

**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**

(696, 248, 454, 271, 767, 227, New People's Mass setting)

### PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

**SUNDAY 24th** we pray for the parishes of Lexden and Shrub End.

**MONDAY** - in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Church in Wales.

8:45am Morning Prayer

**TUESDAY** - we pray for Lexden Primary School.

8:45am Morning Prayer

10:00am Brick Club in Church

**WEDNESDAY** – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the parish of St. John the Evangelist and for Priest in Charge Revd Andy Sachs.

10:00am Midweek Eucharist

**THURSDAY** - we pray for the United Reformed Church.

8:00am Eucharist

**FRIDAY** - we pray for those who work in the media.

8:00pm Choir Practice

**SATURDAY** - we pray for the residents of Nelson Road and Sussex Road.

**Services next Sunday:  
31st July – 7th Sunday after Trinity**

9:45am Parish Eucharist

### NEWS AND EVENTS

**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! Every Tuesday from July 26th to August 30th in Church 10am – 12noon. Just turn up and build! Free of charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be a **Coffee Morning** in aid of church funds on Saturday August 6th at the home of Rosemary Elden 20 Wordsworth Road. 10:30am – 12:00noon. Raffle, cakes, jigsaws, plants and books. But no bric a brac please. All welcome.

Our **Baby and Toddler Group** is taking a break and 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.

### 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:** Keith Heptonstall, Nick Turnbull and those others known to us.

## COLLECT & READINGS (Trinity 6)

### Collect

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Genesis 18: 20-32 (Old Testament, p.15)

20 Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! 21 I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' 22 So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. 23 Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' 26 And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' 27 Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. 28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' 29 Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' 30 Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' 31 He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' 32 Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

### Psalms 138 (Old Testament, p.606)

1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;  
2 I bow down towards your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love  
and your faithfulness;  
for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.  
3 On the day I called, you answered me,  
you increased my strength of soul.  
4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.  
5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for great is the glory of the Lord.  
6 For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;  
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;  
you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.  
8 The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

### Colossians 2: 6-15 (New Testament, p.215)

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord,  
continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in  
him and established in the faith, just as you were taught,  
abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes  
you captive through philosophy and empty deceit,  
according to human tradition, according to the elemental  
spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. 9 For  
in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you  
have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every  
ruler and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised  
with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the  
flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12 when you were  
buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him  
through faith in the power of God, who raised him from  
the dead. 13 And when you were dead in trespasses and  
the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive  
together with him, when he forgave us all our  
trespasses, 14 erasing the record that stood against us  
with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the  
cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made  
a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

### Luke 11: 1-13 (New Testament, p.77)

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had  
finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to  
pray, as John taught his disciples.' 2 He said to them,  
'When you pray, say:  
Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
3 Give us each day our daily bread.  
4 And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial.'  
5 And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend,  
and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend,  
lend me three loaves of bread; 6 for a friend of mine has  
arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." 7 And he  
answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has  
already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I  
cannot get up and give you anything." 8 I tell you, even  
though he will not get up and give him anything because he  
is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get  
up and give him whatever he needs.  
9 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search,  
and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for  
you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone  
who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the  
door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if  
your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a  
fish? 12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a  
scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give  
good gifts to your children, how much more will the  
heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask  
him!'