

WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

21st May 2023

<u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Morning Worship	<u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am Morning Worship 5.30pm Evensong	<u>St Nicholas</u> 09.30am Holy Communion	<u>St Richard's</u> 10.30am Next Service 4 th June
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MIDWEEK PARISH COMMUNION Tuesdays, 12 noon, at St Leonard's Church after the Coffee Morning. All welcome.

This week's music...

ST LEONARD'S	ST MARTIN'S	ST NICHOLAS
140 All hail the power of Jesu's name (t i) 394 Lord of all hopefulness (t 395) 143 Jesus shall reign, where'er the sun (t i)	75 Blessed assurance 127 Come let us with cheerful songs 638 Rejoice the Lord is King 215 Give me joy in my heart	162 Jesus where'er they people meet 238 Blest are the pure in heart 199 Immortal, invisible 271 Bread of heaven on thee we feed 356 Father, Lord of all creation

The Collect Risen, ascended Lord,

as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

PRINCIPAL READINGS. First reading: Acts 1: 6-14

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." ¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter,

John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Psalm 68: 1-10

¹ May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;
may his foes flee before him.

² May you blow them away like smoke—
as wax melts before the fire,
may the wicked perish before God.

³ But may the righteous be glad
and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.

⁴ Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,
extol him who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before him—his name is the LORD.

⁵ A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.

⁶ God sets the lonely in families,
he leads out the prisoners with singing;
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4: 12-14: 5: 6-11

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make

you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: John 17: 1-11

17 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶ “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

Post Communion Prayer Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNITY PRAYERS Please pray for peace, harmony, unity and love to be overflowing in our own and local communities and also in the world.

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

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK Coffee morning raised £510! Well done, Sue, Bernie and all! Envelopes are still 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 next MLC group at the Manions’ will be on Friday 26th May, 7pm. All welcome, please come.

PARISH AWAY DAY



Theme ‘Nature of God’ Saturday 10th 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 – 28th May

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Tuesday 9.30-9.55 12 noon Morning Holy Prayer Communion	Wednesday 9.30-9.55 Morning Prayer	Thursday 9.30 -9.55 Morning Prayer	Monday 9.30 -9.55 Morning Prayer
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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, 10.00am

NOTICES

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

FROGLETS Fridays 10-12 - more volunteers needed to help Monica set up on Thursday afternoon and 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. Come and have a look. 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, COMPASS & CHURCH EMAILS if you would like to receive an online version of this newsletter please contact Wendy at stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com. Contributions for Compass always welcome.

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



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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

WEEKLY READINGS 21st THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Sunday after Ascension Day) <i>Communion Readings</i> Acts 1: 6-14 Ps 68: 1-10 1 Pet 4: 12-14: 5: 6-11 John 17: 1-11	Ps 104: 26-35 Isa 65: 17-end Rev 21: 1-8	<i>Ps 47</i> <i>2 Sam 23: 1-5</i> <i>Eph 1: 15-end</i> <i>Gospel Mark 16: 14-end</i>
Monday 22 nd	Ps 93,96,97 Deut 31:1-13 1 John 2: 18-end	Ps 18 Num 22: 1-35 Luke 7: 36-end
Tuesday 23 rd	Ps 98, 99,100 Deut 31: 14-29 1 John 3: 1-10	Ps 68 Num 22: 36-23:12 Luke 8: 1-15
Wednesday 24 th John & Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 & 1788	Ps 2, 29 Deut 31: 30- 32:14 1 John 3: 11-end	Ps 36, 46 Num 23: 13-end Luke 8: 16-25
Thursday 25 th The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735. Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709	Ps 24, 72 Deut 33:2: 15-47 1 John 4: 1-6 Matt 9: 35-10: 20	Ps 139 Num 24 Luke 8: 26-39
Friday 26 th Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605 John Calvin, Reformer, 1564; Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guides, 1595	Ps 28, 30 Deut ch 33 1 John 4: 7-end Matt 12: 22-32	Ps 147 Num 27: 12-end Luke 8: 40-end
Saturday 27 th	Ps 42, 43 Deut 32: 48-end Ch 34 1 John ch 5	Ps 48 Deut 16: 9-15 John 15: 26- 16: 15
Sunday 28 th DAY OF PENTECOST (Whit Sunday) <i>Communion Readings</i> Acts 2: 1-21 Ps 104: 26-end 1 Cor 12: 3b-13 John 20: 19-23 OR John 7: 37-39	Ps 87 Gen 11: 1-9 Acts 10: 34-end	Ps 67, 133 Joel 2: 21-end Acts 2: 14-21 (22-28) Gospel Luke 24

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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.

