

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

8:00am
9:45am

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICES

BCP Holy Communion

Parish Eucharist

(365, 258, 453, 642, 193, 765, New People's Mass setting)

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 17th we pray for the parishes of Lexden and Shrub End.

MONDAY - in the Anglican Communion we pray for the Episcopal Church.

8:45am Morning Prayer

TUESDAY - we pray for Home Farm School.

8:45am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the parish of St. James with St. Paul and for Rector Revd Fr James McCluskey.

10:00am Midweek Eucharist

THURSDAY - we pray for the Old Catholic Church.

8:00am Eucharist

FRIDAY - we pray for those men and women of the RNLI and HM Coastguard.

8:00pm Choir Practice

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of The Mount and Hurnard Drive.

**Services next Sunday:
24th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity**

9:45am Parish Eucharist

NEWS AND EVENTS

Our **Baby and Toddler Group** is taking a break. It will return on Wednesday September 14th.

Junior Church will be taking a break over the summer holidays until September 11th. The final session this month will be on Sunday July 24th.

St. Leonard's **CAP Life Skills Group** continues at Wimpole Road Methodist Church 7:30pm on Thursdays.

Course in Christian Studies commences in September. Face to face and zoom sessions available. See poster for more information.

St Cedd's Community Café continues to run on alternate Monday mornings – don't miss our **Doctor Bike** team there. Next meeting on Monday July 25th.

Brick Club is back! Tuesday August 2nd in Church 10am – 12noon. Just turn up and build! Free of charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Among those for whom we pray are:

Nick and Margaret Leaning, Pam Hatherly, Frances Dowson, Joan Collis, Brenda Webb

Those who are sick: Barbara Cole, Sonny Milton, Grace Edwards, Pauline Jarvis, Michael Eavery, Freddie Woolard, Allyssa, Ashley Hanmer, Max, Zack, Jill Farley, Jan Buckley, Tony Gurney, Tim Mendham, Shirley Everitt, Stella Llewellyn, Pat Hughes, Doreen Mayes, Matthew Simpkins, Sheila Cook, Carole Durrant, Graham Clayton, Holly Donovan, Hannah Saint, Margaret Shepherd, Win Kenway, Freda and Ernest Jenkins, Jean Armstrong, John Barker, Hilary Goodyear, Ellen Whalley, Pam Hatherly, Florence Wheat, Erin Sadler, Angus, Rosemary, Doug Brown and those others known to us.

Those who have died & those who mourn them: Nick Turnbull, Pam Lappage, Chris Nicholls and those others known to us.

COLLECT & READINGS (Trinity 5)

Collect

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly
quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Genesis 18: 1-10a (Old Testament, p.14)

1 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. 3 He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' 7 Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

9 They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' 10 Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Psalm 15: (Old Testament, p.525)

1 O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
3 who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;
4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honour those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
5 who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Colossians 1: 15-28 (New Testament, p.214)

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— 23 provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. 24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. 25 I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Luke 10: 38-42 (New Testament, p.77)

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' 41 But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'