

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 **Parish Eucharist**

(818, 360, 646, 655, 456, 237, St Thomas)

12:00pm **Baptism of Theodore & Isobella Knight**

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 16th - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

MONDAY – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Recife: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.
8:45am Morning Prayer.

TUESDAY - we pray for residents and pupils at Home Farm Primary School.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

10:30am Funeral of Stephanie Howgego RIP.

WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the Parish of Stanway (St Albright).

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

10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee.

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

7:00pm House Group at Revd Maggie's home.

THURSDAY - we pray for the Christian Churches of India, Pakistan & Bangladesh.

8:00am Eucharist.

6:30pm Eucharist.

7:00pm PCC Meeting.

FRIDAY - we pray for our Civil Service.

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of Cadenhouse Mews and Mossfield Place.

Services next Sunday

23rd November – Christ the King

9:45am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church

3:00pm SYLC in the hall

5:30pm Eucharist for Wholeness and Healing

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.

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 TODAY 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.

SLYC is back! Fun for Year 4 children and above featuring the ever popular Tuck Shop! Sunday 23rd November, from 3-5pm in the church hall. Email to let us know that you are coming to: juniorchurch@stleonardslexden.org.uk

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.

Christmas Market – this year's Christmas Market takes place on Saturday 29th November. Please start collecting suitable donations. Donations can be brought to the hall on Friday 28th November from 10:00am.

The **Children's Society Box Opening** takes place on Sunday 30th November after the 9:45am service. Cake will be available!

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 (2nd Sunday before Advent)

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Malachi 4.1–2a (Old Testament, p927)

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Psalms 98 (Old Testament, p581)

○ sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.
The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

2 Thessalonians 3.6–13 (New Testament p222)

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21.5–19 (New Testament p90)

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.