



WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham

2nd Sunday of Advent– 7th December 2025

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<u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service without Holy Communion	<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> 10.45am Family Service with Communion and Youth Choir (from 10am)
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WEEKLY PARISH COMMUNION Tuesdays, 12 noon, in the Lady Chapel at St Leonard's after the Coffee Morning. (*heating is now on in church)



This week's music...

St Leonard's

102 Come, thou long expected Jesus
 535 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
 50 Be still for the presence of the Lord
 266 I cannot tell

St Nicholas'

31 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
 27 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
 484 Long ago, prophets knew
 26 O come, O come, Emmanuel

St Martin's

56 Awake, awake, fling off the night
 535 O come, O come Emmanuel
 198 For the healing of the nations
 774 Thy kingdoms, O God
 327 I cannot tell

St Richard's

O Christmas tree
 Deck the halls
 Jingle bells

The Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

PRINCIPAL READINGS First reading: **Isaiah 11. 1-6, 10**

11 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD— ³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; ⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Psalm 72. 1-6

Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

² May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.

³ May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

⁴ May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor.

⁵ May he endure^l as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

⁶ May he be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.

Second reading: Romans 15. 5-11, 13

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed ⁹ and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name." ¹⁰ Again, it says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 3. 1-11

³ In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

⁴ John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the Jordan River.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptising, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ "I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; 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 – 14th December 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> Next service 10.00am 'Little Lights' breakfast Christingle service
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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!

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 6th December, 8.30am at the Sir Norman Wisdom pub. Come and get a good breakfast before our Christmas Fair.

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR COMMITTEE send a huge thank you to all who have donated items or money to the Christmas Fair. If anyone is able to help set up please be at the Parish Centre anytime; Friday 5th December 2-5pm 7-9pm & Sat 6th December 9-11am. If you are able to help on a stall please be in the centre on Sat 11am -2pm. We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your support.

ADVENT COURSE started on yesterday and continues on 10th & 17th. Two more 'Reflections on Incarnation' – where God is in the world. Led by Rev John Wakeman. St Richard's, 7-8.45pm. See flyer. (Thanks to Lydia for refreshments.)

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

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS will close for the year on 16th Dec when the 150th anniversary of the Centre will be celebrated. Coffee mornings will return on 6th Jan 2026. A big thank you to Sue, Bernie & the team for their efforts in 2025.

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. We have collected £15 so far. Thank you.

SHOLDEN SCHOOL sent some lovely thank you cards in to the Coffee Morning in appreciation of the money raised for their Religious Artefacts. Photos in the next edition of the Compass.

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.

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. Congratulations to Chris Taylor on the completion of her Lay Worship Leader course.

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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Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**