



WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham

Christ the King – 23rd November 2025

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<p><u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p><u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p><u>St Nicholas'</u> 9.30am Family Service without Holy Communion</p>	<p><u>St Richard's</u> 10.30am Next service – Whole Parish Brunch 'Thanksgiving' Sun 30th Nov</p>
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WEEKLY PARISH COMMUNION Tuesdays, 12 noon, in the **Benefice Lounge at St Leonard's Social Centre** after the Coffee Morning.



<p><u>St Leonard's</u> 139 Rejoice, the Lord is King 202 Let all the world in every corner sing 101 O worship the King Anthem: The King of Love – Bairstow 261 Once, only once, and once for all 147 Crown Him with many crowns</p>	<p><u>St Martin's</u> 52 At the name of Jesus 340 I will sing the wondrous story 62 Be still for the presence of the Lord 463 Lord Jesus Christ 150 Crown Him with many crowns</p>
<p><u>St Nicholas' (MP)</u> 575 Rejoice, the Lord is King 367 Jesus is Lord 13 All hail the power of Jesu's name 109 Crown Him with many crowns</p>	<p><u>This week's music...</u></p>

The Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen.**

PRINCIPAL READINGS

First reading: Jeremiah 23. 1-6

23 "Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. **2** Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. **3** "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. **4** I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

5 "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. **6** In his

days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.

Psalm 46; 1-7

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Second reading: Colossians 1. 11-20

¹¹ You are being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Gospel: Luke 23. 33-43

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: David Flewker, Mavis Harris, Michael Chambers, Michael Finney, Baby Lola, Baby Esmae, Tanneke Berwick, Margaret Thurgood, Andrew Russell, Heather Brennon, Barbara Sharman, Jean Gear, Dave James, Joan Finney, Ian Instone & his family. Adrian Morley, Wendy Turner, Elizabeth McConnell, Caroline Richards, 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 – 30th November 2025

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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 Thurs 27th Nov, 3pm in the Farrier, Book of Ruth. All welcome.

ADVENT COURSE On Weds 3rd, 10th & 17th, December. Three 'Reflections on Incarnation'. Led by Rev John Wakeman. St Richard's, 7-8.45pm. See flyer.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR Sat 6th December, 11am-2pm in Social Centre.

- If you are able to **VOLUNTEER** some time on the day, on a stall, please see Sharon.
- Help with the **HAMPER, ALCOHOL & GRAND raffles AND the CAKE STALL is needed please – please see leaflet attached to weekly email**
- A huge **THANK YOU** very much for all the donations in the boxes so far.

DEAL PAROCHIAL SCHOOL NATIVITY Members of our congregations are invited to Deal Parochial school to watch the rehearsal of their Nativity play. Y6 will serve refreshments. Please join us on Weds 10th Dec at 1.15pm. If you are able to make it please let Wendy M know, so biscuits may be bought! Thank you

CAVELL'S REMEMBRANCE SERVICE is being hosted at St Leonard's church, 5pm on Saturday 13th December. All welcome.

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH is running on Thursday 1st January at St Richard's, 12 noon. See Lydia for details.

NOTICES

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

JAMAICA FUND Bishop Rose has asked us to pray and give what we can for Jamaica. If you would like to contribute to a Parish collection please give cash donations in marked envelopes or bank transfer donations with a clear reference to that effect. Thank you.

NATIVITY COSTUMES/FABRIC needed for a Parish stock of costumes for our Christingles & other services. Please let Families Team know if you are able to help.

DWELLING IN THE WORD There is a new passage – James 2. 14-24.

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

WINTER PLAN FOR COLD WEATHER ST LEONARD'S CHURCH IS IN EFFECT

We have some outside organisations and many schools coming into St Leonard's for their Christmas services. We would be very grateful for donations towards the cost of keeping the heating on to get it warm enough. The PCC is very grateful for the generous donations so far. Thank you.

PARISH TREASURER The Parish is without a treasurer. **Please pray about this.**

All 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 This group is for informing the Parish of prayer needs and events. Specific prayer needs to Rev Monica or Church Wardens for sharing. If anyone would like to start a conversational WhatsApp group please see Wendy M for advice.

ST RICHARD'S HIRE has a new email for bookings strichardshire@gmail.com

VOCATIONAL TRAINING Please continue to pray for Rev John Wakeman, Rev Nick Tomaszewski, Stephen Manion & Julie Murrow.

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/>

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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.**

