

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 Procession of Palms**
(159, 160, 161, 164, 811, 489, 142, Lent Prose, 147, Addington Mass)

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 29th - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

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

8:45am Morning Prayer.

7:00pm Compline.

TUESDAY - we pray for staff & residents at Cheviot Nursing Home.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

10:00am Brick Club in the hall.

7:00pm Compline.

WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the Area Dean Revd Erwin Lammens, Assistant Area Dean Revd Hannah Cooper and Lay Chairperson Lynne Gettings.

10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee.

7:00pm Compline.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - we pray for all religious communities.

7:30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper.

9:00pm The Watch.

GOOD FRIDAY - we pray for all who work in the holiday or tourist industry.

10:00am All Age Worship for Good Friday.

12:00pm Good Friday Meditation.

2:00pm The Liturgy of Good Friday.

HOLY SATURDAY- we pray for the residents of Halstead Road and Spring Lane South.

8:30am Parish Breakfast.

7:30pm The Easter Vigil and Blessing of the New Fire.

**Services next Sunday:
5th April – Easter Sunday**

8:00am BCP Holy Communion

9:45am Easter Eucharist and Blessing of the Easter Garden

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.

Easter Services – please take some flyers detailing all our Holy Week & Easter services to share with your friends and neighbours.

Easter Flowers – if you would like to donate towards the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion please speak to Liz Adams 01206-549521.

Brick Club is back! Tuesdays 31st March and 7th April in the Hall. 10am – 12 noon. Just turn up and build! Free of charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

If Maureen Watkins was still with us, we know that she would want to be part of the fund-raising initiative for the roof repairs. With that in mind the Women's & Men's Breakfast Groups are running a joint **Parish Breakfast on Holy Saturday**, 4th April at 8:30 a.m. Please sign up on the form at the back of the church today. Donations on the day will go to the Raise the Roof fund.

Community Barn Dance – join us in the Church hall on Saturday 11th April for live music and dancing, with caller provided by local band Ducking and Diving. Tickets £15 including refreshments. For tickets see Mandy Allston. 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:

Mick Adams, Joy Harman, Margaret Cox, Fiona Hunt, Robert Messinger, Eddie Allston. Margaret Smith, 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, 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: Angela Sargent

COLLECT & READINGS (Palm Sunday)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the
human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his
patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his
resurrection;
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

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love
you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Isaiah 50.4–9a (Old Testament, p707)

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out
the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to
shame;

he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Psalms 31.9–16 (Old Testament, p536)

Philippians 2.5–11 (New Testament p211)

Let the same mind be in you that was in
Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of
death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the
earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Congregational Reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (see booklet)