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St Leonards on Sea

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

LENT 2025

My dear brothers & sisters,

Lent is a time of reflection, penance & preparation for the most joyful celebrations of the Christian Year: Easter.

In our ongoing battle against the devil, the flesh and the world, the Church commends the practice of prayer, fasting & almsgiving to us all, and there are lots of opportunities for this at Christ Church over this season.

This booklet contains a comprehensive calendar of all of these, in the hope that you will make as much use as possible of these opportunities to grow closer to God and remove those things that are a barrier to your relationship with Him.

In particular, as part of your Lenten disciplines, you might consider:

- + committing to a regular Daily Low Mass
- + spending time at Sunday Adoration
- + attending Bible Study
- + praying the Rosary
- + fasting from particular food, drink or activities
- + taking up Daily Prayer
- + donating to our 150th Anniversary Fundraiser to support the Church & our neighbours at home & overseas
- + participating in Stations of the Cross
- + volunteering with one of Christ Church's ministries
- + making a regular Confession

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Over Lent, all of the usual services & opportunities for worship of Almighty God continue, including Daily Mass, Morning & Evening Prayer, the Rosary, Confessions & Adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

We also continue with our regular groups and ministries, including Cosy Crypt, the Damascus Runners, the Magdalenas, the Fishers of Men and Bible & Bacon (but without the bacon in Lent!)

The booklet also includes additional Lent services & devotions, including:

- + Stations of the Cross on Wednesday & Fridays*
- + Adult Baptism & Confirmation Classes on Tuesday evenings*
- + Concerts & Special Events – notably, Dvorak’s beautiful Stabat Mater on Saturday 5th April, the eve of Passion Sunday*

*The Church also allows and encourages respite from Lenten fasting on special occasions: this Lent, that includes the **Solemnity of St Joseph on the 19th March** & the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on the 25th March** – both marked with Low & Sung Masses. We also have the joy of **Laetare Sunday on 30th March**, when the Sunday Mass will be followed by special refreshments.*

All of this builds to the Triduum – the most important days of the year from Maundy Thursday to the Easter Vigil – which I hope and pray you will all be able to attend in full, and to bring along friends and family to witness and participate in these beautiful liturgies.

Please be assured of my prayers for each and every one of you over this Lent as we journey to the Cross together, and prepare to celebrate afresh the mighty victory of Our Lord over Sin & Death at Easter.

*With my love,
Fr Thomas*

Shrove Tuesday – 4th March

9am	Confessions heard	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Confessions heard	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
7.30pm	Adult Baptism & Confirmation Class	<i>Crypt</i>

Ash Wednesday – 5th March

10am	Holy Rosary	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1030am	Low Mass <i>with the Imposition of Ashes</i>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
c.1130am	The Magdalenas (Women's Group)	<i>Back of church</i>
7pm	Sung Mass <i>with the Imposition of Ashes</i>	

Thursday 6th March

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10am – 4pm	Cosy Crypt	<i>Crypt</i>
1030am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>

Friday 7th March

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
11am	Damascus Runners	<i>Seafront</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
6.30pm	Stations of the Cross <i>followed by</i> Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

Saturday 8th March

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9am	Confessions heard	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1030am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>

**FIRST WEEK OF LENT:
 SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY**

The First Sunday of Lent – 9th March

8am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
9am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9.15am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10.30am	Sung Mass <i>with Sunday School</i> <i>followed by refreshments</i>	

Monday 10th March

7pm	Low Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
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Tuesday 11th March

8.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10.30am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7.30pm	Adult Baptism & Confirmation Class	<i>Back of church</i>

Wednesday 12th March

8.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10am	Holy Rosary	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
10.30am	Low Mass <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>

**FIRST WEEK OF LENT:
 THURSDAY - SATURDAY**

Thursday 13th March

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10am – 4pm	Cosy Crypt	<i>Crypt</i>
1030am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Mary Magdalen</i>
730pm	St Leonard's Concerts: Dvorak & Brahms	

Friday 14th March

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
11am	Damascus Runners	<i>Seafront</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
630pm	Stations of the Cross <i>followed by</i> Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

Saturday 15th March

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9am	Confessions heard	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
10am	Holy Rosary	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1030am	Low Mass <i>for the Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham with Devotions followed by coffee</i>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>

**SECOND WEEK OF LENT:
SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY**

The Second Sunday of Lent – 16th March

8am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
9am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9.15am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10.30am	Sung Mass <i>with Sunday School</i> <i>followed by refreshments</i>	

The Feast of St Patrick – Monday 17th March

7pm	Low Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
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Tuesday 18th March

8.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10.30am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7.30pm	Adult Baptism & Confirmation Class	<i>Back of church</i>

The Solemnity of St Joseph – Wednesday 19th March

8.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10am	Holy Rosary	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
10.30am	Low Mass <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
7pm	Sung Mass <i>followed by drinks at the Nag's Head</i>	

**SECOND WEEK OF LENT:
THURSDAY - SATURDAY**

Thursday 20th March

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10am – 4pm	Cosy Crypt	<i>Crypt</i>
1030am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>

Friday 21st March

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
11am	Damascus Runners	<i>Seafront</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
6.30pm	Stations of the Cross <i>followed by</i> Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

Saturday 22nd March

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9am	Confessions heard	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1030am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i><u>St Mary Magdalen</u></i>
7pm	Hastings Philharmonic Orchestra: Mozart's 'Don Giovanni'	

**THIRD WEEK OF LENT:
 SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY**

The Third Sunday of Lent – 23rd March

8am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
9am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Sanctuary</i>
915am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1030am	Sung Mass & Baptism <i>with Sunday School</i> <i>followed by refreshments</i>	
6pm	Taizé (Contemplative Service)	

Monday 24th March

7pm	Low Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
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The Solemnity of the Annunciation – Tuesday 25th March

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1030am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
7pm	Sung Mass <i>Followed by drinks reception</i>	

Wednesday 26th March

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10am	Holy Rosary	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1030am	Low Mass <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
630pm	Fishers of Men (Men's Group)	<i>Crypt</i>

**THIRD WEEK OF LENT:
THURSDAY - SATURDAY**

Thursday 27th March

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10am – 4pm	Cosy Crypt	<i>Crypt</i>
1030am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>

Friday 28th March

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
11am	Damascus Runners	<i>Seafront</i>
6pm	Vespers of the Dead	<i>Sanctuary</i>
630pm	Stations of the Cross	
7pm	Monthly Requiem Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>

Saturday 29th March

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9am	Confessions heard	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1030am	Low Mass <i>with Ministries of Healing</i>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
c.1115am	Bible Study	<i>Crypt</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>

**FOURTH WEEK OF LENT:
 SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY**

Laetare Sunday: The Fourth Sunday of Lent – 30th March
Mothering Sunday

8am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
9am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9.15am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10.30am	Sung Mass <i>with Sunday School</i> <i>followed by Laetare Refreshments</i>	

Monday 31st March

7pm	Low Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
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Tuesday 1st April

8.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10.30am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7.30pm	Adult Baptism & Confirmation Class	<i>Back of church</i>

Wednesday 2nd April

8.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10am	Holy Rosary	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
10.30am	Low Mass <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>

**FOURTH WEEK OF LENT:
THURSDAY- SATURDAY**

Thursday 3rd April

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10am – 4pm	Cosy Crypt	<i>Crypt</i>
1030am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	A Town Explores a Book: Launch Event	

Friday 4th April

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
11am	Damascus Runners	<i>Seafront</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
630pm	Stations of the Cross <i>followed by</i> Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

Saturday 5th April

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9am	Confessions heard	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
930am- 1230pm	Table Sale	<i>Crypt & Hall</i>
1030am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Mary Magdalen</i>
7pm	<i>Hastings Philharmonic Choir & Orchestra: Dvorak's 'Stabat Mater'</i>	

**FIFTH WEEK OF LENT:
 SUNDAY – WEDNESDAY**

From this week, all images, crucifixes & statues in the church are veiled as we collectively move into a more solemn period of penance & mourning in this final fortnight of Lent.

Passion Sunday: The Fifth Sunday of Lent – 6th April

8am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
9am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Sanctuary</i>
915am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1030am	Sung Mass <i>with Sunday School</i> <i>followed by Refreshments</i>	

Monday 7th April

7pm	Low Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
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Tuesday 8th April

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1030am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
730pm	Adult Baptism & Confirmation Class	<i>Back of church</i>

Wednesday 9th April

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10am	Holy Rosary	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1030am	Low Mass <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>

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THURSDAY - SATURDAY

Thursday 10th April

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
10am – 4pm	Cosy Crypt	<i>Crypt</i>
1030am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i><u>St Mary Magdalen</u></i>
730pm	St Leonard's Concerts: Saxony Blues	

Friday 11th April

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
11am	Damascus Runners	<i>Seafront</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
630pm	Stations of the Cross <i>followed by</i> Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

Saturday 12th April

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9am	Confessions heard	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1030am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1pm	<i>Preparations for Easter Play</i>	
2pm	Community Easter Play	
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>

HOLY WEEK:
 PALM SUNDAY – HOLY WEDNESDAY

Palm Sunday – 13th April

8am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
1030am	Procession through the Parish & Sung Mass <i>with Sunday School</i> <i>followed by Refreshments</i>	

Holy Monday – 14th April

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1030am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7pm	Low Mass (Latin)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
9pm	Sung Compline	

Holy Tuesday – 15th April

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1030am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
<u>5.30pm</u>	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
6pm	Triduum Rehearsals	
7pm	Low Mass (Latin)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
9pm	Sung Compline	

Holy Wednesday – 16th April

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1030am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
12noon	Diocesan Chrism Mass	<i>Chichester Cathedral</i>
6pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7pm	Low Mass (Latin)	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
9pm	Sung Compline	

HOLY WEEK: THE TRIDUUM
MAUNDY THURSDAY + GOOD FRIDAY + HOLY SATURDAY

Maundy Thursday – 17th April

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7pm	Sung Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>Followed by Solemn Watch until Midnight</i>	

Good Friday – 18th April

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9am	Stations of the Cross	
1015am	Ecumenical Walk of Witness	<i>Starting at Christ Church</i>
3pm	Liturgy of the Day	

Holy Saturday – 19th April

830am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
3pm	Vigil Rehearsal	
8pm	The Easter Vigil <i>Followed by drinks reception</i>	

Easter Sunday
Sunday 20th April

8am	Low Mass	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
9am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Sanctuary</i>
915am	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
1030am	Sung Mass <i>with Sunday School</i> <i>Followed by Easter Parish Party!</i>	

Christus surrexit! - Surrexit vere, alleluia!
Christ is risen! - He is risen indeed, Alleluia!