

Welcome to St Leonard's. If you're here for the first time or visiting, please say hello.

The nave will usually be open for private prayer & reflection on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings, and Sunday afternoons.

Please note that this may be subject to change at short notice.

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICES

9:45am **Parish Eucharist with Junior Church**
(363, 585, 453, 787, 762, 810, New People's Mass)
5:30pm **Evensong and Sermon**
(649, 748, 335, 15, Psalm 127)

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 13th - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

MONDAY – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Kajiado: The Anglican Church of Kenya.
8:45am Morning Prayer.

TUESDAY - we pray for staff and residents Woodland Drive Nursing Home.
8:45am Morning Prayer.

WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for our Hospice Chaplains Spiritual Lead: Tim Leeson.
9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall.
10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee.
11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall.
7:00pm Bible Study Group in the Nicholls Room.

THURSDAY - we pray the Christian Churches of India, Pakistan & Bangladesh.
8:00am Eucharist.

FRIDAY - we pray for all who work in the Prison Service.

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of Lexden Grove and Whitefriars Way.
8:30am Women's Breakfast

Services next Sunday:

20th October – St Luke

8:00am BCP Holy Communion

9:45am - Parish Eucharist with Junior Church

NEWS AND EVENTS

Autumn Quiz – Many thanks to Steve and his team for providing us with a fun-packed Quiz Evening last week which raised £490 for Church funds.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning last week, cake bakers, helpers and those who attended. We raised a magnificent £600 plus Gift-Aid. Thank you so much. **Julie.**

Harvest Collection – an amazing 180kg of produce was delivered to the foodbank after our Harvest Service, thank you to everyone who contributed.

Payer Ministry will return in October at the 9:45am services. If you would like someone to pray with you or for you please go to the Lady Chapel following Communion where one of the team will be available.

The next **Bible Study** group takes place on Wednesday 16th October at 7:00pm in the Nicholls Room and then monthly on every third Wednesday (excluding Advent and Lent). All are welcome to come and explore God's word. Any queries contact Maggie on: maggiew234@gmail.com

The next **Women's Breakfast** is on 19th October in the Church. Contact Maggie on maggie@stleonardslexden.org.uk

Brick Club is back! Tuesday 29th October in the Hall. 10am – 12 noon. Just turn up and build! Free of charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The **Children's Society Box Opening and Coffee Morning** takes place on Saturday November 2nd in the Church starting at 10:30am. All welcome.

St Leonard's annual Memorial Service will be held on Sunday 3rd November at 5.30pm. There will be a sheet at the back of Church until Sunday 27th October if you would like to add the name of someone to those to be remembered.

Church Lane Closure – Church Lane will be closed between Heath Road and Lexden Road from 28th October – 8th November for gas mains work to take place. Please bear this in mind if you drive to Church.

Among those for whom we pray are:

Johanne Bresch, Anita, Margaret Cox, Lionel Simpkins, Brian Root, Katrina Light, Jean Holden, Cronan McMahon, Joseph, David Moxon, Kim Harding, Paul Fordham, Chris and Graham Tyler, Peter Hazlewood, Frances Bonner, Maureen Watkins, Antonia Loxley, Kim Kite, Velma Bryant, Hugh and Mary Beavan, Pauline Jarvis, Michael Eavery, Freddie Woolard, Jacquie, Ashley Hanmer, Max, Jan Buckley, Tony Gurney, Shirley Everitt, Stella Llewellyn, Pat Hughes, Doreen Mayes, Matthew Simpkins, Carole Durrant, Holly Donovan, Win Kenway, Freda and Ernest Jenkins, Ellen Whalley, Nick Leaning, Pam Hatherly, Owen Shepherd, Frances Dowson, Joan Collis, and those others known to us.

Those who have died & those who mourn them

The Church has a card reader available for contactless payments. Please ask if you need help using it and also Gift Aid your donation if you are able to. Donations can also be made online via our website <http://www.stleonardslexden.org.uk/>

COLLECT & READINGS (20th Sunday after Trinity)

Collect

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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.

Post Communion Prayer

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amos 5.6–7, 10–15 (Old Testament, p886)

Seek the Lord and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Psalm 90.12-17 (Old Testament, p577)

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

Turn, O Lord! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.
Let your work be manifest to your servants,

and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

Hebrews 4.12–16 (New Testament p235)

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mark 10.17–31 (New Testament p49)

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'