

**The Parish of
Upper Deal &
Great Mongeham**



**Lent, Holy Week
& Easter
2023**

LENT

St Richard's Church, Mill Hill

We will be using 'The Rhythm of Life' material, provided by Leeds diocese for our Lent course this year.

<https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/rol-lent-2023/>

There will be five sessions with online materials and videos. It is designed to help us deepen our commitment to praying, reflecting, celebrating, sharing and encouraging one another, with themes of poverty racism and the environment.-

The sessions will be on **Wednesdays: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March**

Refreshments will be available.

Our churches will be open from 9.30 - 4.00pm to drop in for prayer, or simply to enjoy a peaceful space, or to have a conversation.

St Leonard's Church, Rectory Road 7th March

St Nicholas Church, London Road 16th March

St Richard's Church, Mill Hill 20th March

St Martin's Church, Great Mongeham 29th March

Refreshments will be available.

St Martin's Church

Friday 24th March 7.00pm - Thanet Community Gospel Choir will be performing a fundraising concert for us. Tickets are £5 each and this will include cake and drinks. For more details, please contact Rev Peter Hambrook, peterjohn.hambrook@gmail.com and for tickets please contact Peter or Mrs Wendy Manion,

stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com

St Richard's Church, Mill Hill

Saturday 25th March 9.30am coffee, start 10.00am – 12.00pm

Grief and Loss - this is something we will all experience at some time - not just through the death of a loved one but other losses that impact us too. The Covid years have exacerbated this and also deprived us of many of the normal paths we would access along our journey through grief.

Claire Roberts will be with us to lead a morning on the difficulty of dealing with grief and loss. Claire has done similar work for Rochester Diocese during the Covid pandemic and for Canterbury Diocese. She is a member of the Canterbury Diocese Pastoral Care and Counselling team.

HOLY WEEK 2nd – 9th April

The Journey of Holy Week

This is the most important journey in the Christian Year as we journey with Jesus through the events of the final few days of his life.

Morning Prayer daily at 9.30am-9.50am as follows:

Monday St Richard's Church, Mill Hill
Tuesday St Leonard's Church, Rectory Road
Wednesday St Martin's Church, Great Mongeham
Thursday St Nicholas Church, London Road

PALM SUNDAY - 2nd April

St Leonard's Church, Rectory Road

8.00am. Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

St Richard's Church, Mill Hill

10.30am. Whole Parish Communion with procession & blessing of Palms
Holy Week begins and we start our journey towards Easter by marking Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Palm crosses will be available for everyone.

HOLY MONDAY

St Nicholas Church, London Road

Celebration of Holy Communion - 7.30pm

HOLY TUESDAY

St Leonard's Church, Rectory Road

Celebration of Holy Communion - 12noon

HOLY WEDNESDAY

St Martin's Church, Great Mongeham

Stations of the Cross - 7.30pm. A meditation of the last hours of Jesus' life, with images and readings from the passion.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

St Richard's Church. Mill Hill

A Christian Passover Celebration - 7.30pm

The celebration will help us to understand how our Christian Eucharist developed out of the 'Last Supper' Jesus celebrated the night before his death. It will include the traditional foot washing, followed by The *Watch* of quiet prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY

St Richard's Church, Mill Hill

Children and Families: Easter workshop - 10am -12pm

An opportunity for children and young people to sing songs, enjoy Easter themed craft activities and help to build the Easter Garden.

Refreshments will be available.

St Leonard's Church, Rectory Road

The traditional '*Good Friday Devotion*' – 1pm-3pm

The first hour is split into 30-minute meditations. The final hour is the *Liturgy for Good Friday*, including the reading of the St John Passion and proclamation of the cross.

HOLY SATURDAY

St Martin's Church, Great Mongeham

The Easter Vigil - 7.30pm.

There will be a service of light, first proclamation of Easter, renewal of Baptismal vows and a Eucharist.

EASTER DAY

<u>St Leonard's Church</u>	<u>St Nicholas' Church</u>	<u>St Martin's Church</u>
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10.00am – Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion

