

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 with Baptism of Finn and Seth Percy**
(638, 652, 766, 448, 456, 484)

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 2nd - we pray for the parishes of Lexden, Stanway & Shrub End.

MONDAY – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Saint Asaph: The Church in Wales.
8:45am Morning Prayer.

TUESDAY - we pray for staff and residents at Hargood Close.
8:45am Morning Prayer.
10:00am Brick Club in the hall.
11:30am Holy Communion at Cheviot.
7:30pm Medley House Group.

WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for City Centre Parishes St Peter PIC Revd Mark Wallace and St Botolph PIC Revd Chris Smith.
10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee.
10:45am Holy Communion at Woodlands.

THURSDAY - we pray for all Evangelical Churches.
8:00am Eucharist.

FRIDAY - we pray for all those who work in our hospitals.

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of Baines Close and Magazine Farm Way.

Services next Sunday
9th August – 10th Sunday after Trinity

9:45am Parish Eucharist
5:30pm Evensong and Sermon

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.

Afternoon Tea Party – Many thanks to Liz, Mick and Amy for a lovely afternoon last Saturday. They raised an amazing £727 for Church funds.

The next **Medley House Group** is at 7:30pm on Tuesday at the home of Rosemary Elden, 20 Wordsworth Road. New members are very welcome. Speak to Rosemary for more details, 07954-138674.

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

Friendship Lunch returns on Saturday 12th September. 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

Beacon House are looking for people to join their volunteer team – for details see the poster in Church

Confirmation – we are considering running a confirmation class in the Autumn. If you are interested or have questions please speak to any of the clergy team.

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.

COLLECT & READINGS (9th Sunday after Trinity)

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and
light of your Church: open our hearts to
the riches of your grace, that we may bring
forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 55.1–5 (Old Testament, p712)

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that
which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not
satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting
covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not
know,
and nations that do not know you shall
run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy
One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Psalms 145.8–9, 15–22 (Old Testament, p610)

Romans 9.1–5 (New Testament p169)

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not
lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy
Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing
anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I
myself were accursed and cut off from
Christ for the sake of my own people, my
kindred according to the flesh. They are
Israelites, and to them belong the adoption,
the glory, the covenants, the giving of the
law, the worship, and the promises; to
them belong the patriarchs, and from them,
according to the flesh, comes the Messiah,
who is over all, God blessed for ever.
Amen.

Matthew 14.13–21 (New Testament p16)

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew
from there in a boat to a deserted place by
himself. But when the crowds heard it, they
followed him on foot from the towns.
When he went ashore, he saw a great
crowd; and he had compassion for them
and cured their sick. When it was evening,
the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a
deserted place, and the hour is now late;
send the crowds away so that they may go
into the villages and buy food for
themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need
not go away; you give them something to
eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here
but five loaves and two fish.' And he said,
'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered
the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking
the five loaves and the two fish, he looked
up to heaven, and blessed and broke the
loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and
the disciples gave them to the crowds. And
all ate and were filled; and they took up
what was left over of the broken pieces,
twelve baskets full. And those who ate
were about five thousand men, besides
women and children.