 400 1.3 metre pipes
- £1 for the 250 75-centimetre pipes

All the sponsor names were recorded on scroll which was hung in the organ loft for prosperity.

The woodwork for the church organ dates back to Canon Lester the Rector of St Leonard's at the time. He was a skilled wood carver and also taught some of the young boys in the parish to carve so they could assist in the work. The Organ case and screen were a gift from the Sanders family and a plaque commemorating this is displayed above the console. Finally, the skill of Canon Lester was demonstrated when he carved and built the Altar which we still use to this day.

In addition to sponsoring of the pipes, many fund raising activities were held under the guidance of David Cawdell (a member of the PCC) to raise money for the 1991 work.

At the time of it's restoration in 1991 the organ was valued at £150,000; one dreads to think how much it would cost to restore the organ in today's economic climate and what would its value be? This is why we have it regularly serviced.

The Lexden Organ

ROYAL MARSDEN COFFEE MORNING



Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Royal Marsden coffee morning in July.

It was lovely to see so many people in Church supporting a wonderful cause. We raised a magnificent £678.81 which (when gift-aid is included) will result in the charity receiving a total of £766.31. The charity does fantastic work supporting patients and their families through some really difficult times and I know many of you will have 1st hand experience of the wonderful work they do. Thanks again, **Esther and Julie.**

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

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

7th July
Beatrix Board
28th July
Otilie Moore



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



WEDDINGS

1st August
Mark Tuxford and Brogan Simpson
24th August
Gemma Tyler and Christopher White

'Those whom God has joined together.'

MAGAZINE DEADLINE

Final day for items for the NOVEMBER-DECEMBER edition:

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE SEPTEMBER

Cook, Albert Victor	22nd March 1904 – 21st September 1980
Kenway, Henry Charles	10th February 1920 – 1st September 1999
Barnes, Herbert James	16th January 1929 – 5th September 1999
Nickolls, Alfred Herbert George	19th October 1916 – 27th September 2003
O'Neill, Claire Natalie	8th January 1968 – 18th September 2005
Blowers, Pearl Elizabeth	8th February 1921 – 6th September 2006
Austin, Bernard William	30th June 1925 – 14th September 2007
Kitson, Mary Jane	2nd April 1963 – 20th September 2010
Jacklin, Janet Evelyn	27th March 1927 – 22nd September 2010

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.

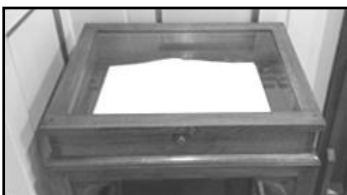
If you would like to attend – or to find out more - please telephone Margaret on 01206 547803 or email [**bereavement@stleonardslexden.org.uk**](mailto:bereavement@stleonardslexden.org.uk)



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 OCTOBER

Geernaert, Charlotte Everitt	4th March 1839 - 6th October 1919
Boswell, Edith Amelia	25th June 1910 - 22nd October 1998
Davey, Peter Nigel	4th March 1920 - 31st October 2001
Barnes, Jean Doris	8th August 1933 - 26th October 2003
Funnell, Donald de Jersey	9th March 1910 - 2nd October 1971
Enfield, Jill Marion	17th November 1939 - 4th October 1996
Goddard, Jennifer Mary	29th February 1940 – 3rd October 2006
Austin, Margaret Ann	19th January 1926 – 12th October 2007
Bryant, Charles John	18th November 1928 – 28th October 2012
Goodyear, Gwendoline Hilda	17th December 1921 - 24th October 2014
Hodge, David Campbell	2nd July 1918 - 22nd October 2014
Davis, Marie Ellen	28th March 1921 - 22nd October 2015
Calvert, Albert Cyril Holcombe	24th June 1896 - 9th October 1965
Burgess, Doris Evelyn	6th November 1903 - 6th October 2002
Pugh, Catherine Kirkpatrick	19th December 1928 - 24th October 2020
Cook, Dennis Albert Frederick	21st October 1928 - 31st October 2019
Christie, Anthony Charlwood	27 th December 1934 – 8 th October 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.

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



As usual, we will be collecting donations for Colchester Foodbank at our Harvest Thanksgiving service on 6th October.

Below is their current shopping list

SMALL BAGS OF RICE	LOGLIFE MILK
LOGLIFE JUICE	SHAMPOO
CARRIER BAGS/REUSEABLE BAGS	SQUASH
TINNED FRUIT	DEODORANTS
TINNED POTATOES	TINNED PUDDINGS
TINS OR PACKETS OF CUSTARD	JAM
PEANUT BUTTER	TOOTHBRUSH/TOOTH PASTE
RAZORS	SHOWER GEL
SMALL JARS OF COFFEE	SMALL WASHING POWDER/LIQUID
SMALL MULTIPACK SNACKS (penguin/club/twix)	TINNED TOMATOES