

**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 Junior Church**

(564, 236, 747, 785, 118, Lent Prose, 805, Addington Mass)

3:00pm **Messy Last Supper**

### PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

**SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup>** - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

**MONDAY** – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Masindi-Kitara: The Church of the Province of Uganda.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

**TUESDAY** - we pray for staff and pupils at Home Farm Primary School.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

10:00am Brick Club in the Hall.

**WEDNESDAY** – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the City Centre Parishes; St Peter, PIC Revd Mark Wallace and St Botolph, PIC Revd Chris Smith.

10:00am Eucharist with followed by coffee.

11:00am Lent Course – Hearing God in Poetry.

7:00pm Lent Course – Hearing God in Poetry.

**THURSDAY** - we pray for the Anglican Communion.

8:00am Eucharist.

**FRIDAY** - we pray for all who work in local industries.

**SATURDAY** - we pray for the residents of Cooks Lane and Scott Drive.

### Services next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday

9:45am Parish Eucharist with Procession of Palms

5:30pm Journey to the Cross

### NEWS AND EVENTS

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

**Many thanks** to Peter and his team for the beautiful posies which were handed out at our Mothering Day service last week.

**Church Spring Clean** – thank you to everyone who helped with the spring clean last week. It is wonderful to see our Church looking so beautiful as we prepare to celebrate Easter. **Julie.**

**Brick Club is back!** Tuesdays 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April in the Hall. 10am – 12 noon. Just turn up and build! Free of charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**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 final session of our **Lent Course** which this year is called **Hearing God in Poetry**, takes place in the Nicholls Room at 11:00am and 7:00pm on Wednesday. We look forward to welcoming you.

**Journey to the Cross** – Please join us at 5:30pm on Palm Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, to enjoy readings from the Gospels with music reflecting on Jesus's journey to the cross.

**Revision of the Church Electoral Roll 2025:** Our Electoral Roll is to be completely revised before this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> April.

**Summer Fayre** – this year's summer fayre will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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, 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, Nick Leaning, 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

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## **COLLECT & READINGS (Passion Sunday)**

### **Collect**

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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**

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Isaiah 43.16–21 (Old Testament, p699)**

Thus says the Lord,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honour me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

### **Psalms 126 (Old Testament, p601)**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations,  
'The Lord has done great things for them.'  
The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.  
Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.

### **Philippians 3.4b–14 (New Testament p212)**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh,  
I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a  
member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of  
Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law,  
a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as  
to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to  
regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I  
regard everything as loss because of the surpassing  
value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I  
have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them  
as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be  
found in him, not having a righteousness of my own  
that comes from the law, but one that comes  
through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God  
based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power  
of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by  
becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may  
attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already  
reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own,  
because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I  
do not consider that I have made it my own; but this  
one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and  
straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on  
towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of  
God in Christ Jesus.

### **John 12.1–8 (New Testament p113)**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany,  
the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the  
dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha  
served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table  
with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made  
of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them  
with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance  
of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples  
(the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why  
was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii  
and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not  
because he cared about the poor, but because he was  
a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal  
what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She  
bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my  
burial. You always have the poor with you, but you  
do not always have me.'