

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 Junior Church and Baptism of Elis Beattie**
(194, 206, 207, 204, 456, 475, Webster Mass)
5:30pm **Eucharist for Wholeness and Healing**

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 27th - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

MONDAY – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Meridional: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

7:00pm Eucharist.

7:45pm PCC Meeting.

TUESDAY - we pray for staff and residents at Cheviot Nursing Home.

WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the Parish of Shrub End (All Saints with St Cedd).

9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall.

10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee.

11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall.

THURSDAY - we pray for the Coptic Church.

8:00am Eucharist.

FRIDAY - we pray for all who work in our Fire Service.

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of Elanore Road and Sheridan Walk.

8:30am Men's Breakfast

Services next Sunday:

4th May – 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00am BCP Holy Communion

9:45am All-Age Parish Eucharist

NEWS AND EVENTS

Men's Breakfast takes place next Saturday, May 3rd, in the Nicholls Room. Contact David Watkins

davidw@stleonardslexden.org.uk

VE80 - We will be holding a service to celebrate 80 years of peace since the end of World War II in Europe at 3pm on Sunday 11th May. This will be followed by a tea party. If you would like to attend the tea please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church or via the Parish Administrator - call 01206 575565 or email admin@stleonardslexden.org.uk

SLYC is back! Fun for Year 4 children and above featuring the ever popular Tuck Shop! Sunday 11th May, from 3-5pm in the church hall. Email to let us know that you are coming to:

juniorchurch@stleonardslexden.org.uk

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.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of **Maureen Watkins** will take place at 4:15pm on Friday 9th May at St Leonard's. All welcome, no dress code, please feel free to wear whatever you are comfortable in.

Summer Fayre – this year's summer fayre will take place on Saturday 28th June, please save the date in your diaries. We are looking for people to have an advertising board in their gardens to help advertise the Fete, please speak to Nick if you are able to help.

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, Jacquie, 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: Maureen Watkins, Nick Leaning, Mick Lavelle.

COLLECT & READINGS (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and
wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Acts 5.27–32 (New Testament, p131)

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Psalms 150 (Old Testament, p622)

Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!.

Revelation 1.4–8 (New Testament, p265)

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was
and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are
before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful

witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the
kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his
blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his
God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever
and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God,
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 20.19-31 (new Testament p123)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the
week, and the doors of the house where the disciples
had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came
and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'
After he said this, he showed them his hands and his
side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the
Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As
the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had
said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any,
they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any,
they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the
twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the
other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But
he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in
his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and
my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and
Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut,
Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be
with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger
here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it
in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas
answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him,
'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed
are those who have not seen and yet have come to
believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his
disciples, which are not written in this book. But these
are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus
is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through
believing you may have life in his name.