


WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham



28th January 2024

Candlemas

St Leonard's 8.00am Holy Communion IN THE SOCIAL CENTRE 10.00am No Service	St Martin's 11.00am No service	St Nicholas' 09.30am No service	St Richard's 10.30am Candlemas Whole Parish Brunch 
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MIDWEEK PARISH COMMUNION Tuesdays, 12noon, at St Leonard's Church after the Coffee Morning. All welcome.

This week's music for Candlemas...

ST RICHARD'S

440 Christ is the world's true light

131 Love divine all loves excelling

314 Hail to the Lord who comes

445 (MP) Lord the light of your love is shining (Shine, Jesus, shine)

CANDLEMAS SERVICE

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. Wendy Jackson-Hill.

The Collect

God our creator,
who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your
glory in the face of 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: Deuteronomy 18. 15- 20

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. ¹⁶ For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire any more, or we will die."

¹⁷ The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my

words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. ²⁰ But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.”

Psalms 111. 1-5

¹ Praise the LORD.

I will extol the LORD with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

² Great are the works of the LORD;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 12. 1-5

12 A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. ² She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. ³ Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. ⁴ Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. ⁵ She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron sceptre.” And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

Gospel: Mark 1. 21-28

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

²⁵ “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

Post Communion Prayer

Generous Lord,
in word and Eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS This Candlemas we think about the sick, the lonely and the bereaved in our local community. Help us to be a light and a comfort to our community in all that we do.

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: Lynn’s brother, Raymond Overington, 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 Ivan Howitt, 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

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.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE which takes place at 12.00 noon this coming Saturday, 27th January, in St George's Churchyard, Deal. Feel free to lay a tribute (flowers, a stone, poppy) on the Memorial Stone.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS The MLC group (open to all) January meeting will be **THIS FRIDAY** on the 26th at 7pm at the Manions'. Please join us.

MEMORY SUPPORT CAFÉ At this week's meeting (30th) there will be a talk about items from the Wallace Collection. There will be an opportunity to draw some of the items too.

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.

ST DAVID'S DAY THEMED CONCERT with the Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir on Saturday 2nd March 2024 at 7.30pm, St Martin's Church. Tickets £10. Fundraising for Gt Mongeham Conservation Area.

Next Week's Services – 4th February

<u>St Leonard's</u>	<u>St Martin's</u>	<u>St Nicholas'</u>	<u>St Richard's</u>
Sunday 26th 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service <u>No</u> Holy Communion	Sunday 11.00am Family Service <u>No</u> Holy Communion	Sunday 9.30am Family Service <u>with</u> Holy Communion	Sunday 10.30am Family Service <u>with</u> Holy Communion
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

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

THANK YOU GIFT The PCC would like to give a thank you gift to Steve Goodsell for his years of service as Church Warden. If you would like to contribute please send it direct to the parish account (see p7) with an appropriate reference or put in marked envelope and hand into office or collection before 20/2/24. Thank you.

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

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.

WINTER WARMER CONCERT was a great success with a packed house. The total raised for Youth Work was a whopping £533! A big thank you to all who took part giving their time and skills for free, also those who helped with the acts, helped backstage, worked the car park, ran refreshments and the raffle. In the words of the choir – 'Thank you for the music!'

LOST PROPERTY A rather beautiful scarf has been left at St Martin's possibly after the Christingle service on Christmas Eve. Please contact the office if you think it's yours.

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.

COMPASS MAGAZINE FOR FEB/MARCH is in production - **PLEASE** send contributions by the middle of Feb to Wendy M at the office.

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

HALL HIRE St Leonard's Social Centre – Opal Crocker,
opalcrocker123@gmail.com – **St Richard's Church Hall** –
stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com



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.**