

WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham



24th March 2024

<p><u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am No service</p>	<p><u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am No service</p>	<p><u>St Nicholas'</u> 09.30am Family Service with Holy Communion & Procession</p>	<p><u>St Richard's</u> 4.00pm Next service 25th March Celtic Prayer</p>
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MIDWEEK PARISH COMMUNION Tuesdays, 12noon, at St Leonard's Church after the Coffee Morning. All welcome.

Music at St Nicholas'...

60 All glory, laud and honour
61 Ride on, ride on in majesty

63 My song is love unknown

261 Once, only once and once for all
72 Lift high the cross

The Collect

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory. **Amen.**

PRINCIPAL READINGS**First reading: Mark 11. 1-11 (Pre procession)**

11 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

¹⁰ "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Second Reading: Isaiah 50. 4-9a

⁴ The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

⁵ The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I

have not turned away.

⁶ I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard. I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

⁷ Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me?

Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!

⁹ It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

Psalm 31. 9-16

⁹ Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress;

my eyes grow weak with sorrow,
my soul and body with grief.

¹⁰ My life is consumed by anguish

and my years by groaning;

my strength fails because of my affliction,

and my bones grow weak.

¹¹ Because of all my enemies,

I am the utter contempt of my neighbours

and an object of dread to my closest friends—

those who see me on the street flee from me.

¹² I am forgotten as though I were dead;

I have become like broken pottery.

¹³ For I hear many whispering,

“Terror on every side!”

They conspire against me

and plot to take my life.

¹⁴ But I trust in you, LORD;

I say, “You are my God.”

¹⁵ My times are in your hands;

deliver me from the hands of my enemies,

from those who pursue me.

¹⁶ Let your face shine on your servant;

save me in your unfailing love.

Gospel: A dramatic reading of the gospel.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,

and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

COMMUNITY PRAYERS As Holy Week begins we pray we will listen and hear the message of Easter anew. We pray for our witness in Sholden this Palm Sunday.

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: Joan Finney, Baby Amelia, Noel Thompson, Ian Instone and his family, Annette Weaver, Rob Moore, Malcolm Sewell, Shirley Atkins, Michael Chambers, David Flewker, Peter Brennon, Adrian Morley, Wendy Turner, Lynne Farbrace, Ruth Doughty, Elizabeth McConnell, Caroline Richards, Steve Kerly, Steve Milne, and Jacob Alger. Also, Father George & all those in Antananarivo, Madagascar.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: including Lynda Borley, Michael Spencer. 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

HOLY WEEK PROGRAM – Please see page 7 & 8. We look forward to seeing you at our services and events.

MEETING AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH on Tues 23rd April at 7pm. If you are on the electoral roll for **St Nicholas'**, a regular attender, member of the Ministry and PCC teams, Church Wardens, please join us to discuss the enabling of gifts and talents for working together.

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

Next Week's Services – 31st March – Easter Day

<u>St Leonard's</u>	<u>St Martin's</u>	<u>St Nicholas'</u>	<u>St Richard's</u>
Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service with Holy Communion	Sunday 11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion	Sunday 9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion	Sunday 10.30am Family Service with 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

NOTICES

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

ELECTORAL ROLL Would you like to be on the Parish Electoral Roll? Forms will be available in churches this Sunday. If you are on the electoral roll you are able to vote at the **APCM** meeting on 5th May 2024. Completed forms should be given to Sue Howard-Cofield or the office by 20/04/2024.

PRAYER TRIPLETS If anyone is interested in joining a prayer triplet, you are invited to form your own group or if you would like to be connected with someone, please let Rev Monica know.

BOOK CLUB A parish book club has been suggested – interested people with ideas to speak to Jane Slater or Christine Taylor please

TALENT CALLOUT! We are hoping to have a Harvest celebration/concert with refreshments on the evening of Saturday 5th October 2024 to raise funds for the parish. Put your hands up if you have talent!

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.

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

COMPASS MAGAZINE FOR MAY/JUNE is in production, all contributions, gratefully received, please send 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.

YOUTH CLUB THEMES FOR MARCH & APRIL

Session dates 2024	Theme
24 th March	Easter Drama
14 th April	International Moment of Laughter Day
28 th April	Great Poetry Reading Day

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,


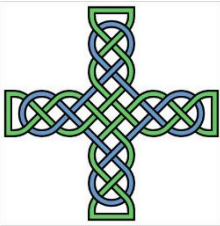


opalcrocker123@gmail.com **St Richard's Church Hall** –

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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

 <p>HOLY WEEK</p>	<p>ST LEONARD'S</p>	<p>ST MARTIN'S</p>	<p>ST NICHOLAS'</p>	<p>ST RICHARD'S</p>
<p>Holy Monday 25th March</p>				<p>4.00pm Come & join us for Celtic Prayer and Worship</p>
<p>Holy Tuesday 26th March</p>	<p>12 noon Parish Holy Communion</p>		<p>7.00pm Family Service with Holy Communion</p>	
<p>Holy Wednesday 27th March</p>	<p>7.00pm Stations of the Cross</p>	 <p><small>CREATED BY VESTORPORTAL.COM</small></p>		
<p>Maundy Thursday 28th March</p>				<p>7.00pm Last Supper Celebration</p> <p>Come and share supper to remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples.</p>

<p>Good Friday 29th March</p> 		<p>1pm – 3pm Devotion and Veneration of the Cross</p>		<p>10 – 12pm Family Easter Workshop</p> 
<p>Holy Saturday 30th March</p>		<p>7.00pm Parish Easter Vigil</p>		
<p>Easter Day 31st March</p>	<p>8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family service with Holy Communion</p>	<p>11.00am Family service with Holy Communion</p> 	<p>9.30am Family service with Holy Communion</p>	<p>10.30am Family service with Holy Communion</p>
<p>Friday 5th April</p>			<p>10-12noon Family Easter Egg Hunt with lunch</p>	

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.**