

## October 2024 Thanks for Past and Present: St Leonard's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Ground of all Being, Giver and Sustainer of every moment in time, in your grace: **hear our prayer**

Bless our quietness

As we connect to the ancient land beneath our feet

pay respect to the people who tended this land for tens of thousands of years  
and those who tend her still

As we give thanks for the hands that built this church

for the people who came to this place and struggled with few resources,  
for those who nurtured the Christ story through the years.

As we reflect on our memories of people and times that have passed

and on all the moments of celebration, mourning, and blessing  
that have taken place under this roof

As we give most profound thanks for all who are part of our church family today

from those baptised here to those who arrived but yesterday

As we give thanks for the ministry that sustains us, for the wonderful work of the Mustard Seed, for  
all who serve others, and all who breathe life into our spiritual home by simply being here.

As we pray for the future in words placed in the Shire of Denmark's Time capsule in 2011.

### Prayer for the Future

Ground of all Being, Giver and Sustainer of every moment in time: [in your grace: **hear our prayer**]

Gather the prayers of all who meet in this little weatherboard church today.

Hold our prayers safely in this sacred space; carry them through the years; and deliver them into the  
hearts of all who may come to hear them.

Carry our prayers of gratitude for the land that nurtures us; may the spirit of its indigenous custodians  
be ever present to guide those who make their home here; may the rivers still flow clearly; may  
towering karris keep their watch over many generations; may migratory birds continue to find  
sanctuary on our shores; and whales still make their annual pilgrimage from Antarctica.

Carry our prayers of hope for the Denmark community; may it continue to be a place where people  
greet each other in the street; where newcomers are made welcome, where music is made and choirs  
meet, where the arts thrive and markets hum with life.

Carry our prayers for the life of the church; whatever changes the years may bring, may it continue to  
be a place where the gospel of compassion and empowerment is still heard; may it be a place of song  
and prayer; a place of sanctuary and inspiration; a place for seeking and questing; a place of  
reassurance; a place of open-heartedness; and a place of stillness and peace.

Carry our prayers of repentance for the mistakes we have made and for what we have left undone in  
our environment and our community; Strengthen us to live our lives to the full; to comprehend  
the breath, and length and height and depth of all that has been given, and all that is possible.

Ground of all Being, Giver and Sustainer of every moment in time: [in your grace: **hear our prayer**]

Work within us and through all generations to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or  
imagine.

In the name of Christ, our beginning and our end, Amen.

Ephesians 3 :14-21

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**For Shire of Denmark Centenary Time Capsule, 2011**  
**&**  
**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of naming of St Leonard's (115<sup>th</sup> since consecration) October 2014**  
**&**  
**120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Consecration of St Leonard's**  
**(then Church of England Mission Church) Oct 2019**  
**&**  
**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Consecration of St Leonard's Oct 2024**