

# WHAT'S ON?

## In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham



### 5th Sunday of Easter - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

<u>St Leonard's</u>	<u>St Martin's</u>	<u>St Nicholas'</u>	<u>St Richard's</u>
8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Service	9.30am Family Service	10.00am 'Little Lights' Children's Service with breakfast
10.00am Family Service without Holy Communion	without Holy Communion	with Holy Communion	
	5.30pm Choral Evensong followed by sherry		

St Martin's Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May **Ascension Day** Service 7pm finishing with act of worship outside

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



## This week's music...

<b><u>St Leonard's</u></b> 41 At the name of Jesus 525 O thou, who camest from above 59 Blessed assurance 367 Jesus is Lord	<b><u>St Martin's</u></b> 4 A new commandment, I give unto you 120 Come Down, O love Divine 491 Love Divine, all loves excelling 430 Let there be love shared among us 14 All hail the power of Jesus' name
<b><u>St Nicholas'</u></b> 200 Great is thy faithfulness 59 Blessed assurance 254 I am a new creation 367 Jesus is Lord	<b><u>Choral Evensong at St Leonard's</u></b> 287 Hark my soul, it is the Lord Psalm 98 Chant 149 Martin in A flat Magnificat Chant 167 Parry in E Nunc Dimittis Dyson in C Anthem He shall feed His flock (Messiah – Handel) 839 Ye choirs of Jerusalem

## **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ you have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 11. 1-18**

**11** The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him <sup>3</sup> and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

<sup>4</sup> Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. <sup>6</sup> I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. <sup>7</sup> Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'

<sup>8</sup> "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

<sup>11</sup> "Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to have no

hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. <sup>14</sup> He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'

<sup>15</sup> "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptised with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

### **Psalm 148. 1-6**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights above.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens  
and you waters above the skies.

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for at his command they were created,

<sup>6</sup> and he established them for ever and ever—  
he issued a decree that will never pass away.

### **Second reading: Revelations 21. 1-6**

**21** Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the

Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

**Gospel: John 13. 31-35**

<sup>31</sup> When he (Judas) was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

**Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS** We pray for the people using our buildings and churchyards, that they will be inspired by their visits and our activities to search more deeply for God's presence with them.

**PARISH WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS** We pray God's blessings on Geraldine & Ian, Victoria & Lee, Amy & Paul, Therese & Robert recently married or to be married in our parish. We pray for God's blessings on Reuben Barrett to be baptised in June.

**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:** Baby Esmae, Tanneke Berwick, Margaret Thurgood, Andrew Russell, Heather Brennon, Barbara Sharman, Jean Gear, Dave James, Dora Staples, Liz Greenwood. Joan Finney, Ian Instone & his family, Michael Chambers. 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:** 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 HOMEGROUP** resumes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm. All welcome.

**INTERMENT OF ASHES** of Pat Young on Tues 27<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm St Leonard's. Anyone who would like to, is welcome to attend.

**ASCENSION DAY SERVICE** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May at St Martin's, 7pm finishing outside with an act of worship.

**THANET JUBILEE SINGERS** (formerly known as the Thanet Gospel Choir) will be giving another of their great concerts at St Martin's, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm. Tickets will cost £8 on the door and refreshments will be available for a donation.

**SUMMER SIZZLER CONCERT** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 3-5pm, St Richard's Church. More details later, please put the date in your diary.

**SUMMER FETE & DEAL BRASS BAND**, with music, craft for kids, stalls and teas will be held in St Martin's churchyard, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm. Stalls are bookable at £5 via [stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com)

**COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTY & BBQ** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 12 noon in the Rectory garden. £10 for adults, children free. More details later.

## Next Week's Services – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

<b><u>St Leonard's</u></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> <u>Next service 1<sup>st</sup> June</u> Family Service <b>with</b> Holy Communion
<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

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

**Community 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, The Manions',** Fortnightly, **returns 16<sup>th</sup> May**



**English Lessons for Ukraine, St Richard's:** Monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Prayer Group, at home:** Monthly, second Saturday, 10.00am

### **NOTICES**

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

**WHOLE PARISH BRUNCH ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** will be of a thankful and celebratory nature. We would like to acknowledge a special birthday for Rev Wendy Jackson-Hill. We would also like to give thanks to Chris Taylor for her many years of willing service as Church Warden. If anyone would like to make a contribution toward a gift for Chris, please put in a marked envelope at a Sunday service.

**PARISH TREASURER** On his ordination, John Wakeman **must stand down as treasurer for the Parish of Upper Deal & Gt Mongeham. Please prayerfully consider someone to come forward as a new treasurer** for the parish. 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.

**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](mailto:stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com). Contributions for the July/August edition are being collected now.

### **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/>



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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’ passage 2 Corinthians 9.1-14**

Now it is not necessary for me to write to you about the ministry to the saints, <sup>2</sup>for 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. <sup>3</sup>But 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; <sup>4</sup>otherwise, 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. <sup>5</sup>So 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.

<sup>6</sup> The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And 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. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, ‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.’

<sup>10</sup>He 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. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through 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, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks 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.**