

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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



**Watch Night Service**  
**New Years Eve**  
**at 11.30pm**  
**St Leonard's Church**

Join us this New Years Eve as  
we say goodbye to 2025 and  
keep watch for the New Year.

This is a short service of  
readings, prayers and hymns.

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  
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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

