

WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham

St Leonard's St Martin's St Nicholas' St Richard's



All Saints The Fourth Sunday Before Advent

5th November 2023

<u>St Leonard's</u>	<u>St Martin's</u>	<u>St Nicholas'</u>	<u>St Richard's</u>
8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am All Age Informal Family Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion
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4.00pm All Souls Service			

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

This week's music...

ST LEONARD'S (MP)

315 I will sing the wondrous story
50 Be still for the presence of the Lord
409 Let saints on earth together sing
266 I cannot tell

ST MARTIN'S

75 Blessed assurance
499 Make me a channel of your peace
581 When the Saints go marching in
499 Make way, make way.
652 Seek ye first, the kingdom of God.

ST NICHOLAS'

305 For all the saints who from their
labours rest
238 Blest are the pure in heart
223 Put thou thy trust in God
617 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

ST RICHARD'S (MP)

16 All my hope
428 Lord for the years
41 At the name of Jesus
617 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

The Collect

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRINCIPAL READINGS: First reading: Revelations 7. 9-end

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” ¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹² saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!” ¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” ¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the

throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.'

'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Psalm 34. 4-10

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.

⁶ This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.

⁸ Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

⁹ Fear the LORD, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.

¹⁰ The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Second reading: 1 John 3. 1-3

3 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Gospel: Matthew 5. 1-12

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth, be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNITY PRAYERS This week give thanks for our clergy and the work they do. **We particularly think about Pat Wright, our own Distinctive Deacon, who celebrates 40 years of service to Christ and the community. We pray for strength and blessings as she continues her ministry.**

BAPTISMS Please remember in your prayers all thirteen of our baptismal families this year. Pray for the Godparents, families and friends as they travel along in their new Christian lives.

INTERCESSIONS Please refer any pastoral concerns for members of the congregation or the local community to any member of the Pastoral and Ministry teams.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: Nicholas James Tann (8wks old), Diana Thurgood, Anne Kennison, Noel Thompson, , Joan Finney, Peter Brennon, Ken Kennison, Adrian Morley, Wendy Turner, James Burke & family, Lynda Borley, Lynne Farbrace, Ruth Doughty, Jim & Elizabeth McConnell, Caroline Richards, baby Amelia & her family, Steve Kerly, Steve Milne and Jacob Alger. Also, Father George & all those in Antananarivo, Madagascar.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED including Ruby Chapman, Valerie Hanson, Pam & Colin Adams. 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

CONCERT IN AID OF PARISH FUNDS AND SING FOR WATER THIS Friday 3rd November at 7pm, St Leonard's Church, see poster on email.

ALL SOULS SERVICE Sunday 5th There are lists in each church to give names that you would like included in the service.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR DEAL Thursday 16th November at St George's. Various times during the day. Please see poster in weekly email.

COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISER Tuesday 21st November in aid of Cancer Research.

TABLETOP CHRISTMAS FAIR St Richard's Saturday 25th Nov, please see Compass and posters for details.

FOSL'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 2nd December 10-1pm. Please see information in attachments with this email.

Next Week's Services – 12th November

St Leonard's Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am No Service	St Martin's Sunday 11.00am No service	St Nicholas' Sunday 10.00am Whole Parish Remembrance Service	St Richard's Sunday 10.30am Next service 17 th December
Tuesday 9.30-9.55 Morning Prayer 12 noon Holy Communion	Wednesday 9.30-9.55 Morning Prayer	Thursday 9.30 -9.55 Morning Prayer	Monday 9.30 -9.55 Morning Prayer

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR REGULAR EVENTS

Cafe/Ukraine Hub, St Richard's: Mondays 9.00 – 1pm

Children's Service, St Richard's: Generally 3rd Sunday, 10.30 – see What's On? for details.

Coffee Morning, St Leonard's Centre: Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am

Dwelling in the Word Group, The Manions': Alternate Fridays

English for Ukrainians, St Richard's: Weekly, Thurs, not the first. 10-1pm

Friendship lunch, St Richard's, Mthly, first Thurs, 12 noon

Froglets, St Richard's: Term time, weekly, Fridays, 10-12 noon

Knit Knacks, St Leonard's Centre: Mthly, first Tuesday 2-4pm

Memory Support Café, St Richard's: Mthly, second and last Tuesdays 4-6pm

Men's Breakfast, Sir Norman Wisdom: Mthly, first 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

Sunday School, St Martin's: Weekly, 11.00am

UDGM Youth Club (COZ) St Richard's: 2nd and 4th Sundays 3-5pm

UDGM Prayer Group, St Martin's: 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.

SAFETY WARNING The balcony at St Leonard's is **OUT OF BOUNDS**, please speak to a church warden if you think you need to go up there.

NEW REPS NEEDED The Parish is in need of new 'reps' - **Christian Aid** and **Parish Website Administrator**. Training given. If anyone from our parish is interested in these jobs, please see to Rev Monica or Wendy M. Thank you.

SIDESPERSIONS If anyone who goes to the 8am service at St Leonard's would like to join the Sidesperson's rota, please let Wendy M know.

JANUARY FUNDRAISING CONCERT January 2024, in aid of the Parish children's work. If anyone would like to take part or knows of a band or music act please contact Tracey Nesbit or Julie Murrow.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES if you are interested in these classes, please speak to Rev Monica or email the office. Thanks.

CHRISTMAS DRESSING UP CLOTHES NEEDED. Please see Julie Chambers if you can help with anything suitable for a nativity – we would like to have some ready in each church.

WHAT'S ON, COMPASS & CHURCH EMAILS if you would like to receive an online version of this newsletter please contact Wendy at the office on stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com. Contributions to same address please.

HELP FOR POLAND/UKRAINE/LOCAL FAMILY SUPPORT Please ask Wendy M for an up-to-date list and current drop off details.

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*

(If you would like to give by cheque, please make it payable to Upper Deal & Gt Mongeham PCC)



ANOTHER WAY TO HELP... To help us with our work and the upkeep of our buildings please use this QR code to easily give

the amount of your choice. The link is managed by PayPal but you do not need an account of your own. Easy and safe.

CONTACT DETAILS Revd Mthr Monica Cameron 07938 360395
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Office hours Tuesday – Thursday 9-12noon

Children and Youth Work enquiries:
udgm.kids@gmail.com

Visit our website: <https://upperdealandgtmongehamparish.com>

HALL HIRE St Leonard's Social Centre – Opal Crocker,
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PASTORAL VISITING TEAM Any pastoral concerns, please contact one of the following; Rev Monica, Rev. Patrick Kavanagh, Rev Peter Hambrook, Rev Deacon Pat Wright, Steve Goodsell

SACRISTANS Carol McCaughan, Julie Chambers, Karen Fairclough, Karen McCarthy, Sue Cooke

The NEW passage we will be thinking about for a while when we 'Dwell in the Word' together as a Parish. Mark 13. 24-37

²⁴ “But in those days, following that distress,

“the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;

²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

²⁶ “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

²⁸ “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know

that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

Loving God,

Though our destination is not yet clear.
May we trust in Your graceful promises;
Though we are uncertain of ourselves,
May we be rooted in Your loving regard,
Though our attention is inclined to wander,
May we hear the things You are saying;
Though we often neglect Your influence,
May we be convicted of Your power to change,
In Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

PROPOSED CAROL SINGING DATES – LOCAL CARE HOMES PLEASE JOIN US AND HELP TO BRING A BIT OF CHRISTMAS CHEER!

St Winifred's - 27 November at 2.30pm
Sholden Hall - 5 December at 2.30pm
Brook Lodge - 7 December at 2.30pm
Caesar court - 20th December 6pm

