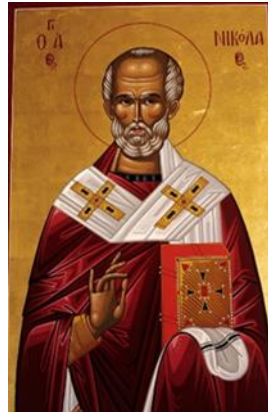


# WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham



5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

<b>St Leonard's</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am No service	<b>St Martin's</b> 11.00am No service	<b>St Nicholas'</b> 9.30am No service	<b>St Richard's</b> 10.30pm Family Service with Holy Communion followed by Vestry and APCM meetings
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**ASCENSION DAY SERVICE** of prayer and praise with Holy Communion at St Leonard's Church 7pm on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

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



## **ST RICHARD'S (AMNS)**

133 Immortal Love forever full (omit vv 5&6)

249 Take my life and let it be

395 Lord of all power, I give you my will

### **The Collect**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;  
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: Acts 10. 44-end**

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptised with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." <sup>48</sup> So he ordered that they be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

#### **Psalm: 98. 1-6**

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD has made his salvation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his love  
and his faithfulness to Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

<sup>4</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;  
<sup>5</sup> make music to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,  
<sup>6</sup> with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—  
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

**Second Reading: 1 John 5. 1-6**

<sup>5</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup> This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup> In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

**Gospel: John 15. 9-17**

<sup>9</sup> “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

**Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS** During Eastertide we pray for unity within all the families we are involved with, home, church, neighbours, school, work, town. Let there be peace and joy to share with one another.

**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:** Richard Greenwood, Caroline Elliott, Dave James, Dora Staples, Liz Greenwood, Joan Finney, Baby Amelia, Noel Thompson, Ian Instone and his family, Annette Weaver, Malcolm Sewell, Shirley Atkins, Michael Chambers, 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 Peggy Madden. 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**

**GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT** in aid of parish funds on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 7.30pm at St Martin's Church. Tickets £5 from the office.

**QUIET MORNING** on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, from 09:30 - 12:30 in the St. Leonard's Social Centre, small lounge. Our curate Lynn will be holding a time of informal, prayerful reflection and quiet activity to help us to tune in to the presence of God. There will be refreshments. Numbers will be limited. If you would like to come, please can you let Lynn or the office know in advance. Thank you.

**THY KINGDOM COME** During the 9<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May there is a Church of England -wide initiative to deepen our prayer life with the aim of praying for people we would like to see come to Christ. Keep an eye on the What's On? for associated events.

**PARISH OF UPPER DEAL AND GT MONGEHAM VESTRY MEETING & APCM 2024** will be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 11.30am after a short communion service at St Richard's Church. Please keep a look out for notices going up in churches in the very near future. **There are vacancies for PCC members, Church Wardens and Deanery Synod representatives.** Nomination forms are available from churches or the office and must be completed before the meeting.

**DWELLING IN THE WORD HOUSEGROUP's** next meeting will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at the Manions'. All are welcome.

## Next Week's Services – 12th May

<b><u>St Leonard's</u></b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>8.00am</b> Holy Communion <b>10.00am</b> Family Service <b>with</b> Holy Communion	<b><u>St Martin's</u></b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>11.00am</b> Family Service <b>with</b> Holy Communion	<b><u>St Nicholas'</u></b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>9.30am</b> Family Service <b>without</b> Holy Communion	<b><u>St Richard's</u></b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>10.30am</b> Next service – Children's Service 19 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>9.30-9.55</b> Morning Prayer <b>12 noon</b> Holy Communion	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>9.30-9.55</b> Morning Prayer	<b>Thursday</b> <b>9.30 -9.55</b> Morning Prayer	<b>Monday</b> <b>9.30 -9.55</b> Morning Prayer

### REGULAR EVENTS

- Community Café/Ukraine Hub, St Richard's:** Mondays 9.00 – 1pm
- Children's Service, St Richard's:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**THANK YOU** A card has been received from Tina thanking everyone for their thoughts, prayers and good wishes following her baptism on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**PARISH WHATSAPP GROUP** There is a Parish WhatsApp group that is very useful for getting information and prayer needs very quickly to members

of the parish. If you would like to be in the group please give Wendy M in the office your mobile number.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**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](mailto:stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com). Contributions for May/June Compass to same address please.

### YOUTH CLUB THEMES THIS MONTH AND MAY

Session dates 2024	Theme
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Lemonade Day (5 <sup>th</sup> )
26 <sup>th</sup> May	National Smile Month

**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**

<sup>24</sup> "But in those days, following that distress,

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

<sup>25</sup> the stars will fall from the sky,  
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

<sup>26</sup> "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> 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.

<sup>28</sup> "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. <sup>29</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. <sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all

these things have happened. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

<sup>32</sup> “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. <sup>34</sup> 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.

<sup>35</sup> “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. <sup>36</sup> If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup> 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.**