THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST LEONARD, LEXDEN
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Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 1st November – All Saints

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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**
(283, 298, 300, 602, 725, 296)
5:30pm **Memorial Service**
(799, 669, 747, 721)

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 1st - *we pray for the parishes of Lexden, Stanway & Shrub End.*

MONDAY – *in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Carlisle: The Church of England.*
8:45am Morning Prayer.

TUESDAY - *we pray for staff and pupils at Kingswode Hoe School.*
8:45am Morning Prayer.
11:30am Holy Communion at Cheviot.

WEDNESDAY – *in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the Parish of Greenstead (St Andrew, St Matthew & St Anne's) Team Vicar Revd Sue Howlett, Associate Priest Revd Phillip Howlett and Curate Revd Sam Lees.*
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.

FRIDAY - *we pray for all who work in our local shops.*

SATURDAY - *we pray for the residents of Chitts Hill and President Road.*
8:30am Men's Breakfast

Services next Sunday
8th November – Remembrance Sunday

9:45am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church
10:55am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
5:30pm Evensong & 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.

The flowers today are donated by John Hudson to remember Jean.

St Leonard's annual Memorial Service will be held this evening at 5.30pm. All welcome to join us to remember our loved ones.

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

Our next **Men's Breakfast** is on Saturday, November 7th in the Nicholls Room.

Remembrance, Peace and Unity Concert - given by Lexden Choral Society on Saturday 7th November at 7pm at St Botolph's Church. Tickets available from Sarah after the service. Also, from 01206 543280; online www.lexden.choral.org or at the door

Our next **Friendship Lunch** is on Saturday 14th November. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church or via the Parish Admin - call 01206 575565 or via admin@stleonardslexden.org.uk

Christmas Market – this year's Christmas Market takes place on Saturday 28th November. Please start collecting suitable donations. Donations can be brought to the hall on Friday 27th November from 10:00am.

The Good Old Days, Saturday 16th January 2027 at 2.30 pm - the first rehearsal will be Sunday 15th November at 3pm in the hall. If you haven't already signed up, come along and try us out - you are guaranteed a relaxed and enjoyable afternoon of singing and movement. See Sarah or Mandy for more details**.**

Leaflets and Shoe Boxes for **Operation Christmas Child** are available at the back of Church. Please read the instructions carefully and note that the last date for return is Sunday 15th November. Please speak to Tom & Kathleen Scrimgeour if you have any questions.

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, Margaret Cox, 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: Linzi Burton, Joyce Pavey

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 (All Saints)

Collect
Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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
God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Revelation 7.9–end *(New Testament, p270)*
I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'.

Psalm 34.1-10 *(Old Testament, p538)*

1 John 3.1–3 *(New Testament p258)*
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5.1–12 *(New Testament p4)*
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'