

**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**

(365, 258, 453, 642, 451, 584, David Thorne Mass Setting)

### PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup>** - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

**MONDAY** – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Newcastle (England): The Church of England.  
8:45am Morning Prayer.

**TUESDAY** - we pray for staff and residents at Woodland Drive Care Home.  
8:45am Morning Prayer.

**WEDNESDAY** – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the Parish of St John the Evangelist Priest Revd Paul Dever and Associate Priest Revd Viv Whitfield.  
10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee.  
7:00pm Bible Study Group.

**THURSDAY** - we pray for the Lutheran Church.  
8:00am Eucharist.

**FRIDAY** - we pray for all who work in the computer industry.

**SATURDAY** - we pray for the residents of Hurnard Drive and Trafalgar Road.

#### Services next Sunday:

**27<sup>th</sup> July – James the Apostle**

9:45am Parish Eucharist

5:30pm Eucharist for Wholeness and Healing

### 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 is today at 9:45am, 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.

**The flowers today** are donated by Richard Peile, to celebrate the 35th (Coral) anniversary of his marriage to Anne.

**Thank you** to everyone who supported the coffee morning last weekend. We raised a total of £496.20 which will be split between the St Helena Hospice and Royal Marsden Hospital charities.

The next **Bible Study group** takes place on Wednesday **23<sup>rd</sup> July** at 7:00pm - please note the change of date. David has kindly agreed to host in his beautiful garden at 118 St Johns Road, CO4 0JH. All welcome. Any queries contact Maggie on: [maggiew234@gmail.com](mailto:maggiew234@gmail.com)

**Brick Club is back!** Tuesdays from July 29<sup>th</sup> in the Hall. 10am – 12 noon. Just turn up and build! Free of charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Advance Notice** – the Parish Office will be closed from 28<sup>th</sup> July – 11<sup>th</sup> August as I am on holiday. If you have anything for the notices during that period please let me have details by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Thanks, Esther

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:

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: Valerie Mason**

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## **COLLECT & READINGS (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful  
people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Genesis 18.1–10a (Old Testament, p14)**

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

### **Psalms 15 (Old Testament, p525)**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
O Lord, who may abide in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;  
who do not slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;

in whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
but who honour those who fear the Lord;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;  
who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved..

### **Colossians 1.15–28 (New Testament, p214)**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

### **Luke 10.38–end (New Testament p77)**

Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'