

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**
 (282, 290, 533, 285, 494, 575, 739)
 2:30pm **Harvest Singalong & Supper**
 4:30pm **Variety Show Rehearsals in the hall**

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 4th - we pray for the parishes of Lexden, Stanway & Shrub End.

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

TUESDAY - we pray for staff and residents at New Hythe.
 8:45am Morning Prayer.
 11:30am Holy Communion at Cheviot.
 7:00pm Confirmation Class.

WEDNESDAY – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for Parish of Stanway (St Albright) Priest in Charge Revd Nikki Horsley.
 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 Salvation Army.
 8:00am Eucharist.

FRIDAY - we pray for all who work in local industry.

SATURDAY - we pray for the residents of Cadenhouse Mews and Norman Way.
 12:00pm Friendship Lunch.

Services next Sunday

11th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity

9:45am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church
 2:30pm Variety Show Rehearsals in the Church
 3:00pm SLYC in the hall
 5:30pm Evensong & Sermon

NEWS AND EVENTS

Many thanks to Liz and her team for the beautiful flowers in Church today and to everyone who donated towards the cost. At the request of the PCC, the team have used artificial fruit and vegetables in their arrangements to avoid attracting vermin.

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.

Harvest Singalong – Please join us this afternoon for our Harvest Singalong from 2:30pm.

The **Medley House Group** will not take place in October or November, we hope to see you in December.

The Good Old Days Variety Show takes place on Saturday 17th October at 6:30pm in the hall. Sarah and Mandy will be selling tickets after the 9:45am service. Tickets are £15 for adults and £10 for under 18's and include a hot supper.

Friendship Lunch is back this Saturday, 10th October. 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

The Colchester deanery are holding a **Deanery Day** of networking and nurture on Saturday 10th October at St John's Church. For more information see www.colchesterdeanery.org.uk/ or speak to Mike.

SLYC is back! Fun for Year 4 children and above featuring the ever popular Tuck Shop! Sunday 11th October, from 3-5pm in the church hall. Email to let us know that you are coming to:

juniorchurch@stleonardslexden.org.uk

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 to Church 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, 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

COLLECT & READINGS (Harvest)

Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their
season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own
well-being;
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

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your
love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of
the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for
all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Deuteronomy 8.7–18 (Old Testament, p813)

Moses said to all Israel: The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house

of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Psalm 65 (Old Testament, p532)

2 Corinthians 9.6–10 (New Testament p212)

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

Luke 12.16–21 (New Testament p24)

Jesus told the people a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'