

**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**  
 (721, 595, 621, 193, 104, 477)

### 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 Nebraska: The Episcopal Church.  
8:45am Morning Prayer.

**TUESDAY** - we pray for staff and residents at Hargood Close.  
8:45am Morning Prayer.

**WEDNESDAY** – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the Parish of Greenstead (St Andrew, St Matthew & St Anne's) Team Vicar Revd Sue Howlett, Associate Priest Revd Phillip Howlett and Curate Revd Sam Lees.  
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 Christian Churches of India, Pakistan & Bangladesh.  
8:00am Eucharist.

**FRIDAY** - we pray for all who are unemployed at this time.

**SATURDAY** - we pray for the residents of Hubert Road and The Chase Way.  
10:30am Coffee Morning for Royal Marsden & St Helena Hospice.

#### Services next Sunday: 13<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

9:45am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church and  
 Baptism of Amelia Ives  
 12:00pm Baptism of Reeva Millard  
 5:30pm Evensong & Sermon

### 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.

**Parish Picnic** – TODAY 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 next Saturday, 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.**

The next **Women's Breakfast** is on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July in the Church. We will be welcoming Jean Fitcher from U3A who will be talking to us about what they offer. Contact [maggie@stleonardslexden.org.uk](mailto:maggie@stleonardslexden.org.uk) for more details.

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)

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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity)

### Collect

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
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

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### Isaiah 66.10–14 (Old Testament, p723)

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;  
rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—  
that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast;  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the Lord:  
I will extend prosperity to her like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,  
and dandled on her knees.  
As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.  
You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;  
and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his  
servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

### Psalms 66.1–8 (Old Testament, p558)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise.  
Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before  
you.  
All the earth worships you;  
they sing praises to you,  
sing praises to your name.' Selah

Come and see what God has done:  
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.  
He turned the sea into dry land;  
they passed through the river on foot.  
There we rejoiced in him,  
who rules by his might for ever,  
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—  
let the rebellious not exalt themselves. Selah

8 Bless our God, O peoples,  
let the sound of his praise be heard.

### Galatians 6.1–16 (New Testament, p204)

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

### Luke 10.1–11, 16–20 (New Testament p75)

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'