

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 **All-Age Parish Eucharist for Harvest**
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PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 6th - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

MONDAY – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Juba: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

TUESDAY - we pray for staff and residents at New Hythe.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray our Hospital Chaplains Revd Linda Peall, Head of Chaplaincy, Mrs Sarah Amos, Revd Dennis Mahon, Revd Keith Ponsford.

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 for Religious Communities.

8:00am Eucharist.

FRIDAY - we pray for all our local GP's.

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of Lexden Court and Tussett Mews.

12:00pm Friendship Lunch

Services next Sunday:

13th October – 20th Sunday after Trinity

9:45am - Parish Eucharist with Junior Church

5:30pm Evensong and Sermon

NEWS AND EVENTS

Many thanks to Peter and his team for the beautiful flowers in Church today and to everyone who donated towards the cost.

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.

Friendship Lunch is back next Saturday 12th October. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church or via the Parish Administrator - call 01206 575565 or email admin@stleonardslexden.org.uk

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 for more details

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 is a sheet at the back of Church if you would like to add the name of someone to those to be remembered during the Commemoration of the Departed.

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 (Harvest Thanksgiving)

Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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 of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in
creation and have shared in the bread and the wine
of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that
you give us and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Joel 2:21-27 (Old Testament, p881)

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice for the Lord
has done great things!
Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures
of the wilderness are green; the trees bear its fruit,
the fig tree and the vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord
your God; for he has given you the early rain for
your vindication, he has poured down for you
abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats
shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming
locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the
cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the
name of the Lord your God, who has dealt
wondrously with you. And my people shall never
again be put to
shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and
that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Psalms 126 (Old Testament, p601)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,

‘The Lord has done great things for them.’
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves..

1 Timothy 2.1-7 (New Testament p223)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers,
intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for
everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions,
so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all
godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in
the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone
to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the
truth. For there is one God; there is also one
mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus,
himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —
this was attested at the right time. For this I was
appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the
truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in
faith and truth.

Matthew 6:25-33 (New Testament p6)

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: ‘Therefore I tell you,
do not worry about your life, what you will eat or
what you will drink, or about your body, what you
will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body
more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they
neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet
your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of
more value than they? And can any of you by
worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And
why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies
of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor
spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was
not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes
the grass of the field, which is alive today and
tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much
more clothe you— you of little faith? Therefore do
not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will
we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the
Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed
your heavenly Father knows that you need all these
things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his
righteousness, and all these things will
be given to you as well.