

**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**  
 (706, 650, 42, 236, 575, 532, New People's Mass)  
 12:00pm **Day of Prayer for Roof Project**  
 5:30pm **Evensong with Sermon**  
 (710, 676, 764, 601, Psalm 148)

### PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup>** - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

**MONDAY** – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of South West Tanganyika.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

2:00pm Digital Skills Course.

**TUESDAY** - we pray for staff and residents at Woodlands care Home.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

**WEDNESDAY** – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for all Hospice Chaplains Spiritual Lead: Tim Leeson.

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 Colchester Debt Centre.

8:00am Eucharist.

9:30am Deanery Chapter in Church.

**FRIDAY** - we pray for all who work in our legal profession.

**SATURDAY** - we pray for the residents of Deburgh Road and Round Close.

12:00pm Friendship Lunch.

#### Services next Sunday

**15<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday next before Lent**

8:00am BCP Holy Communion

9:45am Parish Eucharist

3:00pm Messy Pancakes

### 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.

**Friendship Lunch** is back next Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February. 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](mailto:admin@stleonardslexden.org.uk)

**Messy Pancakes** takes place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 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](mailto:juniorchurch@stleonardslexden.org.uk).

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

The next **Women's Breakfast** is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February in the Church. Contact [maggie@stleonardslexden.org.uk](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March. We look forward to welcoming you.

Our **Church Spring Quiz** takes place on Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

Mandy Allston will be selling raffle tickets after the 9:45am service in aid of **Brain Cancer Research**, £1 a ticket.

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, 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent)

### Collect

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Genesis 1.1-2.3 (Old Testament, p1)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of

every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation

### Romans 8.18.25 (New Testament p168)

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

### Matthew 6.25-34 (New Testament p6)

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'