



# WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham



Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent

<u>St Leonard's</u>	<u>St Martin's</u>	<u>St Nicholas'</u>	<u>St Richard's</u>
8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family service without Holy Communion 6.00pm <b>Nine Lessons and Carols with wine &amp; mince pies</b>	11.00am Family service without Holy Communion	9.30am Family service with Holy Communion	10.00am <b>'Little Lights' Christingle Service with breakfast.</b>
			

**PRAYING TOGETHER DURING ADVENT** Please join us in prayer during advent. Joining instruction inside.

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

**NB** No communion on Christmas Eve or 7<sup>th</sup> January.



**St Leonard's**

391 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us  
 378 Jesus good above all other  
 394 Lord of all hopefulness  
 139 Rejoice, the Lord is King

**St Martin's**

114 Colours of day  
 223 Glorious things of Thee are spoken  
 463 Lord Jesus Christ  
 506 May the mind of Christ my saviour  
 827 While shepherds watched

**St Nicholas'**

4 Christ, whose glory fills the skies  
 27 on Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
 172 Glorious things of thee are spoken  
 139 Rejoice, the Lord is King

**This week's music...****The Collect**

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
 who at your first coming sent your messenger  
 to prepare your way before you:  
 grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
 may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
 by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
 that at your second coming to judge the world  
 we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
 for you are alive and reign with the Father  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**PRINCIPAL READINGS****First reading: Zephaniah 3. 14-end**

Sing, Daughter Zion;  
 shout aloud, Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,  
 Daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The LORD has taken away your punishment,  
 he has turned back your enemy.

The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you;  
 never again will you fear any harm.

<sup>16</sup> On that day  
 they will say to Jerusalem,

“Do not fear, Zion;  
 do not let your hands hang limp.

<sup>17</sup> The LORD your God is with you,  
 the Mighty Warrior who saves.

He will take great delight in you;

in his love he will no longer rebuke you,  
but will rejoice over you with singing.”

<sup>18</sup> “I will remove from you  
all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals,  
which is a burden and reproach for you.

<sup>19</sup> At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you.

I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles.

I will give them praise and honour in every land where they have suffered  
shame.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home.

I will give you honour and praise

among all the peoples of the earth

when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,” says the LORD.

### **Canticle: Isaiah 12. 2-end**

<sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and not be afraid.

The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defence;

he has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water

from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup> In that day you will say:

“Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;

make known among the nations what he has done,

and proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;

let this be known to all the world.

<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,

for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

### **Second reading: Philippians 4. 4-7**

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your

gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about

anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,

present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends

all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### **Gospel: Luke 3. 7-18**

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds coming out to be baptised by him, “You brood of

vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in

keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have

Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup> The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup> “What should we do then?” the crowd asked. <sup>11</sup> John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

<sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptised. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

<sup>13</sup> “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them. <sup>14</sup> Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?” He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, “I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” <sup>18</sup> And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS** Advent is about hope, peace, joy & light. We pray for our community that this season will fill us with the idea and desire to learn more about the hope only God can give.

**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:** Jade Murrow, Margaret & Richard Ablett, Howard Colgate, Jean Gear, Dave James, Dora Staples, Liz Greenwood. Joan Finney, Ian Instone & his family, Malcolm Sewell, Michael Chambers. Peter Brennon, Adrian Morley, Wendy Turner,

Lynne Farbrace, Elizabeth McConnell, Caroline Richards, Steve Kerly, Steve Milne, Jacob Alger. Also, Father George & all those in Antananarivo, Madagascar.

*(Please let Wendy in the office know when names may be removed.)*

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:** Ruth Doughty, Alastair Binnie, 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!**

**PRAYING TOGETHER DURING ADVENT** Please join us in prayer during Advent as we watch & wait for the coming of Christ. Please pass this invitation on to others. Here is the log in information:

Rev Monica is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Evening prayer. Time: 7pm Mondays and Thursdays **during** Advent

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83747443055?pwd=4Mzx31lj9ugJYov4Hruv9UbIMkDI5v.1> Meeting ID: 837 4744 3055 Passcode: pv54Zh

**PARISH PRAYERS** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 10am at St Martin's or wherever you are. Prayer topics have been emailed.

**CAROLS IN ST NICHOLAS'** with Herne Bay Concert Band Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm followed by wine and mince pies.

**Carol singing in our local care homes in December**

Date	Time	Venue
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4.00pm	Ceasar Court
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30pm	Brooke Lodge



### **REGULAR EVENTS**

**Book Club:** Monthly, check What's On? for details. Next meeting November

**Warm Space Cafe/Ukraine Hub, St Richard's:** Every week, Mondays 9am – 1pm

**Children's Service, St Richard's:** Monthly, third Sunday, 10.00am.

**Coffee Morning, St Leonard's Centre:** Weekly, Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am

**Dwelling in the Word Group, The Manions':** Alternate Fridays 7pm from Jan.

**English Lessons for Ukraine, St Richard's:** Monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

**Friendship Lunch, St Richard's,** Monthly, first Thurs, 12 noon (not January)

**Froglets, St Richard's:** Term time, Weekly, Fridays, 10-12 noon

**Knit Knacks, St Leonard's Centre:** Monthly, first Tuesday 2-4pm

**Memory Support Café, St Richard's:** Monthly, second and last Tuesdays 4-6pm

**Men's Breakfast, Sir Norman Wisdom:** Monthly, first Saturday, 8.30am  
**Mother's Union Holy Communion, St Leonard's:** Monthly, first Thursday, 10am  
**Mother's Union Meetings St Leonard's Centre,** Monthly, second Tues., 2.30pm  
**Sunday School, St Martin's:** Available Weekly, 11.00am  
**UDGM Youth Club, St Richard's:** Monthly, second Sunday 3-5pm  
**UDGM Games Hub, St Leonard's Soc. Centre:** Monthly, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 3-5pm  
**UDGM Prayer Group, St Martin's:** Monthly, second Saturday, 10.00am

**Next Week's Services – 22nd December**

<u>St Leonard's</u>	<u>St Martin's</u>	<u>St Nicholas'</u>	<u>St Richard's</u>
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<b>Tuesday</b> <b>9.30-9.55</b> Morning Prayer <b>12 noon</b> <b>No</b> Holy Communion on <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Weds 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

**NOTICES**

**SAFEGUARDING** Please raise safeguarding concerns immediately with our Safeguarding Officer, Mandy Forrest 01304 372521 or 07999 910197

**ST LEONARD'S CHURCH HEATING** is being left on constantly for at least a week following 'surgery'. Once the church has warmed up, we will go back to using the timer. We must do this if we are to keep our commitment to our own Christmas services for the parish community and to the schools who have booked to have services with us as part of our very important outreach. We have made so much progress with school links that it would be a real shame to turn them away. However, this will be very costly and the PCC would be very grateful for any donations towards the cost of this you feel you could make. The PCC is looking for a permanent solution to the heating problem.

**MOTHER'S UNION** are extremely grateful for all the generous donations left in churches for their Emmaus parcel appeal for the Companions. Thank you.

**FUNERAL FOR RUTH DOUGHTY** no details are known yet, as soon as we have news we will let everyone know.

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR FOR BABY BASICS** Boxes are in churches for you to add your gifts – have a look at the poster for their needs.

**COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP LUNCH** Will be back the first week of February – 6<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**PARISH BOOK CLUB** Please see the Parish WhatsApp group or contact Jane Slater for the latest details.

**PARISH TREASURER** We will be needing a new treasurer at some point in the New Year. Please prayerfully consider this. Any ideas of people who could be approached, please let Rev Monica know.

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

**WHAT'S ON, COMPASS & CHURCH EMAILS** if you would like to receive an online version of these newsletters, please contact Wendy at the office on [stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com). Contributions for **March/April Compass** 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. The QR code below is a quick and safe way to donate to parish funds too. Thank you.



**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. John Wakeman

### **'Dwelling in the Word' Matthew 5. 1-165**

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.

His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them. He said:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. <sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill

cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.



**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.**