

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**
(584, 634, 812, 805, 246, 506, New People's Mass)
5:30pm **Evening Prayer**

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 23rd - we pray for the parishes of Lexden, Stanway & Shrub End.

MONDAY – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Bari: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

8:45am Morning Prayer.

TUESDAY - we pray for staff and pupils at Home Farm School.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

10:00am Brick Club in the hall.

WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the Parish of Shrub End (All Saints with St Cedd)

Priest in Charge Revd Nikki Horsley.

10:00am Eucharist followed by coffee.

THURSDAY - we pray for the Presbyterian Church.

8:00am Eucharist.

2:00pm Pop-Up Afternoon Tea.

FRIDAY - we pray for all teachers and lecturers.

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of Beech Hill and Mellor Chase.

Services next Sunday

30th August – 13th Sunday after Trinity

9:45am Parish Eucharist

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.

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.

Our Pop-Up Café on Thursday 27th August will be offering Afternoon Tea. So if you're not busy why not pop-in. All welcome, 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
Donations will go to Church funds.

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:

Barbara & Beverley Senter, 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.

The Church has a card reader available for contactless payments. Please ask if you need help using it and also Gift Aid your donation if you are able to. Donations can also be made online via our website <http://www.stleonardslexden.org.uk/>

COLLECT & READINGS (12th Sunday after Trinity)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to
pray and to give more than either we desire or
deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of
your mercy, forgiving us those things of which
our conscience is afraid and giving us those good
things which we are not worthy to ask but
through the merits and mediation of 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

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to
save us: remind us of your goodness, increase
your grace within us, that our thankfulness may
grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 51.1–6 (Old Testament, p708)

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm 138 (Old Testament, p606)

Romans 12.1–8 (New Testament p172)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters,
by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as
a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship. Do not be
conformed to this world, but be transformed by
the renewing of your minds, so that you may
discern what is the will of God—what is good
and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone
among you not to think of yourself more highly
than you ought to think, but to think with sober
judgement, each according to the measure of
faith that God has assigned. For as in one body
we have many members, and not all the
members have the same function, so we, who
are many, are one body in Christ, and individually
we are members one of another. We have gifts
that differ according to the grace given to us:
prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in
ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the
exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity;
the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in
cheerfulness.

Matthew 16.13–20 (New Testament p19)

Now when Jesus came into the district of
Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do
people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said,
'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and
still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He
said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'
Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the
Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him,
'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh
and blood has not revealed this to you, but my
Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build my church, and the
gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will
give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and
whatever you bind on earth will be bound in
heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be
loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the
disciples not to tell anyone that he was the
Messiah.