



Welcome to St Leonard's. If you're here for the first time or visiting, please stay for coffee and say hello. If you've any questions please contact our Priest-in-Charge, Matt (matt@stleonardslexden.org.uk or 01206 577392)

IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

**Bishop Stephen will be joining us at the
All Age Eucharist - Mothering Sunday
March 22nd 9:45am**

TODAY'S SERVICES

8:00am **BCP Holy Communion**
 9:45am **Parish Eucharist with Junior Church**
 Hymns: 120, 43, 126(R), 631, 123(R), 223
 Prayer ministry is available in the Lady Chapel
*Music copies of the **Addington Mass Setting** are available from the person at the church door*
 6:30pm **Evensong and Sermon**
 Hymns: 149(R), 194(R), 131, 239(R), Ps 40

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

MONDAY - we pray for the Parish of Stanway (St. Albright) and for Priest in Charge The Revd Tony Bushell in the Deanery of Colchester.

7:45am Lent Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 11:00am Holy Communion at Hill House
 7:00pm Eucharist
 7:45pm PCC meet in the Nicholls room

TUESDAY - we pray for staff and residents at Newhythe.

9:00am Morning Prayer
 5:00pm Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY - we pray for the homeless.

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:30am Toddler group in the Hall
 10:00am Eucharist (followed by coffee)
 11:00am Lent Course in the Nicholls room
 11:15am Toddler group service in Church
 1:00pm CAP Life Skills
 7:30pm Lent Course in the Nicholls room

THURSDAY - we pray for the Salvation Army.

8:00am Eucharist
 5:00pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY - we pray for those who work in the ambulance service.

8:00pm Choir practice in Church

SATURDAY - we pray for residents of Beech Hill and Lexden Park.

8:30am Women's prayer / fellowship in the Nicholls room

The Parish Office will be open on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday mornings

Services on Sunday: 22nd March, Mothering Sunday
 8:00am BCP Holy Communion;
 9:45am All Age Eucharist;
 6:30pm Eucharist for Wholeness and Healing

NEWS

Corona Virus: Please read the letter available in Church which details latest guidance.

Coming together in prayer: If you should happen to find yourself stuck indoors over the coming weeks, why not join together in prayer? The Church has a great website and app (www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer) with a selection of prayers which are updated each day.

The Bishop's Lent Appeal: You are encouraged to donate direct to the appeal at www.chelmsford.anglican.org/lentappeal where there is also information about this important work. Cheques made payable to CDBF with 'Lent Appeal' on the reverse can be sent to Lent Appeal, Diocese of Chelmsford, 53 New Street, Chelmsford CM1 1AT. A cash collection will be made at the back after services.

Messy Church meeting: There will be a planning meeting after today's 9:45am service. All welcome to come along to get involved.

Parish Magazine - April Edition: Email items to 'magazine@stleonardslexden.org.uk'. Deadline is Mar. 15th 11am.

Annual Review of Electoral Roll: Over the next few weeks, leading up to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, we shall be reviewing the Electoral Roll. This is not a full review; if you filled in an application form last year, no further action is required. If you would like your name to be added to the roll, please complete a form and hand it to Jo Burrows or to one of the churchwardens by Sunday 5th April. Forms can be found on the shelf at the back.

Women's Breakfast: We are unable to offer catering on Saturday 21st March, but the church will be open at the usual time for those who wish to gather for fellowship and prayer.

Friendship Lunch - March 21st: We regret that this lunch has been postponed.

NOTES ON READINGS AT THE EUCHARIST

Exodus 17: 1-7: Lent may mean some abstinence - but even in a desert we need water. This reading tells us how the Israelites were given water in their desert pilgrimage, when they looked to God to meet their need.

Romans 5:1-11: Paul's letter to Rome is much concerned with Christian conduct. This passage sets out the foundation for our conduct: our life now is our response to the extraordinary thing God has done for us, through Christ, flooding us with hope, grace, Holy Spirit and love. He calls us to exult.

John 4: 5-42: God miraculously provided water for the Israelites on their desert journey. Now we hear of Jesus as living water. Among the Samaritan people whom the Jews hated, he convinces them that he himself is the Messiah, the fulfilment of all their needs.

We pray for all those who suffer, those receiving Holy Communion at home, those who have died and those who mourn.

A prayer list is available in Church.