

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 and Baptism of Elsie Grace Whiteman
 (638, 379, 667, 657, 575, 742, St Thomas Mass)
5:30pm Eucharist for Wholeness and Healing

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 28th - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

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

8:45am Morning Prayer.

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

8:45am Morning Prayer.

WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the Parish of Myland (St Michael) Associate Priest Revd Hazel Greenland.

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 the Methodist Church.

8:00am Eucharist.

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

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of Beaver Close and Lockhart Avenue.

8:30am Men's Breakfast

10:30am McMillan Coffee Morning

Services next Sunday:

5th October – Harvest

8:00am BCP Holy Communion

9:45am All-Age Parish Eucharist for Harvest

3:00pm Songs of Praise and Harvest Supper

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.

A message from Matt - Dear People of St Leonard's, A note to thank you sincerely for the wonderful send off you gave us, for your generous gifts and your much appreciated support as our new ministry began in Clacton-on-Sea and Jaywick. Thank you also for the correspondence many people have sent us - it means a great deal. We give thanks for all we shared together, and will continue to pray for the good of Parish of Lexden and its people. Yours in Christ, Matt, Sian, Martha + Jim

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

Next Medley House Group is at 7:30pm on Tuesday 7th October at the home of Rosemary Elden, 20 Wordsworth Road. New members will be very welcome. Speak to Rosemary for more details, 07954-138674.

Men's Breakfast returns on Saturday, October 4th in the Nicholls Room.

We will be holding our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on Saturday 4th October at 10:30am in Church. Please come along to support a great cause and to have a look at the beautiful Harvest decorations.

At our Harvest Festival service on Sunday October 5th, items will be collected to donate to Colchester Foodbank. Please take a list of suitable items and only donate items that are unopened and in date.

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. 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.

Domestic Abuse Training – Maggie has arranged for some training on domestic abuse awareness at 7pm on Wednesday 8th October in Church. The session is open to everyone so please come along and learn more about how to spot the signs and where to get help.

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, Pam Hatherly, Owen Shepherd, Frances Dowson, Joan Collis, and those others known to us.

Those who have died & those who mourn them: Stephanie Howgego, Ellen Whalley

COLLECT & READINGS (15th Sunday after Trinity)

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amos 6.1a, 4–7 (Old Testament p887)

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria!
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalms 146 (Old Testament, p610)

Alleluia.
Praise the Lord, O my soul:
while I live will I praise the Lord;
as long as I have any being,
I will sing praises to my God.
Put not your trust in princes,
nor in any human power,
for there is no help in them.
When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth;
on that day all their thoughts perish.
Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
Who made heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;
Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong
and bread to those who hunger.
The Lord looses those that are bound;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous;
The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;
he upholds the orphan and widow;
but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.
The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Alleluia..

I Timothy 6.6–19 (New Testament, p226)

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16.19–31 (New Testament p85)

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”’