

**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 with Baptism of Wai Hei Pang**

(748, 630, 445, 510, 747, 484, New People's Mass)

### PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup>** - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

**MONDAY** – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Okinawa: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.  
8:45am Morning Prayer.

**TUESDAY** - we pray for staff and residents New Hythe.  
8:45am Morning Prayer.  
7:30pm Medley House Group.

**WEDNESDAY** – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the University of Essex (Colchester campus).  
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 the Coptic Church.  
8:00am Eucharist.

**FRIDAY** - we pray for factory workers.

**SATURDAY** - we pray for the residents of Back Lane and Lexden Mews.  
12:30pm Friendship Lunch.

#### Services next Sunday:

**14<sup>th</sup> September – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9:45am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church  
5:30pm Evensong and Sermon

### 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.

Next **Medley House Group** is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 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.

**Friendship Lunch** is back this Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church or via the Parish Administrator - call 01206 575565 or email [admin@stleonardslexden.org.uk](mailto:admin@stleonardslexden.org.uk)

The next **Bible Study group** takes place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 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](mailto:maggiew234@gmail.com)

Our next **Messy Church** takes place at 3pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:juniorchurch@stleonardslexden.org.uk)

**At a "LOOSE END"?** Just drop in to our "pop-up" cafe on the last Thursday of every month starting on 25<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> October. Please nominate a favourite hymn by filling in and returning a request at the back of Church by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 from 14<sup>th</sup> September.

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, Yvonne Romain, 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 (12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things

which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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 of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Deuteronomy 30.15–20 (Old Testament p200)

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

### Psalms 1 (Old Testament, p519)

Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.  
They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

### Philemon 1–21 (New Testament, p232)

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

### Luke 14.25–33 (New Testament p83)

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'