THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST LEONARD, LEXDEN
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Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 25th October – Last Sunday after Trinity

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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

9:45am **Parish Eucharist with Junior Church**
(676, 634, 604, 426, 463, 814, New People's Mass)
3:00pm **Messy Loaves and Fishes**
5:30pm **Evening Prayer**

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 25th - *we pray for the parishes of Lexden, Stanway & Shrub End.*

MONDAY – *in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of El Camino Real: The Episcopal Church.*
8:45am Morning Prayer.

TUESDAY - *we pray for staff and pupils at Lexden Primary School.*
8:45am Morning Prayer.
10:00am Brick Club.

WEDNESDAY – *in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the Parish of Berechurch (St Margaret with St Michael) Priest in Charge Revd Anna Davis and Curate Revd Belinda Kerins.*
10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee.

THURSDAY - *we pray for the Junior Church team and the children in their care.*
8:00am Eucharist.
2:00pm Pop-up café in Church.

FRIDAY - *we pray for all who work in our Fire Service.*

SATURDAY - *we pray for the residents of Cherry Row and Piper Road.*

Services next Sunday
1st November – All Saints

8:00am BCP Holy Communion
9:45am All-Age Parish Eucharist
5:30pm Memorial Service

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.

Messy Church takes place this afternoon at 3pm when we will be exploring the story of the loaves and fishes. 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

Brick Club is back! Tuesday 27th October 10am – 12 noon. Just turn up and build! Free of charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

At a "LOOSE END"? Just drop in to our "pop-up" cafe on Thursday @ 2:00pm for tea, cake and a chat.

St Leonard's annual Memorial Service will be held next Sunday 1st November at 5.30pm. There is a sheet at the back of Church if you would like to add the name of someone to the list of those to be remembered at the Commemoration of the Departed.

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

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COLLECT & READINGS (Last Sunday after Trinity)

Collect
Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our 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
Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leviticus 19.1–2, 15–18 ***(Old Testament, p114)***
The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

Psalm 1 ***(Old Testament, p519)***

1 Thessalonians 2.1–8 ***(New Testament p218)***
You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Matthew 22.34–end ***(New Testament p26)***
When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
"The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet' "?
If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.