



WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham

Harvest Festival – 5th October 2025

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<p><u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service without Holy Communion 4.00pm Animal Blessing Service</p> 	<p><u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am Family Service without Holy Communion</p>	<p><u>St Nicholas'</u> 9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p><u>St Richard's</u> 10.30 for 10.45am Family Service with Holy Communion Youth Choir meets at 10am</p> 
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WEEKLY PARISH COMMUNION Tuesdays, 12 noon, at St Leonard's Church after the Coffee Morning.



This week's music...

<p><u>St Leonard's</u> 106 Come, ye thankful people, come 23 All things bright and beautiful (t i) 732 We plough the fields and scatter 506 O Lord my God</p>	<p><u>St Martin's</u> 144 Come ye thankful people, come 195 For the beauty of the earth 10 All creatures of our God and King 197 For the fruits of His creation 801 We plough the fields & scatter</p>
<p><u>St Nicholas'</u> 106 Come, ye thankful people, come 23 All things bright and beautiful (t i) 732 We plough the fields and scatter 367 Jesus is Lord</p>	<p><u>St Richard's</u> Children's choice</p>

The Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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: Habakkuk. 1. 1-4; 2. 1-4

1 The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received. **2** How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? **3** Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. **4** Therefore the law is

paralysed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

2 I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts. I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. **2** Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. **3** For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it lingers, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. **4** "See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright— but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness.

Psalm 37. 3-9

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. **4** Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. **5** Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: **6** He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. **7** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

8 Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. **9** For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

Second reading: 2 Timothy 1. 1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus. **2** To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. **3** I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. **4** Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. **5** I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. **7** For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. **8** So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. **9** He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, **10** but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. **11** And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. **12** That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. **13** What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. **14** Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel: Luke 17. 5-10

5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" **6** He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

⁷ “Suppose one of you has a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? ⁸ Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: Baby Lola, Geraldine Carney, Baby Esmae, Tanneke Berwick, Margaret Thurgood, Andrew Russell, Heather Brennon, Barbara Sharman, Jean Gear, Dave James, 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.

Next Sunday’s Services – 12th 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	10.00am Next service 19 th
10.00am Family Service with Holy Communion	with Holy Communion	without Holy Communion	October ‘Little Lights’, children’s breakfast service

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!

MEN’S BREAKFAST Saturday 4th October, 8.30am, usual table (11) at Sir Norman Wisdom pub in Deal. All welcome for a tasty breakfast and unlimited coffee & chat.

BOOK CLUB Thurs 23rd October at the Farrier Pub, 3pm. This time we will be chatting about the Book of Proverbs.

HARVEST SUPPER Please join us on Saturday 4th October at 5pm at St Richard’s. No booking required. A donations basket will be available for contributions towards the food. We have invited our wedding couples & baptismal families from over the years & are hoping for an evening of celebration.



YOUTH CHOIR is beginning on Sunday 5th October, 10-11.30am at St Richard's for all children 7yrs & upwards. Snacks will be served. Please pray for this endeavour.
DWELLING IN THE WORD Our next meeting at the Manion's will be on Friday 17th October, 7pm.

GUMBO - LIVE IN CONCERT WITH DINNER Saturday 18th October in St Richard's at 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from udgm.kids@gmail.com. **Ticket price now includes a bowl of chicken 'Gumbo' and bread.** Please see [new](#) posters in Churches for information. Funds raised will help support our lovely churches in the parish.

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

NOTICES

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL GIFTS Our Harvest services will be in all our churches on 5th October. All churches will be collecting for the Food Bank, apart from St Nicholas' who will be collecting for Emmaus. Please see the list in churches and attached to the weekly email for the items that could be donated. Thank you.

UDGM STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2025 LEAFLETS Deliveries are 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.**

TRACEY'S STEP CHALLENGE FOR DIABETES UK is complete with Tracey having completed **506,329 steps!** Tracey has raised £482 in the process – well done!

***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/IYnolTbxt0eB0mzylEbmRE?mode=ac_t

VOCATIONAL TRAINING Please continue to pray for Stephen Manion & Julie Murrow. Stephen begins his placement in Walmer parish this week 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



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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.**