

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

8:00am **BCP Holy Communion**

9:45am **Parish Eucharist with Junior Church**
(754, 324, 799, 250, 762, 612, New People's Mass)

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 20th - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

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

TUESDAY - we pray for staff and pupils at Home Farm Primary School.
8:45am Morning Prayer.

WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the University of Essex (Colchester Campus) Chaplain Revd Dr Sarah Batts-Neale.
9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall.
10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee.
11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall.

THURSDAY - we pray the Presbyterian Church.
8:00am Eucharist.

FRIDAY - we pray for all who work in the Media.

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of Lexden Mews and Wordsworth Road.

Services next Sunday:

27th October – Bible Sunday

9:45am - Parish Eucharist with Junior Church
5:30pm Eucharist for Wholeness & Healing

NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

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 during the Commemoration of the Departed.

Men's Breakfast returns on Saturday, November 2nd in the Nicholls Room. Contact David Watkins davidw@stleonardslexden.org.uk

Leaflets and Shoe Boxes for **Operation Christmas Child** will be available in Church from Sunday 3rd November and filled boxes should be returned to Church by Sunday 17th November. Please start collecting the contents if you would like to fill a box this year. **Tom & Kathleen Scrimgeour.**

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.

A **Memorial Concert** will take place in Church on the evening of Saturday 16th November. Tickets £10 (£5 under 16) and include a light meal. Come and join us in singing some of your favourite wartime songs!!!

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: Patrica Borges

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COLLECT & READINGS (St Luke)

Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit and through the
wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and
fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 35.3–6 (Old Testament, p690)

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert.

Psalms 147.1–7 (Old Testament, p613)

Praise the Lord!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the broken-hearted,
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

make melody to our God on the lyre.

2 Timothy 4.5–17 (New Testament p229)

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do
the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry
fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a
libation, and the time of my departure has come. I
have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith. From now on there is
reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which
the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on
that day, and not only to me but also to all who
have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in
love with this present world, has deserted me and
gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to
Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me.
Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful
in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus.
When you come, bring the cloak that I left with
Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the
parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me
great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his
deeds. You also must beware of him, for he
strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support,
but all deserted me. May it not be counted against
them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me
strength, so that through me the message might be
fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.
So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

Luke 10.1-9 (New Testament p75)

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them
on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place
where he himself intended to go. He said to them,
'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;
therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out
labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I
am sending you out like lambs into the midst of
wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and
greet no one on the road.

Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this
house!" And if anyone is there who shares in
peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if
not, it will return to you. Remain in the same
house, eating and drinking whatever they provide,
for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move
about from house to house. Whenever you enter a
town and its people welcome you, eat what is set
before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to
them, "The kingdom of God has come near to
you."