



PEW NEWS 28TH APRIL 2024
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Welcome to St Leonard's Church, Heston.

The Week Ahead

Sun 28th Apr – 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8.26-end, 1 John 4.7-end, John 15.1-8

9.30 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Mon 29th Apr – Psalm 145, Numbers 9.15-end,10.33 - end, Luke 4.38-end

9.00 am – 12.00 pm – Church open for Drop in and Prayer

1.00 pm – Bible Study on Philippians

Tue 30th Apr – Psalm 19, Numbers 11.1-33, Luke 5.1-11

9.00 am – 12.00 pm – Church open for Drop in and Prayer

Wed 1st May - Psalm 139, Proverbs 4.10-18, James 1.1-12

10.30 am – 12.00 pm – Church open for Drop in and Prayer

12.00 pm - Midweek Eucharist 7.30 pm Bible Study Philippians

Thu 2nd May - Psalm 57, Numbers 13.1-3,17-end, Luke 5.27-end

9.00 am – 12.00 pm – Church open for Drop in and Prayer

10.00 am – 10.45 am Stay Active Fitness

Fri 3rd May –Psalm 138, Numbers 14.1-25, Luke 6.1-11

Sat 4th May - Psalm 146, Numbers 14.26-end, Luke 6.12-26

5.00 pm Songs of Praise followed by Fish Super

Sun 5th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10.44-end, 1 John 5.1-6, John 15.9-17

9.30 am - Morning Prayer 10.00 am - Parish Eucharist with baptisms. 11.30 am - Multicultural Service

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At St. Leonard's We Strive To Be

CHRIST CENTRED

Confident about the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ

WELCOMING

Creative in the way we extend the love of Christ to all. Everyone is welcome

COMMUNITY FOCUSED

Compassionate in our outreach to friends and neighbours sharing Christ's love and hospitality in our community

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading – Acts 8.26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Second Reading – 1 John 4.7-end

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has

not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15.1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples

Prayers



Lord Jesus, thank You for being the true vine that sustains and nourishes our spiritual lives. Help us to recognize our need to remain connected to You and to abide in Your love. Strengthen our faith and enable us to bear fruit that glorifies the Father and impacts the world around us. Teach us to prioritize our relationship with You, trusting that You are the source of our spiritual growth and fruitfulness. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

We pray for all who are sick or struggling: King Charles, The Princess of Wales, Parveen Thakur, Jean Davis, Fr Ken Tombs, Ivy Malik, Anne Gruenberg, Pam Goodsell, Zander Thakur, Bina Patel, Jeanette Hawkins and her son Thomas, Heather Bone, Fred Pessoa and Sara (Maryam & Akbar's daughter).

We remember those who have died: Maureen Page, Ivy Ameris, Ivy Butler, Margaret Walker and Elsie Ryan

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Bible Study Mon 29th April at 1.00 pm and Wed 1st May at 7.30 pm

Songs of Praise Saturday 4th May at 5.00 pm (free)

Followed a fish supper meal (cost £10). Please book meal with Rev Erica

Multicultural Service Sunday 5th May 11.30 pm

Ascension Day Service Thu 9th May 7.30 pm

APCM 12th May after the morning Service

Prayer Diary

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The residents of Cranford Lane For peace in the Middle East Anyone called Philip or James (whose Saints Day it is)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The residents of Heston Road Those dealing with recent devastating news Those who have just moved into the area
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The residents of The Crossways Participants of our Stay Active classes Local Care Homes
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The residents of Berkeley Way Those who care for the visually impaired Peace on our homes
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The residents of Eldon Avenue Those who feel like they have come to the end of their tether For children impacted by family bereavement
Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The residents of Burns Way For members of our PCC Those preparing for baptism and confirmation

Service Duties

Date	Steward	Steward	Crucifer	Intercessions	Chalice	Coffee	M.P
28/04/24	Martha	Sara	tbc	Caroline	Dawn	Martha	DR
05/05/24	Caroline	Keyshia	tbc	William	Jo	Mary	DS
09/05/24	Pat	Anas		Dawn	Caroline	n/a	n/a
12/05/24	Marth	Sara	tbc	Martha	Dawn	Cath /Martine	CD

Reading Rota

Date	First Reader	Reading 1	Second Reader	Reading 2
28/04/24	Geoff	Acts 8.26-end,	Maryam	1 John 4.7-end
05/05/24	Ashley/Maddison	Acts 10.44-end	Ashley/Maddison	1 John 5.1-6
09/05/24	Dawn	Acts 1.1-11	Karen	Ephesians 1.15-end
12/05/24	Caroline	Acts 1.15-17,21-end	TJay	1 John 17.6-19



If you would like to support St Leonard's by making a regular or one off donation please consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme. Our page can be accessed using this QR Code.

Thank you to all who helped with our Table Top Sale which raised £493.83.

Rev Erica wants to have a tidy up in the choir vestry so if you have any personal items in there please remove them or let her know.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after the 10am service.