

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**

(826, 360, 453, 464, 575, 477)

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 6th - we pray for the parishes of Lexden, Stanway & Shrub End.

MONDAY – in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Bermuda: (Extra Provincial)

8:45am Morning Prayer

TUESDAY - we pray for staff and pupils at Kingswode Hoe School.

8:45am Morning Prayer.

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

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 Pentecostal Church.

8:00am Eucharist.

FRIDAY - we pray for all surgeons and consultants.

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of Bramley Court and Mossfield Close.

12:00pm Friendship Lunch

Services next Sunday

13th September – 15th Sunday after Trinity

9:45am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church

5:30pm Evensong & Sermon

3:00pm SLYC in the hall

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.

Magazine – copies of the latest magazine are now available in print or online at <https://www.stleonardslexden.org.uk/magazines/>

Friendship Lunch returns this 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

SLYC is back! Fun for Year 4 children and above featuring the ever popular Tuck Shop! Sunday 13th September, from 3-5pm in the church hall. Email to let us know that you are coming to: juniorchurch@stleonardslexden.org

Our next **Messy Church** takes place at 3pm on Sunday 20th September and is sure to be great fun with a Messy Harvest theme. Free activities and crafts, food and fun! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Email to let us know that you are coming to: juniorchurch@stleonardslexden.org.uk

The Flower Team are busy planning our Harvest arrangements. If anyone would like to make a donation or sponsor an arrangement in memory of a loved one or a special occasion please leave your name and details of the occasion or loved one's name in an envelope marked for my attention with a Churchwarden. Thank you **Liz Adams**,

Confirmation Classes – Classes will begin on 22nd September at 7.00pm. The Confirmation service will be on Sunday 22nd November at 3.00pm, at St Leonard's. If you have any questions or need further information speak to any of the clergy.

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, 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, 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; Jane Collier

COLLECT & READINGS (14th Sunday after Trinity)

Collect

Holy and eternal God, you are the Maker of heaven and earth, you are the Word through whom all things were made, and you are the Spirit, the giver of life: draw us into the mystery of your love, that with all creation we may proclaim your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 55.12–end (Old Testament, p712)

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall
clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up
the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a
memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not
be cut off.

Psalms 96 (Old Testament, p580)

Colossians 1.15–20 (New Testament p214)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Matthew 8.23–27 (New Testament p8)

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'