

**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 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 **Parish Eucharist with Junior Church**  
(104, 102, 99, 448, 97, 769, Webster Mass)

### PRAYER DIARY & EVENTS

**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup>** - we pray for the parishes of Lexden & Shrub End.

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

**TUESDAY** - we pray for staff and residents at Hargood Close.  
8:45am Morning Prayer.

**WEDNESDAY** – in the Colchester Deanery we pray for the Parish of Berechurch (St Margaret with St Michael), PIC  
Revd Anna Davis & curates Revd Dan Cant & Revd Belinda Kerin.

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 Roman Catholic Church.  
8:00am Eucharist.

**FRIDAY** - we pray for all those who work in the communications industry.

**SATURDAY** - we pray for the residents of Byron Avenue and New Kiln Road.

#### Services next Sunday:

**26<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

9:45am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church  
3:00pm Messy Church  
5:30pm Eucharist for Wholeness & Healing

### NEWS AND EVENTS

**Our 9.45am service is usually live-streamed each Sunday to include those who are unable to join with us in person. It is filmed from the balcony, and the chancel and the front five rows of the nave are visible during broadcast. If you do not wish to be on camera, please sit behind this area. We are happy to provide Holy Communion to you in your pew, just let a steward or warden know & we will bring it to you. If you have any feedback about live-streaming please share it with us.**

**Messy Church** returns on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 3:00pm. 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](mailto:juniorchurch@stleonardslexden.org.uk).

This year's **Christingle Service** will be on Sunday February 2nd at 9:45am. This will be an All-Age service. As in previous years, St. Leonard's is supporting the work of The Children's Society at this service, please pick up a collecting box and return at the service.

**Digital Services** - The North East Essex Digital Access Support Team offer a free service that helps people gain basic skills and confidence using today's smart technology. We are considering hosting some of these sessions at St Leonard's but we need a minimum of 8 people to run the course. If you think you may be interested in attending please speak to Esther who can give you more details.

### Among those for whom we pray are:

Richard, Derek Cowie, Johanne Bresch, Lionel Simpkins, Brian Root, Katrina Light, Cronan McMahon, Joseph, David Moxon, Kim Harding, Chris and Graham Tyler, Peter Hazlewood, Frances Bonner, Maureen Watkins, Antonia Loxley, Janice, Kim Kite, Hugh and Mary Beavan, Pauline Jarvis, Michael Eavery, Freddie Woolard, Jacquie, Ashley Hanmer, Jan Buckley, Tony Gurney, Shirley Everitt, Stella Llewellyn, Pat Hughes, Doreen Mayes, Carole Durrant, Holly Donovan, Win Kenway, Freda and Ernest Jenkins, Ellen Whalley, Nick Leaning, Pam Hatherly, Owen Shepherd, Frances Dowson, Joan Collis, and those others known to us.

**Those who have died & those who mourn them: Brian Crockett, Roger Renton, Susan Gallagher**

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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany)

### Collect

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of  
your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Isaiah 62.1–5 (Old Testament, p719)

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the  
Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

### Psalms 36.5-10 (Old Testament, p540)

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgements are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your  
wings.  
They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your  
delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know  
you,  
and your salvation to the upright of heart!.

### I Corinthians 12.1–11 (New Testament p186)

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I  
do not want you to be uninformed. You know that  
when you were pagans, you were enticed and led  
astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want  
you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit  
of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one  
can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;  
and there are varieties of services, but the same  
Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the  
same God who activates all of them in everyone. To  
each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the  
common good. To one is given through the Spirit the  
utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of  
knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another  
faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by  
the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to  
another prophecy, to another the discernment of  
spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to  
another the interpretation of tongues. All these are  
activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to  
each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

### John 2.1–11 (New Testament p99)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of  
Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and  
his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.  
When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to  
him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her,  
'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My  
hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the  
servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing  
there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites  
of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.  
Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they  
filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now  
draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So  
they took it. When the steward tasted the water that  
had become wine, and did not know where it came  
from (though the servants who had drawn the water  
knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to  
him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then  
the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk.  
But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did  
this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and  
revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.