

WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham



Sunday 26th January 2025

Third Sunday of Epiphany

<u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family service with Holy Communion	<u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am Family service with Holy Communion	<u>St Nicholas'</u> 9.30am Family service without Holy Communion	<u>St Richard's</u> 10.00am Next service 'Little Lights' Children's Service with breakfast on 16 th February
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MIDWEEK PARISH COMMUNION Tuesdays, 12 noon, at St Leonard's Church after the Coffee Morning. All welcome.



<p><u>St Leonard's</u> 52 The people that in darkness sat (omit 2 &3) 118 Firmly I believe and truly 102 My God, how wonderful thou art 258 Author of life divine 143 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun</p>	<p><u>St Martin's</u> 223 Father, hear the prayer we offer 4 A new commandment 200 Blest are the pure in heart 114 All my hope on God is founded</p>
<p><u>St Nicholas'</u> 50 Be still for the presence of the Lord 54 Bind us together, Lord 673 There is a redeemer 496 O for a thousand tongues to sing</p>	<p>This week's music...</p>

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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: Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹ All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel.

² So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. ³ He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. ⁵ Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. ⁶ Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who

have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Psalms 19. 1-6

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal

concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

Gospel: Luke 4. 14-21

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. ¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,

whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS We pray for all in our local community. We pray they will find in our events and activities, something that will lead them to a closer relationship with God.

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: Pat Young, Barbara Sharman, Howard Colgate, Jean Gear, Dave James, Dora Staples, Liz Greenwood. Joan Finney, Ian Instone & his family, Michael Chambers.

Peter Brennon, Adrian Morley, Wendy Turner, 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. 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!

DWELLING IN THE WORD HOUSEGROUP begins again on 24th January at 7pm at the Manion's – 45 Manor Road. Come and join us listening to God's word and each other.

FUNERAL SERVICE, INCLUDING COMMITTAL OF RUTH DOUGHTY, will be at St Leonard's Church on Monday 27th January at 2pm to which people are invited. Ruth's body will be brought to rest in church at 9am on Monday. Afterwards at the Social Centre for refreshments.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COMMEMORATIONS Service at the St. George's Churchyard Memorial at 11 00 am Monday 27th January. A Candlelit Remembrance Service, same day at Town Hall starting 7.30 pm.

COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISER On Tuesday 4th February, 9.30-noon. in the Social Centre in aid of the 'Young Lives Versus Cancer'. All the usual stalls & donations of raffle prizes would be welcome.

FREE FAMILY CREATIVE WORKSHOP DAY Sat 15th Feb 10-4pm at Hornbeam School. Five bookable workshops, you can attend some or all. For booking contact udgm.kids@gmail.com Please see flyer in churches and on noticeboards.

PEACE GARDEN AT ST MARTIN'S Jennie Esposito has been working hard to get 'Peace Garden' status for the churchyard at St Martin's. To kick things off there will be 1000 snowdrops planted! On 22nd February between 11-3pm. Please see posters and flyers. All welcome.

REGULAR EVENTS

Book Club: Monthly, please see Jane Slater for details.

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 24th Jan

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

Next Week's Services – 2nd February

<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 No service	Sunday 11.00am Whole Parish Taize style Family Service with Holy Communion (Refreshments from 10.15)	Sunday 9.30am No service	Sunday 10.00am Next service 'Little Lights' Children's Service with breakfast on 16/2
Tuesday 9.30-9.55 Morning Prayer 12 noon Holy Communion	Weds 9.30-9.55 Morning Prayer	Thursday 9.30 -9.55 Morning Prayer	Monday 9.30 -9.55 Morning Prayer

NOTICES

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

PARISH TREASURER In May, John W must stand down as treasurer for the Parish of Upper Deal & Gt Mongeham. Please prayerfully consider someone to take over. Ideas of people who could be approached, please let Rev Monica know.

PARISH WHATSAPP GROUP Given all the hacking problems Rev Monica and the Church Wardens have decided that we will close this group soon and continue contact via email. A Parish WhatsApp group may reopen later in a different format.

SHOLDEN SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE 17th December. Huge thanks to the attendees at this service for their collection of £52 in aid of the heating costs at St Leonard's.

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH The heating is having to be left on constantly. This is very costly and the PCC would be very grateful for any donations towards the cost of this you feel you could make.

OUR CHURCHYARDS The churchyard & vegetation surrounding **St Nicholas'** are still the responsibility of the Parish and PCC & we continue to need funds for this work. We are grateful for Sholden Parish Council's continued help with this but please give, if you can, to help our work.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION 2025 Everyone on the parish electoral roll will need to complete a new form this year. Forms will hopefully be available early in February. It is also a time to encourage people to join so please pray for the process.

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'd like to keep in touch online contact Wendy at the office on stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com. Contributions for **March/April Compass** to same address please.

CHURCH BANK DETAILS

Paying tithes and pledges electronically is easy, the details you need to know are below. We would also be delighted if you would complete the Gift Aid form 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 No:** 31141228

Parish Giving Scheme URL:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/upper-deal-w-great-mongeham-deal/>

Treasurer's email: treasurerudgm@outlook.com

CONTACT DETAILS

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Office hours Tuesday – Thursday 9-12noon

Children and Youth Work enquiries:

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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

New 'Dwelling in the Word' passage 2 Corinthians 9.1-14

Now it is not necessary for me to write to you about the ministry to the saints, ²for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. ³But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; ⁴otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—in this undertaking. ⁵So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion.

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.'

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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.**