# The Parish of St Leonard, Middleton

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4th June 2023

# TO KNOW GOD IN CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Sunday Services in church 10.30am (unless otherwise stated)	
4 <sup>th</sup> June	All Age Service
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion and God's Squad
18 <sup>th</sup> June 18 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am BCP Holy Communion All Age Service
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Morning Worship and God's Squad
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	All Age Service 3.00pm Confirmation Service
Please join us for refreshments after the 10.30am service	

Greetings for 2023 from the Benefice Churches of St Leonard's, Middleton and St John's, Thornham

> Nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Death can't, and life can't... Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow... nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when he died for us.

> > Romans 8 verses 38-39 Living Bible

## Giving at St Leonard's

We are very grateful to all those who already give to the work of God at St Leonard's through standing order, envelope, or the offertory plate at the back of church. Giving expresses our love for God, and responds to God's generosity to us. It is part of our worship week by week.

We now provide two further ways in which we can offer our gifts to God in church. **To enable giving by card, there will be a digital giving device at the back of church. Please use on your way in or out of church.** To enable cash giving, we will resume passing the offertory plate in church during the final hymn. If you would like any further information about giving, please speak to Andrew Slim (our treasurer) or Moira Brennan (our administrator).

# FLOWERS

# FOR JUNE



**In Memory of** Birthday memories of a loving brother R Oldham

If you would like to remember a loved one by supporting our Flower Fund please see me - Moira

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#### Archdeacon's Visitation Service 7.30 pm .

This annual Service is to be held on Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup> and this year St .Leonard's Church is hosting the occasion. Wardens, PCC members, Sidespersons / Welcomers are invited to attend and be formally "Sworn - in " for the role each has agreed as stated at the APCM . Please make every effort to join colleagues from across the Deanery .The Service commences at 7.30 pm A.collection will be made during the Service and refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the Service .The Wardens would be grateful to receive offers of help to set up and serve the refreshments . Thank you .

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## **CONFIRMATION SERVICE** (help required)

Confirmation Service with Bishop Mark of Middleton . St. Leonard's is hosting this Misson Community Service on **July 2^{nd} at 3pm**. Refreshments will be served and there will be a retiring collection .

The Wardens would be grateful to receive offers of help to set up and serve the refreshments. If any one would like to donate individual portions of afternoon tea type confectionery then please do so, these can be brought to church at the 10.30 am Service or prior to 3 pm. Thank you

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# Jack Wilson memorial walk and plaque

Many of you will remember Jack Wilson, his love of walking and leading walks through Alkrington Woods. On the **8**<sup>th</sup> **July** a memorial plaque will be placed on the bridge in Alkrington woods known as Jack's bridge. There will be a walk in his memory, starting at 10.00am on the 8<sup>th</sup> and Katarina would like to invite our congregation and people who knew Jack to be a part of it. The bridge is very close to the entry to Alkrington woods from the roundabout across from Middleton Bus station for more info speak to Katarina in church or Moira - my contact details above

#### **ANNIVERSARY ALERT**

2024 sees the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the extending of St Leonard's Church by Sir Richard Assheton to commemorate the English victory at the Battle of Flodden in 1513. We would like to celebrate this occasion with a weekend of activities designed to encourage people to visit our church. If you have any suggestions about what activities we might offer, or would like to help with the organisation, please speak to Margaret Slim 07709 577128/0161 653 0993 or Dorothy Taylor 0161 653 8577 ASAP

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#### St Leonard's Church History

Once again the Church is open on most Friday afternoons, 1pm to 4pm, through to September for visitors to come and find our about the 1,000 year history of our church building and the famous people involved with it. Church history guides will be on hand on these days. Also, if you are trying to find more about your family history, we will be able to guide you to any family grave in the surrounding churchyard.

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#### SAFEGUARDING

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators Ann Connell & Sarah Jennings. 0161 643 2693

Safeguarding@middletonparishchurch.org.uk

## Cleaning Team

If you feel you could support this amazing service to our church please do get in touch. We clean, usually in the evening, twice a month, on a Monday. We would love to see you. Dawn 0161 643 2693 St Leonards has been supporting Brentwood for a long time.and now they are looking to recruit members to their Management Committee Board.

Can YOU spare a few hours per month to attend meetings; give your input, and indicate any job roles you may be interested in within the Committee? Please feel free to look round Brentwood, or ring the above number for an information pack and application form. Brentwood is open Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm. They are a registered Charity(1004389) and a Company limited by Guarantee 23331404.

They look forward to hearing from you.

Brentwood does a lot more than offer food to those in need within our community, but it is an essential, much needed part of all that they do. They are so grateful for everything we donate to them, please continue to help with:

cereals; coffee; tinned vegetables/potatoes; tinned soups; corned beef/meat; baked beans; anything to make a basic meal.

Also: winter clothing, hats, scarves, jumpers, socks, gloves, and blankets; quilts; bedding. Toiletries.

We have leaflets and news-letters in church about Brentwood, please take one, or go online: <u>https://brentwooddaycentre.co.uk</u>

Please leave items on the bench as you come into Church (during office hours if you can't make Sunday.)

#### **PARENTS/GUARDIANS!**

C of E Secondary Schools require 'points' to enable your child to attend that school. Regularly attending our God's Squad helps to accumulate those points but to make sure sufficient weeks are covered there will be a registration sheet at the entrance of church on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Please ensure your child is booked in.

#### **Brentwood Day Centre**



CAN YOU HELP BRENTWOOD?

Brentwood (Middleton Day Centre, 115 Long Street M24 6DL, 0161 655 4062).

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