

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 **All-Age Parish Eucharist**
(532. 669, 563, 655, 728, 667)

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 5th - we pray for the parishes of Lexden, Stanway & Shrub End.

MONDAY – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Andaman and Car Nicobar Islands: The Church of North India (United).

8:45am Morning Prayer.

TUESDAY - we pray for staff and pupils at Lexden Primary School.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

11:30am Holy Communion at Cheviot.

7:30pm Medley House Group.

WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for all retired clergy.

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 Eastern Orthodox Church.

8:00am Eucharist.

FRIDAY - we pray for all commuters.

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of Lexden Park and Wroxham Close.

Services next Sunday

12th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

9:45am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church

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.

Thank you to everyone involved in the Summer Fayre last week. Despite the challenging weather, current predictions are that we have raised just over £2800 for Church funds.

Next **Medley House Group** is on Tuesday 7th July at the home of Rosemary Elden, 20 Wordsworth Road, starting at 7:30pm. New members will be very welcome. Speak to Rosemary for more details, 07954-138674.

The speaker at our next **Women's Breakfast** on Saturday 18th July will be Lesley Calder from DKMS UK; this is a charity that recruits volunteers for stem cell donation. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in this important work to join us for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. - please let Maggie know on: maggiew234@gmail.com if you would like to come along.

Our next **Bible Study evening** will be at 7:00 p.m. on 22nd July -please let Maggie know on: maggiew234@gmail.com if you would like to come along.

Garden Afternoon Tea - Saturday 25th July. I shall be at the back of the church on Sunday 5th July and again on Sunday 12th July after the 9.45am service selling tickets for the garden party I'm hosting to raise funds for the Church. There will be a menu available for people to see. **Tickets are £15 per person (cash only).** I'll also be selling raffle tickets, plus if anyone would like to donate a raffle prize that will be welcomed! Apologies - Unfortunately I haven't a disabled access into my back garden.

Regards, Liz Adams

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 (5th Sunday after Trinity)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your
faithful people, that in their vocation and
ministry they may serve you in holiness and
truth to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who
minister the gospel your countless gifts of
grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Zechariah 9.9–12 (Old Testament, p920)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud,
O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to
you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble
and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a
donkey. He will cut off the chariot from
Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and
the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall
command peace to the nations; his dominion
shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to
the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my
covenant with you, I will set your prisoners
free from the waterless pit. Return to your
stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I
declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 145 8-15 (Old Testament, p610)

Romans 7.15–25a (New Testament p167)

I do not understand my own actions. For I do
not do what I want, but I do the very thing I
hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree
that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I
that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I
know that nothing good dwells within me, that
is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I
cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want,
but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I

do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do
it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do
what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I
delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but
I see in my members another law at war with
the law of my mind, making me captive to the
law of sin that dwells in my members.
Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me
from this body of death? Thanks be to God
through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Matthew 11.16–19, 25–end (New Testament p12)

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It
is like children sitting in the market-places and
calling to one another, “We played the flute for
you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you
did not mourn.” For John came neither eating
nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”;
the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and
they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a
friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet
wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth, because you have
hidden these things from the wise and the
intelligent and have revealed them to infants;
yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All
things have been handed over to me by my
Father; and no one knows the Son except the
Father, and no one knows the Father except
the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses
to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are
carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you
will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is
easy, and my burden is light.’