

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 **All-Age Parish Eucharist with Junior Church**
(671, 664, 794, 451, 628, 766, New People's Mass)

5:30pm **Evensong with Sermon**
(800, 698, 772, 22, Psalm 150)

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 14th - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

MONDAY – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Omu-Aran: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

8:45am Morning Prayer.

7:00pm PCC Meeting with Bishop Roger

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 City Centre Parishes of St Peter PIC Revd Mark Wallace and St Botolph PIC Revd Chris Smith.

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

10:00am Eucharist followed by coffee.

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

7:00pm Bible Study.

THURSDAY - we pray for the Junior Church team.

8:00am Eucharist.

FRIDAY - we pray for all who work in the arts.

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of Baines Close and Lexden Park.

8:30pm Women's Breakfast.

Services next Sunday:

21st September – Matthew the Apostle

8:00am BCP Holy Communion

9:45am Parish Eucharist

3:00pm Messy Senses

NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

Vacancy Prayer – please take a copy of the prayer written by Sarah asking for God's guidance in this time of vacancy.

The next **Bible Study group** takes place at 7:00pm. Chris Andrews has kindly agreed to host at 108 Lexden Road – pink cottage next to the church. Please go round the back. All welcome. Any queries contact Maggie on: maggiew234@gmail.com

The next Women's Breakfast is on Saturday 20th September in the Church. Contact maggie@stleonardslexden.org.uk for details.

Our next **Messy Church** takes place at 3pm on Sunday 21st September and is sure to be great fun with a Messy Senses theme. Free activities and crafts, food and fun! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Email to let us know that you are coming to: juniorchurch@stleonardslexden.org.uk

Confirmation - we are delighted that 4 candidates from St Leonard's are to be presented for confirmation in a service in St Luke's, Tiptree on Wednesday 24th September. Please pray for Henry, Isaac, Ysanne and James as they prepare for this important step on their Christian journey.

At a "LOOSE END"? Just drop in to our "pop-up" cafe on the last Thursday of every month starting on 25th September @ 2:00pm

Songs of Praise and Harvest Supper – As part of our Harvest celebrations we will be holding a Songs of Praise and Harvest Supper from 3:00pm on Sunday 5th October. Please nominate a favourite hymn by filling in and returning a request at the back of Church by Wednesday 17th Sept. You can sign up for the supper on the sheet at the back of Church, tickets are £7.50 for adults and £5.00 for children and will be available after the 9:45am service.

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:

Ann and Paul Redfern, Phyll Wood, Margaret Smith, Sally Christie, Jane Scott-Thompson, Angela Sargent, 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, 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: Stephanie Howgego

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COLLECT & READINGS (13th Sunday after Trinity)

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to
yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Exodus 32.7-14 (Old Testament p84)

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ' And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalms 51.1-11 (Old Testament, p550)

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out my offences.
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
So that you are justified in your sentence
and righteous in your judgement.
I have been wicked even from my birth,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
Behold, you desire truth deep within me
and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart.
Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
Turn your face from my sins
and blot out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

1 Timothy 1.12-17 (New Testament, p223)

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 15.1-10 (New Testament p83)

All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near Jesus to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'