

**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**  
(763, 631, 337, 702, 141, 765, St Thomas)  
12:00pm **Baptism of Sienna Ward**

### PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup>** - we pray for the parishes of Lexden, Stanway & Shrub End.

**MONDAY** – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Akot: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

**TUESDAY** - we pray for staff and residents at Woodland Drive Care Home.

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 Colchester Debt Centre.

8:00am Eucharist.

2:00pm Pop Up Café in Church

**FRIDAY** - we pray for all agricultural workers.

10:00am Church open for Fete Preparation.

**SATURDAY** - we pray for the residents of Lexden Grove and Whitefriars Way.

11:00am Summer Fete.

#### Services next Sunday

**28<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9:45am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church

12:00pm Baptism of Rhaenyra Hagger

1:30pm Baptism of George Henshaw

3:00pm SLYC in the hall

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.

**Last week's flowers** were kindly donated by Liz and Mick Adams as they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 12th June. This week's flowers are kindly donated by Sue Lewis in memory of her parents.

**Thank you** to Sarah Orr for hosting a very enjoyable coffee morning and to everyone who supported it. £350 was raised for Church funds.

**At a "LOOSE END"?** Just drop in to our "pop-up" café this Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, @ 2:00pm

**Our Summer Fete** will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, please take a leaflet detailing a list of items we are asking for and start collecting suitable donations.

Donations of non-perishable items can be brought to Church now, perishable goods can be delivered on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June from 10:00am or on the day.

**SLYC is back!** Fun for Year 4 children and above featuring the ever popular Tuck Shop! Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June, from 3-5pm in the church hall. Email to let us know that you are coming to: juniorchurch@stleonardslexden.org

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:

Tony Cross, Eileen Moxon, Margaret Cox, Fiona Hunt, Eddie Allston. Margaret Smith, Dick Verrier, Johanne Bresch, Katrina Light, Kim Harding, Jenny and Peter Hazlewood, Frances Bonner, Antonia Loxley, Janice, Kim Kite, Hugh and Mary Beavan, Michael Eavery, Freddie Woolard, Jan Buckley, Shirley Everitt, Stella Llewellyn, Pat Hughes, Holly Donovan, Freda and Ernest Jenkins, Pam Hatherly, Frances Dowson, Joan Collis, and those others known to us.

### Those who have died & those who mourn them: Evelyn Sibley

## **COLLECT & READINGS (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

### **Collect**

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
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**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

### **Jeremiah 20.7–13 (Old Testament, p749)**

O Lord, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughing-stock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.  
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!'  
For the word of the Lord has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.  
If I say, 'I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name',  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.  
For I hear many whispering:  
'Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.  
'Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him.'  
But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.  
They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonour  
will never be forgotten.  
O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.  
Sing to the Lord;  
praise the Lord!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

### **Psalm 69.8–20 (Old Testament, p560)**

### **Romans 6.1b–11 (New Testament p166)**

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### **Matthew 10.24–39 (New Testament p11)**

Jesus said to the twelve, 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'