

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 28th December

All Together at St Leonard's

Covenant and Communion with
Authorising of ALM Worship Leaders
10.30am

Wednesday 31st December

New Years Eve

Watch Night Service, 11.30pm

Sunday 4th January

St Laurence Alvechurch

Family Communion with Ark Time,
9.15am

Morning Worship, 11.15am

St Leonard's, Beoley

Informal Worship, 9.15am

Celebration of Holy Communion,
11.15am



St Laurence - Advent Purses and gift box for Montgomery Heights are on the Baptistry. Please place your purses on the Christmas tree in church and place your gift in the box for Montgomery.

For wedding, baptism, or funeral enquiries, or to find out more about the life, ministry, and mission of St Leonard's and St Laurence Churches, please contact Penny in the Parish Office.

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The office is open Tuesday–Thursday, 9.30am–1.30pm.

ST LAURENCE CHURCH, ALVECHURCH ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, BEOLEY SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER

Here, everyone is welcome, valued, and loved by God and each other as we explore faith and prayer together



New Monthly Joint Prayer Gathering – starting January

As we look ahead to the new year, we are pleased to be starting a new monthly prayer gathering for both St Leonard's and St Laurence, and we warmly encourage everyone to make this a priority if they are able.

We will meet on the first Tuesday of each month, 7.00–8.00pm, at St Leonard's Church, beginning on Tuesday 6 January.

This will be a joint prayer gathering each month, bringing people from both churches together to pray for one another, to hold our parishes before God, and to share in what is happening across our churches and communities. It will be a gentle, welcoming space — whether you feel confident in prayer or simply want to come and be present.

Prayer underpins everything we do. This gathering is an opportunity to deepen our shared life, to grow in attentiveness to God, and to support one another as we seek to serve faithfully in this season.

Alongside this, we would also love to develop a daytime prayer gathering at St Laurence once a month, for those who prefer not to go out in the evening. This would carry the same vision: a joint prayer space, welcoming people from both churches to come together in prayer and mutual support. If this is something you feel you can take a lead on please do speak to either Gail or Martin.

You don't need to prepare anything, and you don't need to commit long-term — just come when you can.

Please do join us if you are able, and consider making this part of your rhythm as we begin the new year together.

Bible Readings:

Hebrews 2: 10-end
page 1202 in Pew Bible
Matthew 2:13-end
page 966 in Pew Bible

The Collect Prayer

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
whose years never fail and whose mercies
are new each returning day:
let the radiance of your Spirit renew our
lives, warming our hearts and giving light to
our minds; that we may pass the coming
year in joyful obedience and firm faith;
through him who is the beginning and the
end, your Son, Christ our Lord, who is alive
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Authorisation of ALM Worship Leaders

We give thanks for those who will be authorised as ALM
Worship Leaders, offering their gifts in the leading of
worship among us.

At St Leonard's Church:

Joyce Bush, Adrian Iszatt, Phil Mitchell, John McWilliams

At St Laurence Church:

Sue Lambert, Stephen Pritchett

As they begin this new ministry, please hold them in your
prayers — for confidence and humility, for wisdom and
faithfulness, and for joy in serving God's people. We also
pray for our churches, that we may receive their ministry
with openness and gratitude.

*Faithful God,
we give thanks for Joyce, Adrian, Phil, John, Sue, and
Stephen, and for the gifts you have placed within them.
Bless them as they begin this ministry of leading worship:
ground them in prayer; shape them in love,
and strengthen them in all they offer.
May their service build up your people
and draw us more deeply into your presence.
Amen.*

The Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own but yours.
Your will, not mine, be done in all things,
wherever you may place me,
in all that I do and in all that I may endure;
when there is work for me and when there is none;
when I am troubled and when I am at peace.
Your will be done
when I am valued and when I am disregarded;
when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking;
when I have all things and when I have nothing.
I willingly offer all that I have and am
to serve you, as and where you choose.
Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
May it be so for ever.
Let this covenant now made on earth
be fulfilled in heaven.
Amen.

This Covenant Prayer invites us into a deep trust:
to place our whole lives — our work and our rest,
our fulfilment and our frustrations, our having and
our lacking — into God's care. It asks us to notice
where we resist letting go, and where we are being
invited to trust more fully. As you go through the
coming week, you might like to return to a line that
particularly speaks to you, holding it in prayer and
allowing it to shape how you listen, act, and
respond to whatever the days bring.

St Leonard's Church
Snowdrop Weekend

Saturday 14th February
10am - 4pm

Sunday 15th February
1pm - 4pm

