

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

(584, 787, 678, 448, 388, 739, New People's Mass setting)

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 31st we pray for the parishes of Lexden and Shrub End.

MONDAY - in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa.

8:45am Morning Prayer

TUESDAY - we pray for Kingswode Hoe School.

8:45am Morning Prayer

10:00am Brick Club in Church

WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the parish of St. Luke's, Highwoods and for Priest in Charge Revd Hannah Cooper.

10:00am Midweek Eucharist

THURSDAY - we pray for Evangelical Churches.

8:00am Eucharist

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

8:00pm Choir Practice

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of New Kiln Road and Tapwoods.

8:30am Men's Breakfast

10:30am Coffee Morning, 20 Wordsworth Road

**Services next Sunday:
7th August – The Transfiguration**

8:00am BCP Holy Communion

9:45am Parish Eucharist

NEWS AND EVENTS

Don't forget the **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. Bring a friend.

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

Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday August 6th at 8:30am. For information, email David at davidw@stleonardslexden.org.uk.

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

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.

Medley house group will not be meeting in August. It will return on Tuesday September 6th 7:30pm.

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: 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: Barbara Cole, Keith Heptonstall, Nick Turnbull and those others known to us.

COLLECT & READINGS (Trinity 7)

Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23 (Old Testament, p.643)

2 Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

12 I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, I 3 applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. 14 I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

18 I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me 19—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. 20 So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, 21 because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22 What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? 23 For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalms 49: 1-12 (Old Testament, p.548)

1 Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
2 both low and high,
rich and poor together.
3 My mouth shall speak wisdom;
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
4 I will incline my ear to a proverb;
I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.
5 Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
6 those who trust in their wealth

and boast of the abundance of their riches?
7 Truly, no ransom avails for one's life,
there is no price one can give to God for it.
8 For the ransom of life is costly,
and can never suffice,
9 that one should live on for ever
and never see the grave.
10 When we look at the wise, they die;
fool and dolt perish together
and leave their wealth to others.
11 Their graves are their homes for ever,
their dwelling-places to all generations,
though they named lands their own.
12 Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;
they are like the animals that perish.

Colossians 3: 1-11 (New Testament, p.216)

1 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7 These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. 8 But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. 11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Luke 12: 13-21 (New Testament, p.79)

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' 14 But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' 15 And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' 16 Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" 18 Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." 20 But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'