

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 with Procession of Palms**
(159, 160, 161, 489, 147, 145, 448, 707, Murray Mass)

5:30pm **Journey to the Cross**

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 13th - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

MONDAY – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Matlosane: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

8:45am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Compline by Candlelight.

TUESDAY - we pray for staff and pupils at Lexden Primary School.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

10:00am Brick Club in the hall.

7:00pm Compline by Candlelight.

WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the Parish of Lexden (St Leonard's) PIC Revd Matt Simpkins & Associate Priests Revd Viv Mendham, Jacque Messinger & Maggie Whiteman.

10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee.

7:00pm Compline by Candlelight.

THURSDAY - we pray for the Salvation Army.

7:30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper.

9:00pm The Watch.

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

10:00am All Age Worship for Good Friday.

12:00pm Good Friday Meditation.

2:00pm The Liturgy of Good Friday.

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of De Vere Road and Shakespeare Road.

8:00pm The Easter Vigil and Blessing of the New Fire

**Services next Sunday:
20th April – Easter Sunday**

8:00am BCP Holy Communion

9:45am Easter Eucharist and Blessing of the Easter Garden

NEWS AND EVENTS

Easter Services – please take some flyers detailing all our Holy Week & Easter services to share with your friends and neighbours.

Journey to the Cross – Please join us at 5:30pm this evening to enjoy readings from the Gospels with music reflecting on Jesus's journey to the cross.

Brick Club is back! This Tuesday, 15th April in the Hall. 10am – 12 noon. Just turn up and build! Free of charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please note – there will be **no 8:00am Eucharist this Thursday** (17th) as it is Maundy Thursday. The Eucharist of the Last Supper takes place at 7:30pm.

Help with Teas & Coffees following 09:45 Eucharists - we are in need of additional helpers to assist with serving refreshments on Sunday mornings on a rota basis. If you could help with this please speak to Kathleen Scrimgeour – 01206-574797.

The funeral of **Nick Leaning** will take place at 1:00pm on Thursday 8th May at St Leonard's.

The funeral of **Maureen Watkins** will take place at 4:15pm on Friday 9th May at St Leonard's.

Revision of the Church Electoral Roll 2025: Our Electoral Roll is to be completely revised before this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 18th May. If you are baptised, attend St Leonard's Church, and are aged sixteen or above, you are encouraged to enter your name on the new roll by completing and signing an application form. Forms and a collecting box are available in church or from the website <https://www.stleonardslexden.org.uk/APCM/>. If your name is on the existing roll you will still need to re-apply, please; this is a full revision. There are further details in the March/April Magazine. Please ensure that all forms are returned by **Sunday 20th April**.

Summer Fayre – this year's summer fayre will take place on Saturday 28th June, please save the date in your diaries. Please speak to Nick if you are able to help in any way.

Our 9.45am service is live-streamed each Sunday to include those who are unable to join with us in person. If you prefer not to be on camera, please sit behind the front five rows of the nave. We are happy to provide Holy Communion to you in your pew, just let a steward or warden know.

Among those for whom we pray are:

Jane Scott-Thompson, Angela Sargent, Jean Holden, Father David Armstrong, Dick Verrier, Richard, Derek Cowie, Johanne Bresch, Lionel Simpkins, Brian Root, Katrina Light, Joseph, David Moxon, Kim Harding, Graham Tyler, Jenny and Peter Hazlewood, Frances Bonner, Antonia Loxley, Janice, Kim Kite, Hugh and Mary Beavan, Michael Eavery, Freddie Woolard, Jacque, Ashley Hanmer, Jan Buckley, Tony Gurney, Shirley Everitt, Stella Llewellyn, Pat Hughes, Doreen Mayes, Holly Donovan, Win Kenway, Freda and Ernest Jenkins, Ellen Whalley, Pam Hatherly, Owen Shepherd, Frances Dowson, Joan Collis, and those others known to us.

Those who have died & those who mourn them: Douglas Garland, Margaret Harris, Maureen Watkins, Nick Leaning.

COLLECT & READINGS (Palm Sunday)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience
and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Isaiah 50.4-9a (Old Testament, p707)

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—awakens my ear to
listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has
opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn
backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and
my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not
hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been
disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I
know that I shall not be put to shame; he who
vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let
us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let
them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out
like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Psalms 31.9-16 (Old Testament, p536)

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.
For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.

I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbours,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.
I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.
For I hear the whispering of many—
terror all around!—

as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

But I trust in you, O Lord;
I say, 'You are my God.'
My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and
persecutors.
Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

Philippians 2.5-11 (New Testament, p211)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard
equality with God as something to be exploited, but
emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born
in human likeness. And being found in human form, he
humbled himself and became obedient to the point of
death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the
name that is above every name, so that at the name of
Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth
and under the earth, and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the
Father.

Luke 19.28-40 (New Testament p88)

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to
Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the
place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the
disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and
as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has
never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone
asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The
Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and
found it as he had told them. As they were untying the
colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the
colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought
it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt,
they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept
spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now
approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise
God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of
power that they had seen, saying,
'Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!'
Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,
'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I
tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout
out.'

Congregational Reading of The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

See booklet.