

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 some 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**
 (312, 308, 683, 358, 300, 296)
 5:30pm **Annual Memorial Service**
 (799, 669, 747, 721)

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 2nd - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

MONDAY – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Portsmouth: The Church of England.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

TUESDAY - we pray for residents and staff at New Hythe.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

11:30am Holy Communion at Cheviot.

7:30pm Medley House Group.

WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the Parishes of Langham (St Mary) with Boxted (St Peter), Great Horkesley (All Saints & St John's) and West Bergholt (St Mary the Virgin) PIC Revd Heather Wilcox and Associate Priest Revd Anne Mason

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 all Evangelical Churches.

8:00am Eucharist.

FRIDAY - we pray for all working in our hospitals..

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of Burns Avenue and Mellor Chase.

12:00pm Friendship Lunch.

Services next Sunday

9th November – Remembrance Sunday

9:45am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church

10:55am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial

5:30pm Evensong & 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.

The flowers today are donated by John Hudson to remember Jean.

St Leonard's annual Memorial Service will be held this afternoon at 5.30pm. Please join us in remembering our loved ones.

Magazine – copies of the latest magazine are now available in print or online at <https://www.stleonardslexden.org.uk/magazines/>

Medley House Group is on Tuesday 4th November 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,

Our next **Friendship Lunch** is on Saturday 8th November. 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

The next **Women's Breakfast** is on 15th November in the Church. Contact Maggie on maggie@stleonardslexden.org.uk

Leaflets and Shoe Boxes for **Operation Christmas Child** are available at the back of Church. Please read the instructions carefully and note that the last date for return to Church is Sunday 16th November. Please speak to Tom & Kathleen Scrimgeour if you have any questions.

The next **Bible Study group** takes place on Wednesday 19th November at 7:00pm at Maggie's home.

Come and be Creative! We are holding a Craft & Wine evening on Monday 24th November at 7:30pm in Church. Come & create some lovely Christmas crafts. Cost £10, refreshments will be provided. Sign up at the back of Church, tickets will be on sale after the 9:45am service.

What is God calling you to do? You are invited to a morning to hear, discuss, explore and ponder what God is calling you to do. This Saturday 8th November at Marks Tey Church Hall, CO6 1LW.

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

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, 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

COLLECT & READINGS (All Saints)

Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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 of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Daniel 7.1–3, 15–18 (Old Testament, p859)

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.'

Psalms 149 (Old Testament, p612)

Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.
Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,
to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,
to execute on them the judgement decreed.
This is glory for all his faithful ones.
Praise the Lord!

Ephesians 1.11–23 (New Testament p205)

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Luke 6.20-31 (New Testament p68)

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.
'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.