

**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 **Parish Eucharist with Blessing of Easter Garden**  
(205, Sheet, 194, 212, 193, 203, 218, Webster Mass)

### PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup>** - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

**MONDAY** – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Damaturu: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

**TUESDAY** - we pray for staff and residents at Cheviot Nursing Home.  
11:30am Holy Communion at Cheviot

**WEDNESDAY** – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the Parish of St Luke's, Highwoods PIC Revd Hannah Cooper.  
10:45am Holy Communion at Woodlands

**THURSDAY** - we pray for the Coptic Church.

**FRIDAY** - we pray for those taking a break during the school holidays.

**SATURDAY** - we pray for the residents of Cherry Row and New Kiln Road.  
8:30am Men's Breakfast

**Services next Sunday:**  
**7<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:00am BCP Holy Communion  
9:45am All-Age Eucharist  
12:00pm Baptism of Eliza Rain Rivett

### 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.

**Weekday Services** – there will be no weekday services this week. The office will be closed from Maundy Thursday until Thursday 4th April.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is on Saturday April 6th in the Nicholls Room. Contact David Watkins  
[davidw@stleonardslexden.org.uk](mailto:davidw@stleonardslexden.org.uk)

Next **Medley House Group** will now be held on Tuesday 9th April (changed from 2<sup>nd</sup>) at the home of Rosemary Elden, 20 Wordsworth Road, starting at 7:30pm. New members will be very welcome. Speak to Rosemary for more details, 01206 515245.

**Brick Club is back!** Tuesday 9th April in Church Hall 10am – 12 noon. Just turn up and build! Free of charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult

**Pot Luck Lunch** – on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April we are holding a "Pot Luck" lunch in support of Christian Aid. You will be provided with a hot meal and dessert, but you will not know what you are getting! No charge but donations welcome which will be given to Christian Aid. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church.

**Dimitri Annan** - Heather Annan would like the St Leonard's family to know that Dimitri died peacefully on 19th March at home in Budleigh Salterton after a long illness.

**Review of Electoral Roll** In preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on April 28th, we shall be reviewing the Electoral Roll. This is not a full review; if you have filled in an application form in the last five years, no further action is required. If you would like your name to be added to the roll, please complete a form and return it to the Parish Office by Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Paper forms may be obtained from the back of the church or by contacting the Parish Office. Electronic versions of the form are available on our website or by contacting [electoralroll@stleonardslexden.org.uk](mailto:electoralroll@stleonardslexden.org.uk)

### Among those for whom we pray are:

David Moxon, Margaret Cox, Kim Harding, Paul Fordham, Chris Tyler, Brenda Cant, Peter Hazlewood, Frances Bonner, Maureen Watkins, Antonia Loxley, Kim Kite, Velma Bryant, Mary Beavan, Pauline Jarvis, Michael Eavery, Freddie Woolard, Jacquie, Ashley Hanmer, Max, Jill Farley, 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 and Margaret Leaning, Pam Hatherly, Owen Shepherd, Frances Dowson, Joan Collis, and those others known to us.

**Those who have died & those who mourn them: Dimitri Annan, Michael Baldwin**

## COLLECT & READINGS (Easter Sunday)

### Collect

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

### Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### Isaiah 25.6-9 (Old Testament, p679)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines  
strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death for ever.  
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the  
earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.  
It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he  
might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

### Psalms 118.1-2, 14-24 (Old Testament, p594)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever!  
Let Israel say,  
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

The Lord is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.  
There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;  
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'  
I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.  
The Lord has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.  
Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.  
This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.  
I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### Acts 10.34-43 (New Testament p138)

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that  
God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who  
fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You  
know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching  
peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread  
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that  
John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with  
the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing  
good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for  
God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both  
in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging  
him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and  
allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who  
were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank  
with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to  
preach to the people and to testify that he is the one  
ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the  
prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him  
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### John 20.1-18 (New Testament p123)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary  
Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had  
been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon  
Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and  
said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and  
we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and  
the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The  
two were running together, but the other disciple outran  
Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in  
and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.  
Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the  
tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth  
that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen  
wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other  
disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw  
and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture,  
that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned  
to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she  
bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in  
white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at  
the head and the other at the feet. They said to her,  
'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have  
taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid  
him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus  
standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus  
said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are  
you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to  
him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you  
have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her,  
'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!'  
(which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to  
me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to  
my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father  
and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary  
Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen  
the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to  
her.