

WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham



6th Sunday of Easter - Sunday 25th May 2025

<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> 10.30am Next family service with Holy Communion Sunday 1 st June
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St Martin's Thursday 29th 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.



St Leonard's

179 God of mercy, God of grace
471 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
235 O Jesus I have promised
254 Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour
184 Jerusalem the golden

St Martin's

127 Come let us join our cheerful song
66 Be thou my vision
309 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord
541 O for a thousand tongues to sing

St Nicholas'

673 There is a redeemer
187 God is love, let heaven adore him
488 O breath of life come sweeping
through us
708 To God be the glory

Hymns for Ascension Day Service

277 Hail the day that sees Him rise (not vv3-6)
62 Be still for the presence of the Lord
453 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
304 Here, O my Lord (not vv3&6)

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 16. 9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—

² so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.

³ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.

⁵ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

Second reading: Revelations 21. 10, 22-22.5

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Gospel: John 5. 1-9

5 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralysed. [⁴] ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

⁷ “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” ⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,

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 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!

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

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

THY KINGDOM COME PRAYER 29th May – 8th June. During this time all four of our churches will be open between 9.30am and 4.30pm. Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way. It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves; for this we pray. There will be resources in all our churches

to aid this period of rest and prayer.

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

SUMMER SIZZLER CONCERT Saturday 21st 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 19th July, 2pm. Stalls are bookable at £5 via stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com

SPONSORED WALK Elizabeth Carroll will be walking in the Peak District on 9th August to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. Please see the flyer on our emails and in churches for ways to donate.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTY & BBQ Saturday 23rd August, 12 noon in the rectory garden. £10 for adults, children free. More details later.

Next Week's Services – 1st June 2025

<u>St Leonard's</u>	<u>St Martin's</u>	<u>St Nicholas'</u>	<u>St Richard's</u>
8.00am Holy Communion	Sunday 11.00am Family Service without Holy Communion	Sunday 9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion	Sunday 10.30am Family Service with Holy Communion
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Tuesday 9.30-9.55 Morning Prayer 12 noon Holy Communion	Wednesday 9.30-9.55 Morning Prayer	Thursday 9.30 -9.55 Morning Prayer	Monday 9.30 -9.55 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

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 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

REV MTHR MONICA would like to say a big thank you to everyone for all the cards, gifts, prayers & support in celebrating her becoming Rector. I hope & pray that the Lord will continue to guide and strengthen me as we work together for growth & flourishing of our parish community.

REV SHARON & HER FAMILY would like to say the hugest 'thank you' to all who did anything to help with Paul and Amy's Wedding on the 9th of May. Thank you also for presents cards and good wishes.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ken Kennison who reaches the grand age of 90 on the 29th May. We wish him the best day and many happy returns.

WHOLE PARISH BRUNCH ON 29TH JUNE will be of a thankful and celebratory nature. We would like to acknowledge special birthdays for Rev Wendy & Tony Jackson-Hill & Linda Jackson. 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 At the APCM, John Wakeman had to stand down as our treasurer due to his forthcoming ordination. We offer John sincere thanks for all his hard work with the accounts. Our need for a new treasurer is now urgent. Please prayerfully think about this. Any ideas for a way forward, please speak to Rev Monica as soon as possible.

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. 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/>



Treasurer's email: treasurerudgm@outlook.com

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Parish Baptism, Wedding, St Richard's Church Hall Hire and Office

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St Leonard's Social Centre hall/room hire enquiries: Laura Chambers at

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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 Psalm 67

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and make his face shine on us—
- ² so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
- ³ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
- ⁵ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
- ⁷ May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision for our planning
Wisdom to our actions
Joy to our worship
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**