

WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham



11TH February 2024

The Sunday next Before Lent

St Leonard's 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service with Holy Communion BOTH SERVICES IN THE CHURCH	St Martin's 11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion	St Nicholas' 09.30am Family Service without Holy Communion	St Richard's 10.30am Next service Children's Service 18 th February
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MIDWEEK PARISH COMMUNION Tuesdays, 12noon, at St Leonard's Church after the Coffee Morning. All welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE with Imposition of Ashes at St Nicholas' Church, Sholden on Wednesday 18th February at 7pm.

<p>This week's music...</p>	<p>ST LEONARD'S 4 Christ, whose glory fills the skies 471 Holy Spirit, Come confirm us 105 All creatures of our God and King 272 O God unseen, yet ever near 356 Father, Lord of all creation</p>
<p>ST MARTIN'S 349 Immortal Invisible God only wise 798 We have a gospel to proclaim 62 Be still for the presence of the Lord 36 And can it be</p>	<p>ST NICHOLAS' 488 O breath of life 50 Be still for the presence of the Lord 746 What a friend we have in Jesus 699 Thou, whose almighty word</p>

The Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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: 2 Kings 2. 1-6

2 When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. **2** Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. **3** The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet." **4** Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. **5** The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet." **6** Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as

the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on.

Psalms 50. 1-6

- ¹ The Mighty One, God, the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.
- ² From Zion, perfect in beauty,
God shines forth.
- ³ Our God comes
and will not be silent;
a fire devours before him,
and around him a tempest rages.
- ⁴ He summons the heavens above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people:
- ⁵ “Gather to me this consecrated people,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”
- ⁶ And the heavens proclaim his righteousness,
for he is a God of justice.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4. 3-6

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Gospel: Mark 9. 2-9

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” ⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNITY PRAYERS As Lent draws near and we think about getting ready for Easter, we think about our own difficulties and struggles. We ask that You be strong where we are weak.

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, Rob Moore, 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 Doreen Nicholls, Tracey Efthimiadis, Christine Davies, Rev Ivan Howitt, Lucy Howard, June Davies, 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

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS The next MLC group (open to all) will be on Friday 9th February at 7pm at the Manions'. Please join us.

MOTHERS UNION AGM & SOCIAL will be on 13th February 2.30pm.

PANCAKE PARTY You are **all invited** to a Pancake Party on Tuesday 13th February, St Richard's Church from 2-4pm. All welcome, please join us.

UPPER DEAL & GT MONGEHAM PRAYER GROUP 10th February - come and join us in St Martin's at 10.30am for prayers or pray where you are.

FAVOURITE HYMN SERVICE Sunday 18th February, 4.30pm at St Nicholas'. Come, hear & sing a selection of the favourite hymns you have been voting for. There were so many chosen we will be doing it again.

LENT BIBLE STUDY 2024 begins on the 20th Feb and will run for five Tuesdays until 19th March. We will be studying the Gospel according to St Luke. Venue to be confirmed.

ST DAVID'S DAY THEMED CONCERT the Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir on Saturday 2nd March 2024 at 7.30pm, St Martin's Church. Tickets £10 will be available from Jennie at the Coffee Morning in the Social Centre on 13th Feb or via the contact details on the poster. Fundraising for Gt Mongeham Conservation Area.

Next Week's Services – 18th February

<u>St Leonard's</u> Sunday 26th 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service without Holy Communion	<u>St Martin's</u> Sunday 11.00am Family Service without Holy Communion 4.30pm Hymn Service	<u>St Nicholas'</u> Sunday 9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion	<u>St Richard's</u> Sunday 10.30am Children's Service
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

COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISER raised a fantastic £370 for the Social Centre Repair Fund. A big thanks to Sue, Bernie and the team and for all who baked, made and produced things for sale and all who came along.

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.

TALENT CALLOUT! We are hoping to have a Harvest celebration/concert with 'bring and share' at St Martin's on the evening of Saturday 5th October 2024 to raise funds for the parish.

YOUTH CLUB THEMES FOR THE COMING TERM

Session dates 2024	Theme
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** for **YOUR** safety, please speak to a church warden if you think you need access to these areas.

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

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.

PARISH WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR NEEDED. 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 MARCH/APRIL 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



CONTACT DETAILS Revd Mthr Monica Cameron 07938
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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 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.**