



WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham

Eighteenth after Trinity – 19th October 2025

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<u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service without Holy Communion 4.30pm Choral Evensong	<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> 10.00am 'Little Lights', children's breakfast service
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WEEKLY PARISH COMMUNION Tuesdays, 12 noon, at St Leonard's Church after the Coffee Morning.



This week's music...

<u>St Leonard's</u> 327 Immortal, invisible, God only wise (not v5) 254 I am a new creation 590 Seek ye first, the kingdom of God 51 Be thou my vision	<u>St Martin's</u> 349 Immortal, invisible, God only wise 481 Lord, thy word abideth 34 Amazing grace 811 What a friend we have in Jesus 498 Majesty, worship His majesty
<u>St Nicholas'</u> 199 Immortal, invisible, God only wise 223 Put thou thy trust in God 246 Just as I am 139 Rejoice, the Lord is King	<u>Choral Evensong</u> 223 Put thou thy trust in God Psalm 149 Turle in C Magnificat Wesley in G Nunc Dimittis Burgon in F Anthem My eyes for beauty pine Howells 17 The duteous day now closeth

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting 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: Genesis 32. 22-31

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as

he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered. ²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." ³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

² My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;

⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.

Second reading: 2 Timothy 3. 14-4.5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this

charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

Gospel: Luke 18. 1-8

18 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep

putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

PARISH WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS We pray God's blessings on both couples who will be married in our parish in October; Sarah & Brandon, Scarlett & Jack.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: Michael Chambers, Michael Finney, Baby Lola, Baby Esmae, Tanneke Berwick, Margaret Thurgood, Andrew Russell, Heather Brennon, Barbara Sharman, Jean Gear, Dave James, Liz Greenwood. Joan Finney, Ian Instone & his family. 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: including Geraldine Carney. 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.

Next Sunday's Services – 26th October 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	Next Service - Sun 2 nd November, Family Service
10.00am Family Service with Holy Communion	with Holy Communion	without Holy Communion	with Communion from 10.45am Youth Choir meet at 10am

MORNING PRAYER WEEKLY 9.30-9.55am

St Richard's Mon, St Leonard's Tues, St Martin's Weds, St Nicholas' Thurs

SAVE THE DATE!

BOOK CLUB Ever wondered how to live a successful, fulfilling & enjoyable life? Wonder no more! Read the Book of Proverbs, a collection of practical sayings & wisdom from the Old Testament. The original/first self-help book; &... far more helpful, easy to read & understand. I would love to know what you think - come & discuss, argue on Thurs, 23 October at The Farrier, 2pm start.

YOUTH CHOIR continues on the first Sunday of the month, 10-11.30am at St Richard's for all children 7yrs & upwards. Snacks will be served. Please pray for this endeavour.

COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISER Tuesday 21st October, 10-12pm in the Social Centre, in aid of **Sholden School's Religious Education department.**

ALL SOULS SERVICE Sunday 2nd Nov, St Leonard's Church, 5.30pm for refreshments, 6pm service will start. We are collecting the names of loved ones you would like to be remembered on lists in each church. Please see email invitation.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR Sat 6th December, 11-2pm, St Leonard's Social Centre. Tables may be booked with Rev Sharon sharon.greenwood81058@gmail.com

NOTICES

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

WINTER PLAN FOR COLD WEATHER ST LEONARD'S CHURCH There is a plan for where St Leonard's services will be during cold weather this year. Please see flyer in email & in the church. We would be very grateful for donations towards the cost for the times when we will have to heat the church. Thank you.

MEMORY CAFÉ With effect from November the Memory Café will be running on the same weeks but at the new time of 3-5pm. The local Ukelele Club will be at the last session of 2025 on the 9th December. More details to follow.

COMPASS CONTRIBUTIONS Photos of our events, articles etc very welcome for the next edition please by 23rd October. Thanks.

UDGM STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2025 LEAFLETS Deliveries are still go! Sholden & Gt Mongeham are taken care of – thank you. **We have many roads in Deal left to receive leaflets. Please see Wendy as soon as possible for some leaflets and to pick your route. Thank you to those who have volunteered.**

***PARISH TREASURER** The need for a treasurer for the Parish is past being urgent, now critical. John will not be continuing with this work after a particular project is completed. **Please pray about this.** We need a solution. Any ideas for a way forward, please speak to Rev Monica.*

WHATSAPP GROUP Please use the link to join the new parish **WhatsApp** group. https://chat.whatsapp.com/IYnoITbxt0eB0mzylEbmRE?mode=ac_t

VOCATIONAL TRAINING Please continue to pray for Stephen Manion & Julie Murrow. Stephen is enjoying his placement in Walmer parish which continues until November.

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 if you pay tax, 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



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.**