

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**
(507, 381, 379, 658, 383, 390, New People's Mass)

5:30pm **Eucharist for Wholeness & Healing**

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 27th - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

MONDAY – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Kansas: The Episcopal Church.

TUESDAY - we pray for staff and pupils at Lexden Primary School.

10:00am Brick Club in the hall.

WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the City Centre Parishes St Peter PIC Revd Mark Wallace and St Botolph PIC Revd Chris Smith.

10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee.

THURSDAY - we pray the Lutheran Church.

8:00am Eucharist.

FRIDAY - we pray for all those taking a break during half term.

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of Lexden Park and Wroxham Close.

8:30am Men's Breakfast

10:30am Children's Society Box Opening & Coffee Morning

Services next Sunday:
3rd November – All Saints

8:00am BCP Holy Communion
9:45am All-Age Parish Eucharist
5:30pm Annual Memorial Service

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 the service 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.

Our next **Men's Breakfast** is 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 meal. Come and join us in singing some of your favourite wartime songs!!!

Among those for whom we pray are:

Margaret Smith, Roger Renton, 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, Hugh Bull

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COLLECT & READINGS (Bible Sunday)

Collect

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.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 55.1–11 (Old Testament, p712)

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Psalms 19.7-14 (Old Testament, p529)

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from the insolent;^[a]
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5 (New Testament p228)

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

John 5.36b–47 (New Testament p104)

Jesus said to the Jews, 'The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'