

**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

9:45am **Parish Eucharist with Junior Church**  
(104, 107, 99, 109, 332, 227, Webster Mass)  
5:30pm **Evensong and Sermon**  
(103, 46, 109, 16, Psalms 46 & 47)

### PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

**SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup>** - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

**MONDAY** – in the Anglican Communion we pray The Diocese of Sodor and Man: The Church of England.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

6:30pm Eucharist.

7:00pm PCC Meeting.

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

8:45am Morning Prayer.

**WEDNESDAY** – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the Parish of Christchurch, PIC Revd Chris Smith and Curate Revd Emma Smith.

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 Salvation Army.

8:00am Eucharist

**FRIDAY** - we pray for all who work in our Ambulance service.

**SATURDAY** - we pray for the residents of Collingwood Road and President Road.

8:30am Women's Breakfast.

#### Services next Sunday

**18<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

8:00am BCP Holy Communion

9:45am Parish Eucharist

### 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.

**Repairs to Nave Roof** – Work on replacing the roof tiles is planned to begin on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January and is likely to take around 16 weeks to complete. There will be no impact on services as the Church will be open throughout the works but please take extra care around the Churchyard.

The next **Women's Breakfast** is on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January in the Church. Contact [maggie@stleonardslexden.org.uk](mailto:maggie@stleonardslexden.org.uk) for more details.

**Church Fundraising** – Mike is setting up a Fundraising Committee to look at how we can raise money for Church funds. He is holding the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting at 7pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January in the Nicholls Room. If you can help with this very important work please speak to Mike or just turn up on the night.

The next **Bible Study** group takes place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7pm. Any queries contact Maggie on: [maggiew234@gmail.com](mailto:maggiew234@gmail.com)

**Digital Services** – There are still a few places left for the digital skills sessions which start at 2pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January. There will be 8 sessions covering subjects such as how to use your smart device, using apps, online safety and many more. These sessions are completely free, if you think you may be interested in attending please speak to Esther who can give you more details.

This year's **Christingle Service** will be on Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:45am. This will be an All-Age service. As in previous years, St. Leonard's is supporting the work of The Children's Society at this service, please pick up a collecting box and return at the service.

Our 9.45am service is usually live-streamed to include those who are unable to join with us. 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 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:

Fiona Hunt, Robert Messinger, Ann and Paul Redfern, Phyll Wood, Margaret Smith, Angela Sargent, 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: James Blythe**

## COLLECT & READINGS (The Baptism of Christ)

### **Collect**

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
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**

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

### **Isaiah 42.1–9 (Old Testament, p697)**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

### **Psalms 29 (Old Testament, p534)**

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendour.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.  
May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

### **Acts 10.34–43 (New Testament p138)**

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### **Matthew 3.13–end (New Testament p2)**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'