

WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

7th May 2023

<u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am No service	<u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am No service	<u>St Nicholas</u> 09.30am Whole Parish Holy Communion	<u>St Richard's</u> 11.15 for 11.30am APCM
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THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

- 346 Christ is the world's true light (t 205)
- 122 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
- 175 Ye that know the Lord is gracious
- 139 Rejoice, the Lord is King

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

The Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

PRINCIPAL READINGS

First reading: Acts 7: 55-end

⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

Psalm 31. 1-5

¹ In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

² Turn your ear to me,
come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me.

³ Since you are my rock and my fortress,

for the sake of your name lead and guide me.
⁴ Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,
for you are my refuge.

⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 2-10

² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸ and, “A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Gospel: John 14: 1-14

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,

to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS This week we pray for the King, The Queen Consort and the Royal Family and their calling to a life of public service; to pray for our nation and the world at this special time; to learn about the spiritual significance of the Coronation Service and contemplate the person of Jesus – the servant King.

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!

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 6th May 8.30am The Sir Norman Wisdom Pub, usual table.

APCM OF THE PARISH OF UPPER DEAL AND GT MONGEHAM will be held on Sunday 7th May at 11.30am at St Richard's (This will follow the whole parish service at St Nicholas at 9.30am.) Thanks to all those who have sent in reports. A booklet of reports

will accompany this mailing – please read before the meeting. Other items will be available on the day.

FAMILY CORONATION CELEBRATION DAY Come along and join the family fun on Monday 8th May - 10am to 12pm at St Richards Church. See poster on page 10. This event takes the place of our May **Messy Church** – that will be back in June. We are also inviting our **Chill Out Zone** members – there will only be one Chill Out in May on the 28th.

MOTHER’S UNION meeting Tuesday 9th May in the Social Centre at 2.30pm.

PCC MEETING There will be a meeting of the PCC on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.15 for 7.30pm at St Richard’s.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK Coffee morning fundraiser on the 16th 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 12th May, 7pm. All welcome, please join us.

PARISH AWAY DAY on the ‘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 – 14th May

<u>St Leonard’s</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion	<u>St Martin’s</u> Sunday 11.00am Holy Communion	<u>St Nicholas</u> Sunday 9.30am Morning Worship	<u>St Richard’s</u> Sunday 10.30am Next service 4 th June
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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, 10.00a.



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

FROGLETS will continue on Fridays - we need more volunteers to help with taking registers, tea and coffee making and being a welcoming representative of the parish etc. This will help make the rota easy for everyone. Please speak to Monica if you think you could help.

HELP NEEDED! Whilst Jim recovers we are in urgent need of the services of someone who could assist with Treasurer duties, please pray about this need – a job description is available. If this is something you could do, or you know of someone who could help, please let the PCC Secretary, Wendy Manion, know, or

Monica when she is back from leave. If you'd like more information please email udgmpccsec@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON & CHURCH EMAILS if you would like to receive an online version of this newsletter please contact Wendy at stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com. If you think you are on the list but are not receiving a copy please get in touch – we are aware of some glitches...

COMPASS MAGAZINE Items needed for the July August magazine please Contact Wendy at stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com please.

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

A new and easy way to give to Parish Funds, if you have a smart phone, please scan this QR code and give an amount of your choice. Thank you.



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PASTORAL VISITING TEAM

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday 7th</i> THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Communion Readings</i> Acts 7: 55-end Ps 31: 1-5 1 Peter 2: 2-10 John 14: 1-14	Ps 30 Ezek 37: 1-12 John 5: 19-29	<i>Ps 147: 1-12</i> <i>Zech 4: 1-10</i> <i>Rev 21: 1-14</i> <i>Gospel Luke 2: 25-32 (33-38)</i>
<i>Monday 8th</i> Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer c 1417	Ps 145 Deut 16: 1-20 1 Pet 1: 1-12	Ps 105 Num 9: 15-end 10: 33-end Luke 4: 38-end
<i>Tuesday 9th</i>	Ps 19 ; 147: 1-12 Deut 17: 8-end 1 Pet 1: 13-enD	Ps 96, 97 Num 11: 1-33 Luke 5: 1-11
Num 11: 1-33 <i>Wednesday 10th</i>	Ps 30 ; 147: 13-end Deut 18: 9-end 1 Pet 2: 1-10	Ps 98, 99 , 100 Num ch 12 Luke 5: 12-26
<i>Thursday 11th</i>	Ps 57 ,148 Deut ch 19 1 Pet 2: 11-end	Ps 104 Num 13: 1-13, 17-end Luke 5: 27-end
<i>Friday 12th</i> Gregory Dix, Priest, Monk, Scholar, 1952	Ps 138 , 149 Deut 21: 22- 22:8 1 Pet 3: 1-12	Ps 66 Num 14: 1-25 Luke 6: 1-11
<i>Saturday 13th</i>	Ps 146 , 150 Deut 24: 5-end 1 Pet 3: 13-end	Ps 118 Num 14: 26-end Luke 6: 12-26
<i>Sunday 14th</i> THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Communion Readings</i> Acts 17: 22-31 Ps 66: 7-end 1 Pet 3: 13-end John 14: 15-21	Ps 73: 21-28 Job 14: 1-2, 7-15; 19: 23-27a 1 Thess 4: 13-end	<i>Ps 87; 36: 5-10</i> <i>Zech 8: 1-13</i> <i>Rev 21: 22-22: 5</i> <i>Gospel : John 21: 1-14</i>



The Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham
Invite You to join them

To Celebrate
The Coronation of their Majesties

King Charles III
and
Queen Camilla



Free Event For All The Family
All Ages Welcome

CRAFTS

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Location:

St Richard's Church, Mill Hill, Deal

Date:

Monday 8th May 2023

Time:

10:00AM TO 12:00PM

ROYAL
FAMILY
QUIZ

ROYAL
FAMILY
BINGO

PRIZES

Please note this is not
a drop off event.

REFRESHMENTS

For more information email:
Revmonicacameron@gmail.com



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.

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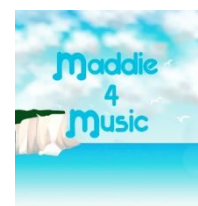


BY ATTENDING EVENTS WE ARE HOLDING:

- **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.

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