

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 **All-Age Parish Eucharist**
 (357, 644, 663, 152, 787, 532)

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 3rd - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

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

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

10:00am Brick Club in the hall.

11:30am Holy Communion at Cheviot.

7:30pm Medley House Group.

WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the Parish of Christchurch, PIC Revd Chris Smith and Curate Revd Emma Smith.

10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee.

10:45am Holy Communion at Woodlands.

THURSDAY - we pray for the Society of Friends.
8:00am Eucharist.

FRIDAY - we pray for all who work in our prison service.

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents Keats Road and Whitefriars Way.

Services next Sunday:

10th August – 8th Sunday after Trinity

9:45am Parish Eucharist

NEWS AND EVENTS

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

Prayer Ministry is available at the 9:45am services. If you would like someone to pray with you or for you please go to the Lady Chapel following the service.

Next **Medley House Group** is on Tuesday 5th August 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.

The Parish Office is closed until 11th August as I am on holiday. If you have any urgent requests please speak to Nick Allston in the first instance. I return on Monday 11th August. **Esther**

Our 9.45am service is usually live-streamed each Sunday to include those who are unable to join with us in person. It is filmed from the balcony, and the chancel and the front five rows of the nave are visible during broadcast. If you do not wish to be on camera, please sit behind this area. We are happy to provide Holy Communion to you in your pew, just let a steward or warden know & we will bring it to you.

Among those for whom we pray are:

Phyll Wood, 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: Janet Birtles

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COLLECT & READINGS (The Transfiguration)

Collect

Father in heaven,
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at
Jerusalem:
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and
save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Daniel 7.9, 10, 13, 14 (Old Testament, p860)

As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousand served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending
him.
The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened. As I watched in the
night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Psalms 97 (Old Testament, p580)

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his
throne.
Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.

His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.
All worshippers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements, O God.
For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

2 Peter 1.16–19 (New Testament, p254)

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we
made known to you the power and coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his
majesty. For he received honour and glory from God
the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the
Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this
voice come from heaven, while we were with him on
the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully
confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to
a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and
the morning star rises in your hearts.

Luke 9.28–36 (New Testament p74)

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took
with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the
mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the
appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became
dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and
Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were
speaking of his departure, which he was about to
accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his
companions were weighed down with sleep; but since
they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two
men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him,
Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here;
let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for
Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said.
While he was saying this, a cloud came and
overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they
entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice
that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'
When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.
And they kept silent and in those days told no one any
of the things they had seen.