

WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham



Sunday 1st December 2024 1st Sunday of Advent

<u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family service without Holy Communion	<u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am Family service without Holy Communion	<u>St Nicholas'</u> 9.30am Family service with Holy Communion	<u>St Richard's</u> 10.30am Family Service with Holy Communion
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PRAYING TOGETHER VIA ZOOM DURING ADVENT begins this week. Mondays and Thursdays. See inside for joining instructions.

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



CHRISTMAS SERVICES Please see our separate leaflet listing all events.

This week's music...

St Leonard's

493 O come, O come, Emmanuel
102 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
(t AMNS 31)
50 Be still for the presence of the Lord
266 I cannot tell

St Martin's

140 Come thou long expected Jesus
19 All my hope on God is founded
307 Hills of the North rejoice
449 Lo He comes with clouds descending
327 I cannot tell

St Nicholas'

31 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
365 God is Love: let heaven adore him
28 Lo, He comes with clouds descending
26 O come, O come, Emmanuel

St Richard's

31 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
365 God is Love: let heaven adore him
28 Lo, He comes with clouds descending
26 O come, O come, Emmanuel

The Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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: Jeremiah 33. 14-16

¹⁴ "The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

¹⁵ "In those days and at that time

I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.'

Psalms 25. 1-9

¹ In you, LORD my God,
I put my trust.

² I trust in you;
do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ No one who hopes in you

will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.

⁴ Show me your ways, LORD,
teach me your paths.

⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.

⁶ Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, LORD, are good.

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

⁹ He guides the humble in what is right

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-end

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Gospel: Luke 21. 25-36

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹ He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is

near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³⁴ “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNITY PRAYERS Our Warm Space at St Richard’s Church opens again this Monday. Please pray that neighbours and families, old and new will come and use the service and enjoy fellowship with our community. We give thanks for the faithful team that run this offering.

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, Ruth Doughty, 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: Nicholas Neal Richardson. Lord, hold him in your arms. We ask that you also give peace and comfort to Helen, Jay, Luke, and Bridie-his family and their 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. 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=4Mzx31lj9ugJYov4Hruv9UblMkDI5v.1> Meeting ID: 837 4744 3055 Passcode: pv54Zh

MOTHER'S UNION HOLY COMMUNION will be held at Deal Parochial School on 5th December. Please pray for their witness at the school and for links that will be made.

PARISH AWAY DAY The PCC invites you to a parish afternoon at St Richard's to talk about our Mission Action Plan on Saturday 7th December 12-2pm. Festive refreshments will be available.

Next Week's Services – 8th December

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<p>Tuesday 9.30-9.55 Morning Prayer 12 noon Holy Communion</p>	<p>Weds 9.30-9.55 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>Thursday 9.30 -9.55 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>Monday 9.30 -9.55 Morning Prayer</p>

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, 10.30am.

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

Dwelling in the Word Group, The Manions': Alternate Fridays 7pm

English Lessons for Ukraine, St Richard's: Monthly, 2nd Thursday

Friendship Lunch, St Richard's, Monthly, first Thurs, 12 noon

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, 4th Sunday 3-5pm

UDGM Prayer Group, St Martin's: Monthly, second Saturday, 10.00am



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

QUIZ NIGHT A much needed £295 for Parish Funds was raised on the night. A big thank you to Karen, Jane & the team and to all who attended. It was a great success and enjoyed very much.

CARD SALE Patricia who attends the Tuesday coffee mornings has been kindly raising funds for the Parish by making Christmas cards available for us to buy. There are more cards available in St Leonard's and St Nicholas.

COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISER in aid of RNLI on Tuesday raised the fantastic sum of **£454!** A huge thank you to Sue and her team for organising this and to all who attended.

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. Contributions for **January/February 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



Treasurer's email: treasurerudgm@outlook.com

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Office hours Tuesday – Thursday 9-12noon

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Tracey Nesbit, Youth and Families Project Worker
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Visit our website: <https://upperdealandgtmongehamparish.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. John Wakeman

'Dwelling in the Word' Matthew 5. 1-16

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said:

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

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

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

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

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

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

¹³ "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. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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.**