

**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**  
 (506, 321, 510, 437, 772, 487, Thorne Mass)

### PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup>** - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

**MONDAY** – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Nasik: The Church of North India (United).

8:45am Morning Prayer.

**TUESDAY** - we pray for staff and residents at Woodlands Residential Home.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

11:30am Holy Communion at Cheviot.

7:30pm Medley House Group.

**WEDNESDAY** – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the Parish of Berechurch (St Margaret with St Michael) Priest in Charge Revd Anna Davis and Curate Revd Belinda Kerins.

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

10:00am Eucharist followed by coffee.

10:45am Holy Communion at Woodlands.

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

**THURSDAY** - we pray for Religious Communities.

8:00am Eucharist.

**FRIDAY** - we pray for all who work in the holiday and tourist industries..

11:15am Kingswode Hoe Coffee and Cake.

2:30pm Funeral of Colin Hazell RIP.

**SATURDAY** - we pray for the residents of Herrick Place and The Chase.

8:30am Men's Breakfast.

#### Services next Sunday:

**6<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8:00am BCP Holy Communion

9:45am All-Age Parish Eucharist

12:00pm Parish Picnic at Spring Lane Park

### NEWS AND EVENTS

**Matt** – as previously announced, Matt will be leaving St Leonard's in July to take up ministry in Clacton and Jaywick. His last service here will be at 9:45am on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July and his licensing in his new parish will take place at **7:00pm** on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September – please note change of time.

As part of their work-related scheme, **Kingswode Hoe School** are hosting a coffee and cake events at St Leonard's on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 11:15am. Please come along to support these young people if you can.

Next **Medley House Group** is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 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, 07954-138674.

**Colin Hazell's** funeral will take place at St Leonard's at 2:30pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

**Men's Breakfast** takes place next Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>, in the Nicholls Room. Contact Nick Allston  
[nick@stleonardslexden.org.uk](mailto:nick@stleonardslexden.org.uk)

**Parish Picnic** – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 12:00pm. Bring your food and friends and enjoy a relaxing picnic at the Spring Lane Park. Fun activities for children and adults alike.

**Coffee Morning** – We will be holding a coffee morning in Church at 10:30am on Saturday of 12<sup>th</sup> July to raise funds for the St Helena Hospice and Royal Marsden Hospital Charities. If you are able to help in any way, either on the day or by donating a cake, please let us know. **Esther & Julie.**

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 Communion to you in your pew, just let a steward or warden know.

### Among those for whom we pray are:

Margaret Smith, Yvonne Romain, Sally Christie, 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, Jan Buckley, Tony Gurney, Shirley Everitt, Stella Llewellyn, Pat Hughes, Doreen Mayes, Holly Donovan, 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: Colin Hazell, Valerie Mason**

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## COLLECT & READINGS (Peter and Paul)

### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul  
glorified you in their death as in their life:  
grant that your Church,  
inspired by their teaching and example,  
and made one by your Spirit,  
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,  
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

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Zechariah 4.1–6a, 10b–14 (Old Testament, p916)

The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. He said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.' I said to the angel who talked with me, 'What are these, my lord?' Then the angel who talked with me answered me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.'

He said to me, 'These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth.' Then I said to him, 'What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?' And a second time I said to him, 'What are these two branches of the olive trees, which pour out the oil through the two golden pipes?' He said to me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.'

### Psalms 125 (Old Testament, p601)

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides for ever.  
As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the Lord surrounds his people,  
from this time on and for evermore.  
For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest  
on the land allotted to the righteous,  
so that the righteous may not stretch out  
their hands to do wrong.  
Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,  
and to those who are upright in their hearts.  
But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways  
the Lord will lead away with evildoers.  
Peace be upon Israel!

### Acts 12.1–11 (New Testament, p140)

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

### Matthew 16.13–19 (New Testament p19)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'