



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.

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 18th - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

MONDAY – in the Anglican Communion we pray The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain: (Extra Provincial).

8:45am Morning Prayer.

2:00pm Digital Skills Course.

7:00pm Fundraising Meeting.

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 New Town & Hythe (St Stephen's) Priest in Charge Revd Anna Davis and Curate Revd Belinda Kerins.

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

10:00am Eucharist followed by coffee.

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

7:00pm Bible Study.

THURSDAY - we pray for the Church Army.

8:00am Eucharist

FRIDAY - we pray for all who work in our universities and colleges.

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of Colvin Close and Prettygate Road.

Services next Sunday

25th January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

9:45am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church

5:30pm Eucharist for Wholeness & Healing

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICES

8:00am **BCP Holy Communion**

9:45am **Parish Eucharist**

(494, 603, 621, 427, 602, 593, Webster Mass)

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 19th 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.

Church Fundraising – Mike is setting up a Fundraising Committee to look at how we can raise money for Church funds. He is holding the 1st meeting at 7pm tomorrow 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 21st January at 7pm. Any queries contact Maggie on: maggiew234@gmail.com

Digital Services – There are still a few places left for the digital skills sessions which start at 2pm tomorrow. 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.

At a “LOOSE END”? Just drop in to our “pop-up” cafe on Thursday 29th January @ 2:00pm.

St Leonard's is acting as a collection point for donations to the **Winter Warmers** project. If you have any unwanted items please bring to Church by Tuesday 20th – see posters for details.

This year's **Christingle Service** will be on Sunday February 1st 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 only the chancel area is visible during broadcast. The camera will be turned away during the giving of communion to avoid members of the congregation being visible. We are happy to provide Communion to you in your pew, just let a steward or warden know.

Among those for whom we pray are:

Simon Eavery, 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 (2nd Sunday of Epiphany)

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and
in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 49.1-7 (Old Testament, p705)

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—
he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Psalm 40.1-12 (Old Testament, p543)

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.
Happy are those who make
the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.
You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;
none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,

but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt-offering and sin-offering

you have not required.

Then I said, 'Here I am;

in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

I delight to do your will, O my God;

your law is within my heart.'

I have told the glad news of deliverance

in the great congregation;

see, I have not restrained my lips,

as you know, O Lord.

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.

Do not, O Lord, withhold

your mercy from me;

let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe for ever.

For evils have encompassed me

without number;

my iniquities have overtaken me,

until I cannot see;

they are more than the hairs of my head,

and my heart fails me.

I Corinthians 1.1-9 (New Testament p177)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1.29-42 (New Testament p98)

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).