

WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham



21st January 2024

Third Sunday of Epiphany

<u>St Leonard's</u> <u>(Small Hall</u> <u>Social Centre)</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Informal Family Worship	<u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am All Age Informal Family Worship 4.30pm Choral Evensong	<u>St Nicholas'</u> 09.30am All Age Informal Family Worship	<u>St Richard's</u> 10.30am Children's Service
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MIDWEEK PARISH COMMUNION There will be no Midday Communion on the 23rd due to a funeral taking place.

This week's music...

ST LEONARD'S	ST MARTIN'S	ST NICHOLAS' (MP)
200 Great is thy faithfulness	152 Dear lord and father of mankind	356 Father, Lord of all creation
302 I want to walk with Jesus Christ	638 Rejoice the Lord is king	166 Lord, thy word abideth
261 I am the bread of life	35 Amazing Grace.	53 Songs of thankfulness and praise
327 Immortal, invisible, God only wise	215 Give me Joy in my heart	139 Rejoice, the Lord is King

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles, the wonder of your saving
presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRINCIPAL READINGS

First reading: Genesis 14. 17-20

¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied
with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh
(that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out
bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, ¹⁹ and he blessed
Abram, saying,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Creator of heaven and earth.

²⁰ And praise be to God Most High,
who delivered your enemies into your hand.”

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Psalms 128

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
who walk in obedience to him.

² You will eat the fruit of your labour;
blessings and prosperity will be yours.

³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine

within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.

⁴ Yes, this will be the blessing
for the man who fears the LORD.

⁵ May the LORD bless you from Zion;
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

⁶ May you live to see your children's children—
peace be on Israel.

Second Reading: Revelation 19. 6-10

⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

“Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.

⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean,
was given her to wear.”

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.)

⁹ Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.” ¹⁰ At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.”

Gospel: John 2. 1-11

² On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, “They have no more wine.”

⁴ “Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.”

⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COMMUNITY PRAYERS This week we give thanks for the activities we run at our churches for the local community as they start the new year. We give thanks for the efforts made for this week’s concert, we thank God for the gift of entertainment and pray for the new people we connect with.

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: Ivan Howitt, Malcolm Sewell, Shirley Atkins, Michael Chambers, David Flewker, Peter Brennon, Adrian Morley, Wendy Turner, Lynda Borley, Lynne Farbrace, Ruth Doughty, Elizabeth McConnell, Caroline Richards, baby Amelia & 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 Sheila Walton, Lucy Howard, Ted Smithson, Dorothy Davis, June Davies,

Raymond Dawkins, and Margaret Towe. 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

THIS SATURDAY (20th) – PLEASE SUPPORT THE WINTER WARMER CONCERT at St Richard’s, 2-4pm in aid of Children’s and Youth Work. Tickets available on the door. Ticket price includes refreshments.

The Late TED SMITHSON’s funeral will be held at St Leonards at 1pm on 22nd January, followed by the committal at Barham Crematorium.

MU PRAYER AT THE CATHEDRAL Thursday 25th January at **12 Noon** in the Jesus Chapel in the Crypt of the Cathedral. It is a 20 - 30 minute time together with fellow members to pray for the beginning of a new year.

CANDLEMAS SERVICE 28th January 2024, 10.30am St Richard’s. In early church history, people took their candle supply for the year to church to be blessed by the Priest on the Feast of Candlemas remembering that 'Jesus is the light of the World.' As I get older, I'm finding many of my friends are getting ill and I like to light a candle as I pray for their healing. Or when someone close to me dies I like to light a candle while the funeral is being held.

I'm thinking it would be a nice idea to have my 'prayer candle' blessed so am inviting YOU to come to our Brunch service at St Richard's on 28th January where we will be celebrating Candlemas and we will bless the candles.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS The MLC group (open to all) January meeting will be on the 28th at 7pm at the Manions’. Please join us.

WARM SPACE/UKRAINE HUB at St Richard’s is every Monday 9-1pm. Refreshments provided for all – donations welcome.

COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISERS will begin again on February 6th and will be in aid of a repair fund for the Social Centre. Suggestions for charities to support during the rest of 2024 to Sue HC please.

Next Week’s Services – 28th January

<p><u>St Leonard’s</u> Sunday 26th 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am No service</p>	<p><u>St Martin’s</u> Sunday 11.00am No service</p>	<p><u>St Nicholas</u> Sunday 9.30am No service</p>	<p><u>St Richard’s</u> Sunday 10.30am Whole Parish Brunch Service</p>
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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
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REGULAR EVENTS

- Warm Space/Ukraine Hub, St Richard's:** Mondays 9.00 – 1pm
- Children's Service, St Richard's:** 3rd Sunday, 10.30. Check 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



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

SAFETY WARNING The balcony and cordoned off pews at St Leonard's are **OUT OF BOUNDS**, please speak to a church warden if you think you need access to these areas.

HYMN SERVICE will not take place on the 28th due to the heating problems, we hope to be able to have it in February.

NEW REPS NEEDED The Parish needs 'reps' for **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.

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

YOUTH CLUB THEMES FOR THE COMING TERM

Session dates 2024	Theme
28 th Jan	National Kazoo Day
11 th Feb	Get a Different Name Day
25 th Feb	Tell a Fairy Tale Day
10 th March	International Ideas Month
24 th March	Easter Drama
14 th April	International Moment of Laughter Day
28 th April	Great Poetry Reading Day
12 th May	Lemonade Day (5th)
26 th May	National Smile Month
9 th June	National Children's Day
23 rd June	National Play Catch Week 16-22 June

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.

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, Rev Lynn Overington, Rev. Patrick Kavanagh, Rev Peter Hambrook, Rev Deacon Pat Wright, Steve Goodsell

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

The 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.**