

# WHAT'S ON?

*In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham*



*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*14<sup>th</sup> May 2023*

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| <b><u>St Leonard's</u></b><br>8.00am Holy<br>Communion<br><b>10.00am</b><br>Holy Communion   | <b><u>St Martin's</u></b><br>11.00am<br>Holy<br>Communion | <b><u>St Nicholas</u></b><br>09.30am<br>Morning<br>Worship | <b><u>St Richard's</u></b><br>10.30am<br>Next Service<br>4 <sup>th</sup> June |
| <b>WHOLE PARISH ASCENSION DAY SERVICE</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> May 7pm at St<br>Martin's. Please join us for a service of Holy Communion prayer and<br>praise. |   |  |   |

**MIDWEEK PARISH COMMUNION** Tuesdays, 12 noon, at St Leonard's  
Church after the Coffee Morning. All welcome.

## This week's music...

| <b>ST LEONARD'S</b>   | <b>ST MARTIN'S</b>  | <b>ST NICHOLAS</b>   |
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| 162 Jesus, where'er<br>thy people meet<br>238 Blest are the pure<br>in heart<br>199 Immortal, invisible,<br>God only wise<br>271 Bread of heaven,<br>on thee we feed<br>356 Father, Lord of all<br>creation | 19 All my hope on<br>God is founded.<br>4 A new<br>commandment I<br>give unto you.<br>79. Blessed are the<br>pure in heart<br>430 Let there be<br>love shared among<br>us | 140 All hail the power of<br>Jesu's name (t i)<br>394 Lord of all<br>hopefulness<br>143 Jesus shall reign,<br>where'er the sun (t i) |

### **The Collect**

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

### **PRINCIPAL READINGS**

#### **First reading: Acts 17: 22-31**

<sup>22</sup> Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup> "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their

lands. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup> 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup> "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

### **Psalm 66: 7-end**

- <sup>7</sup> He rules forever by his power,  
his eyes watch the nations—  
let not the rebellious rise up against him.
- <sup>8</sup> Praise our God, all peoples,  
let the sound of his praise be heard;
- <sup>9</sup> he has preserved our lives  
and kept our feet from slipping.
- <sup>10</sup> For you, God, tested us;  
you refined us like silver.
- <sup>11</sup> You brought us into prison  
and laid burdens on our backs.
- <sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us to a place of abundance.
- <sup>13</sup> I will come to your temple with burnt offerings  
and fulfill my vows to you—
- <sup>14</sup> vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke  
when I was in trouble.
- <sup>15</sup> I will sacrifice fat animals to you  
and an offering of rams;  
I will offer bulls and goats.
- <sup>16</sup> Come and hear, all you who fear God;  
let me tell you what he has done for me.
- <sup>17</sup> I cried out to him with my mouth;  
his praise was on my tongue.

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished sin in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened;  
<sup>19</sup> but God has surely listened  
and has heard my prayer.  
<sup>20</sup> Praise be to God,  
who has not rejected my prayer  
or withheld his love from me!

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 13-end**

<sup>13</sup> Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” <sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup> For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— <sup>20</sup> to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup> and this water symbolises baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

**Gospel: John 14: 15-21**

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and

you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS** Please pray for your PCC this week as we meet for the first time after the APCM. Pray for energy and wisdom as we make plans to go forward. We think, too, about people in our community in similar situations, pray for the worried and the stressed that they will feel the strength and presence of the Holy Spirit.

**INTERCESSIONS** Please refer any pastoral concerns for members of the congregation or the local community to any member of the Pastoral and Ministry teams. If you have any special prayer requests, please contact one of the Pastoral Team or the parish office.

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR:** Jim Sullivan, Heather Hodgson, Lynda Borley, Lynne Farbrace, Ruth Doughty, Elizabeth McConnell, Caroline Richards, baby Amelia and her family. Also, Joan and Ben Finney, Richard Ablett, Jacob Alger, Steve Milne, Steve Kerly, Father George and all those in Antananarivo, Madagascar.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED** Lord, hold them in your arms, bless and care for them. We ask that you also give peace and comfort to their families and friends and keep them in your loving strength as they come to terms with their loss.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**PARISH PRAYER AT ST MARTIN'S** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am. Please join us as we pray for the Parish.

**PCC MEETING** There will be a meeting of the PCC on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.15 for 7.30pm at St Richard's.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** Coffee morning fundraiser on the 16<sup>th</sup> May – see poster in the Compass - envelopes will be available in churches this week – there is no street collection this year. Envelopes and donations back to Sue at the end of Christian Aid Week please.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUPS** The MLC group at the Manions' will begin again on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm. All welcome, please come.

### PARISH AWAY DAY



**Theme 'Nature of God'**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June,  
Church Hall, East Studdal**

**9.30am coffee, for a 10am start. Finishing at  
2.30pm.**

**Bring lunch with you, other refreshments will be provided.  
Open to Ministry and Pastoral teams, PCC and any who are  
interested.**

**The day will be led by Jean Kerr.**

### Next Week's Services – 21st May

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| <p><b><u>St Leonard's</u></b><br/>8.00am<br/>Holy Communion<br/>10.00am<br/>Morning Worship</p>  | <p><b><u>St Martin's</u></b><br/>Sunday<br/>11.00am<br/>Morning Worship</p> | <p><b><u>St Nicholas</u></b><br/>Sunday<br/>9.30am<br/>Holy<br/>Communion</p> | <p><b><u>St Richard's</u></b><br/>Sunday<br/>10.30am<br/>Next service 4<sup>th</sup><br/>June</p> |
| <p><b>Tuesday</b><br/>9.30-9.55      12 noon<br/>Morning      Holy<br/>Prayer      Communion</p> | <p><b>Wednesday</b><br/>9.30-9.55<br/>Morning<br/>Prayer</p>                | <p><b>Thursday</b><br/>9.30 -9.55<br/>Morning<br/>Prayer</p>                  | <p><b>Monday</b><br/>9.30 -9.55<br/>Morning<br/>Prayer</p>  |

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Chill Out Zone, St Richard's:** Second and fourth Sundays 3-5pm  
**Cafe/Ukraine Hub, St Richard's:** Mondays 9.00 – 1pm  
**Coffee Morning, St Leonard's Centre:** Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am  
**Dwelling in the Word Group, The Manions:** Friday's fortnightly, 7pm  
**English for Ukrainians, St Richard's:** Wkly Thurs, not the first. 10-1pm  
**Friendship Lunch, St Richard's:** Mthly, 1st Thursday 12 noon  
**Froglets, St Richard's:** Term time, weekly, Fridays, 10-12noon  
**Knit Knacks, St Leonard's Centre:** Mthly, first Tuesday 2-4pm  
**Memory Support Café, St Richard's:** Mthly, last Tuesday, 4-6pm  
**Messy Church St Richard's:** Monthly, second Saturday, 4-6pm,  
**Men's Breakfast, Sir Norman Wisdom:** Mthly, 1st Sat., 8.30am  
**Mother's Union Holy Communion, St Leonard's:** Mthly, 1st Thurs, 10am  
**Mother's Union Meetings St Leonard's Centre,** second Tues., 2.30pm  
**Parish Prayer Group, St Martins:** Monthly, second Saturday, 10.00a.



**SAFEGUARDING** Any safeguarding concerns should be raised immediately with our Safeguarding Officer, Mandy Forrest 01304 372521 or 07999 910197

**FROGLETS** will continue on Fridays 10-12 - we need more volunteers on Fridays to help with taking registers, tea and coffee making, clearing up at the end and generally being a welcoming representative of the parish etc. More people would help make the rota easy for everyone – it's not meant to be a weekly role for anyone (except for the ones that want to). The mums play with the children – your involvement with them can be as much as you want. I went for the first time last week and I saw that it is very much appreciated. Come and have a look. There is now a team who set up on a Thursday evening – if you think you could help with that please see Monica. Please pray and speak to Monica if you think you could help. Thank you. (WM)

**MEMORY CAFÉ** a new rota will be prepared for July onwards – please let Wendy know your availability for the rest of the year or as much of it as you can.

**WHAT'S ON & CHURCH EMAILS** if you would like to receive an online version of this newsletter please contact Wendy at [stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com).

**COMPASS MAGAZINE** We are all set up and ready to go for the July/August issue – please get your contributions and ideas in as soon as possible. Late entries can often be accepted, please check with Wendy at [stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com) Thank you.

**HELP FOR TURKEY/UKRAINE/LOCAL FAMILY SUPPORT**  
Please ask Wendy for an up to date list and drop off details. Remember Sharon has offered to collect from you.

**CHURCH BANK DETAILS:** If you would like to pay offerings, tithes and pledges electronically, the details you need to know are below. We would also be delighted if you would be happy to complete the Gift Aid forms so that your monetary gifts would benefit from tax relief.

**Account Name:** *Upper Deal and Gt. Mongeham PCC*

**Sort Code:** 40-19-10    **Account Number:** 31141228

Thank you to those who have been dropping off filled Smartie tubes – if like me you haven't filled yours yet, there is still time.

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## PASTORAL VISITING TEAM

Any pastoral concerns, please contact one of the following;  
 Rev Monica, Linda Dixon,  
 Rev. Patrick Kavanagh,  
 Rev. Deacon Pat Wright, Steve Goodsell

### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup><br><b>THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br><i>Communion Readings</i><br>Acts 17: 22-31 Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup><br>Ps 66: 7-end<br>1 Pet 3: 13-end<br>John 14: 15-21         | Ps 73: 21-28<br>Job 14: 1-2, 7-15; 19: 23-27a<br>1 Thess 4: 13-end | <i>Ps 87; 36: 5-10</i><br><i>Zech 8: 1-13</i><br><i>Gospel : John 21: 1-14</i><br><i>Rev 21: 22-22: 5</i> |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup><br><b>MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE</b><br>Rogation Day   | Ps <b>65, 67</b><br>Deut ch 26<br>1 Pet 4: 1-11                    | Ps <b>121, 122, 123</b><br>Num 16: 1-35<br>Luke 6: 27-38  |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup><br>Rogation Day<br>Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877   | Ps 124, 125, <b>126,127</b><br>Deut 28: 1-14<br>1 Pet 4: 12-end    | Ps <b>128,129,130,131</b><br>Num 16: 36-end<br>Luke 6: 39-end   |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup><br>Rogation Day   | Ps <b>132, 133</b><br>Deut 28: 58-end<br>1 Pet ch 5                | Ps 15, 24<br>2 Sam 23: 1-5<br>Col 2: 20-3:4   |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> <b>ASCENSION DAY</b><br><i>Communion Readings</i><br>Acts 1: 1-11<br>Ps 47<br>Eph 1: 15-end<br>Luke 24: 44-end   | Ps 110, 150<br>Isa 52: 7-end<br>Heb 7: (11-25) 26-end              | Ps 8<br>2 Kings 2: 1-15<br>Rev ch 5<br>Gospel; Mark 16: 14-end  |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup><br><b>Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life 988</b>   | Ps 20, <b>81</b><br>Deut 29: 2-15<br>1 John 1 -2:6                 | Ps 145<br>Num 20: 1-13<br>Luke 7: 11-17   |
| Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup><br><b>Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804</b>  | Ps 21, <b>47</b><br>Deut ch 30<br>1 John 2: 7-17                   | Ps 84, <b>85</b><br>Num 21: 4-9<br>Luke 7: 18-35  |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> <b>THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Sunday after Ascension Day)</b><br><i>Communion Readings</i><br>Acts 1: 6-14<br>Ps 68: 1-10<br>1 Pet 4: 12-14: 5: 6-11<br>John 17: 1-11 | Ps 104: 26-35<br>Isa 65: 17-end<br>Rev 21: 1-8                     | <i>Ps 47</i><br><i>2 Sam 23: 1-5</i><br><i>Eph 1: 15-end</i><br><i>Gospel Mark 16: 14-end</i>             |



**HELP SUPPORT THE VITAL WORK OF THIS IMPORTANT LOCAL CHARITY WHICH PROVIDES ROUND THE CLOCK CARE FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH PROFOUND DISABILITIES**

***GARY & MADDIE CORDES INVITE YOU TO HELP REACH THEIR GOAL OF RAISING £2000 FOR MARTHA TRUST BY SEPTEMBER, WHEN THEY WILL BE DRIVING AS PART OF A CONVOY TO BARCELONA IN A VEHICLE COSTING NO MORE THAN £500.***

**HOW TO SUPPORT US**

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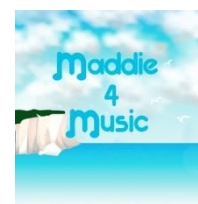


**BY ATTENDING EVENTS WE ARE HOLDING:**

- **SATURDAY 13 MAY 2023 FROM 6.30PM UNTIL LATE IN DEAL – EUROVISION SONG CONTEST PARTY.** BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINK AND ENJOY A PARTY ATMOSPHERE AS WE WATCH THIS ICONIC CONTEST TOGETHER. WEAR YOUR MOST OUTRAGEOUS EUROVISION OUTFIT! TEXT GARY ON 07858 370590 TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE AND FOR VENUE INFORMATION. A SUGGESTED DONATION OF £10 PER PERSON IS REQUESTED FOR THIS EVENT.
- **SUNDAY 11 JUNE 2023 FROM 6PM-8PM AT THE ASTOR THEATRE, DEAL – PUTTIN’ ON THE GLITZ – LATIN THEME.** Come and watch a wide variety of local talent as we sing and dance our way through some great tunes. Tickets £13 (£9 for under 16’s) on sale at the Astor Theatre Box Office in Stanhope Road, Deal.

On behalf of Martha Trust, thanks for your kind support.

Gary & Maddie Cordes  
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## DWELLING IN THE WORD

***This is the passage we will be thinking about for a while when we 'Dwell in the Word' together as a Parish. Ephesians 4. 1-16***

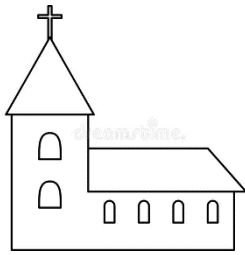
**4** As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. **2** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. **3** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. **4** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**7** But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. **8** This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,  
he took many captives  
and gave gifts to his people.”

**9** (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? **10** He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) **11** So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, **12** to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up **13** until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

**14** Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. **15** Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. **16** From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.



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Please have a look at our website to see the things we are doing. We have a need for volunteers too and you are always welcome if you would just like to join in.

<https://upperdealandgtmongehamparish.com/>



