

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**

(2, 279, 422, 281, 134, 603 New People's Mass)

3:00pm **Messy Pancakes**

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 15th - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

MONDAY – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Tennessee: The Episcopal Church.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

2:00pm Digital Skills Course.

SHROVE TUESDAY - we pray for staff and residents at Hargood Close.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

10:00am Brick Club in the hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for University of Essex (Colchester Campus).

10.00am Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.

7:30pm Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

THURSDAY - we pray for the Methodist Church.

8:00am Eucharist.

FRIDAY - we pray for all who work in the car industry.

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents Elianore Road and Sanders Drive.

8:30am Women's Breakfast.

Services next Sunday

22nd February – 1st Sunday of Lent

9:45am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church

5:30pm Eucharist for Wholeness & 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.

Christingle – thank you to everyone who supported the Christingle service which raised £315.61 for the Children's Society.

Messy Pancakes takes place this afternoon at 3:00pm. 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.

Brick Club is back! Tuesday 17th February in the Hall. 10am – 12 noon. Just turn up and build! Free of charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Ash Wednesday Services - There will be two services with Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, 18th February, at 10:00am & 7:30pm.

The next **Women's Breakfast** is on Saturday 20th February in the Church. Contact Maggie@stleonardslexden.org.uk for details.

Our **Lent Course** this year is called Dancing to the Heartbeat of God. Sessions take place in the Nicholls Room at 11:00am and 7:00pm on Wednesday's 25th February and 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th March. We look forward to welcoming you.

Our **Church Spring Quiz** takes place on Friday March 13th starting at 7:00pm in the Church Hall. Further details to follow.

Liz Adams would be glad of any LARGE glass jars (e.g. empty Coffee jars) you can spare to use in flower arrangements. Please bring to Church and she will collect.

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:

Chris Andrews, Margaret Cox, Simon Eavery, Fiona Hunt, Robert Messinger, Eddie Allston. Margaret Smith, Angela Sargent, Dick Verrier, Richard, 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: Patricia Thomas

COLLECT & READINGS (Sunday next before Lent

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Exodus 24.12–end (Old Testament, p1)

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

2 Peter 1.16–end (New Testament p168)

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had

been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 17.1–9 (New Testament p6)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'