THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST LEONARD, LEXDEN
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Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

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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**
(781, 594, 577, 764, 566, 715, 746, St Thomas)
10:55am **Act of Remembrance at War Memorial**
5:30pm **Evensong**
(698, 635, 579, 10, Psalm 40)

PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

SUNDAY 8th - *we pray for the parishes of Lexden, Stanway & Shrub End.*

MONDAY – *in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory: The Church of Ireland.*
8:45am Morning Prayer.

TUESDAY - *we pray for staff and residents at Cheviot Nursing Home.*
8:45am Morning Prayer.

WEDNESDAY – *in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the Parish of St James with St Paul (St James the Great) Rector Revd Fr James McCluskey and Curate Fr Jeff Graham.*
9:30am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall.
10.00am Eucharist followed by coffee.
11:00am Baby & Toddler Group in the hall.
2:30pm Funeral of Joyce Pavey at the crematorium.

THURSDAY - *we pray for the Methodist Church.*
8:00am Eucharist.

FRIDAY - *we pray for all who work in the legal profession.*

SATURDAY - *we pray for the residents of Christine Chase and Prettygate Road.*
12:00pm Friendship Lunch.

Services next Sunday
15th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

8:00am BCP Holy Communion
9:45am Parish Eucharist
3:00pm Good Old Days Rehearsal 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/

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

Come and be Creative! We are holding Wreath Making workshop on Tuesday 17th November at 2:00pm in Church. Cost £20, light refreshments will be provided. Sign up at the back of Church or speak to Julie after the 9:45am service.

The next **Bible Study group** takes place on Wednesday 18th November at 7:00pm at Maggie's home. Speak to Maggie for details.

The next **Women's Breakfast** is on 21st November in the Church. Contact Maggie on maggie@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 next 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 (Remembrance Sunday)

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wisdom of Solomon 6.12–16 ***(Old Testament)***

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Psalm 70 ***(Old Testament, p562)***

1 Thessalonians 4.13–end ***(New Testament p220)***

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25.1–13 ***(New Testament p29)***

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'