ANNUAL MEETING of PARISHIONERS: SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY Noon, St Leonard's

ELECTORAL ROLL Parishioners need to be on the Electoral Roll in order to vote. Forms are on the greeting desk for *new* members or *updates*. The roll is available to check if unsure of your registration. **CLOSE: 26th JAN**

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL NOW OPEN Elections will be held for:

• 4 parish councillors. The Bishop will appoint a further 2 councillors.

(1 year term, max of 6 before stepping down for at least 1 year)

[The Wardens and Synod reps are continuing their 3 year terms]

Nominees: Safe Church clearances if not currently held, need to be undertaken as soon as possible & completed by 9th FEB Please contact Sally Prickett.

Nomination forms available from 12th JAN CLOSE: 9th FEB

VOTING Ballots can be cast **Sunday 16th FEB**, and **Sunday 23rd FEB**

AMP REPORTS (Priest, Wardens, Safe Church, Synod, Mustard Seed, Mission, Social Sec, Treasurer, Resolutions Feb 2024 - Jan 2025) to Alison Kershaw by **2**nd **FEB**

From February to June 2025 initially, as we search for our new parish priest, the parish will be served by Revd Sue Lodge-Calvert on a part-time basis and our team of lay ministers (details to follow)

Parish Diary [No Evening prayer or mid-week Eucharist in Jan]

Jan 19 Morning Prayer St L

Jan 26, Feb 2 Revd Sue-Lodge Calvert presiding at St L

Feb 9 Morning Prayer St L

REGULAR SERVICES & GATHERINGS

Sunday Eucharist/Morning Prayer: St Leonard's 9.30am; St George's 10am

Weekday Eucharist: St Leonard's 1st Thursday of the month, 2pm (not January)

Evening Prayer: St Leonard's last Sunday each month, 7pm (not January)

Choir Practice: St Leonard's Saturday 10.30-11, then coffee.

DIRECT GIVING: BSB: 706-001 ACCT: 3000 4673 *Online only* quote 'Offertory' in description

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January 12th 2025

Baptism of our Lord First Sunday after Epiphany Year C



Prayers of the Day

Spirit of energy and change, in whose power Jesus was anointed to be the hope of the nations: be poured out also upon us without reserve or distinction, that we may have confidence and strength to implant your justice on the earth; through Jesus Christ. Amen. APBA

Lord of the desert river,
you search our depths and call us by name:
may your flame-born Spirit open the heavens
that we might recognise you
in the one born of earth,
Jesus Christ, the Gift of Peace. Amen

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, Stephen Shakespeare, 2008



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St Leonard's: cnr Mitchell & Strickland, Denmark St George's: cnr Vista & Pier, Walpole

Supply Priest: Revd Sue Lodge-Calvert

Licenced Lay Ministers: Harold Luxton, Alison Kershaw, Sally Prickett, Jan Pattinson

Jane James, Tom Sheard

Wardens: Tine Adams, Harold Luxton, Tom Sheard

We endeavour to be an expression of God's love in the community

saiah 43.1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:

ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

² Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:

O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.

³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:

the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.

⁴ The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:

the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:

the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes them skip like a calf:

Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:

the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert, the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.

- 8 The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests: in his temple all cry 'Glory.'
- ⁹ The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:

the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

¹⁰ The Lord will give strength to his people:

the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Next week: Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11 NRSV

Prayer services, sermons, pew sheet, info: www.denmarkanglican.org.au