



WHAT'S ON? In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham

4th of Easter – 26th April 2026

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<p><u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Whole Parish Family Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p><u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am No service</p>	<p><u>St Nicholas'</u> 9.30am No service</p>	<p><u>St Richard's</u> 10-2pm Church is open for silent prayer</p>
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WEEKLY PARISH COMMUNION Please join us on Tuesdays, 12 noon, in St Leonard's church after the Coffee Morning.



St Leonard's

126 The King of love my shepherd is
 122 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
 148 At the name of Jesus (omit vv2 & 6)
 274 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face
 Anthem: God be in my head Aston
 147 Crown Him with many crowns
 One more step along the world I go (*see separate sheet*)

*This
week's
music...*

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRINCIPAL READINGS

First reading: Acts 2. 42 – end

⁴² The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Psalms 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second reading: 1 Peter 2. 19 – end

¹⁹ It is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵ For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Gospel: John 10. 1-10

10 “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger’s voice.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: Noel Thompson, Carolyn Coupland, Sarah Robinson, Dennis Burney, David Flewker, Mavis Harris, Michael Chambers, Michael Finney, Baby Lola, Baby Esmae, 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, we ask that you give peace and comfort to their families and friends & keep them in your loving strength as they come to terms with their loss.

SAVE THE DATE!

WHOLE PARISH SERVICE we will be saying goodbye to our parish curate, Rev Lynn, on **Sun 26th April**, at our whole parish service, 10am at St Leonard's with a bring and share lunch afterwards in the Social Centre.

MUSICAL FUNDRAISING CONCERT – TO SLEEP...TO DREAM at St Leonard's Church in aid of heating for St Leonard's & St Nicholas' heating & roof repair for St Martin's, **Sat 2nd May** at 5pm. Tickets from the office and on the door on the evening, churches & coffee mornings £8 adults, under 16s free. Refreshments included in price. If you buy your tickets via SumUp, please bring your receipt on the evening. Please encourage friends to come along and fill the church.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING Sunday 10th May 2026 after a short service with Holy Communion at St Richard's.

TRINITY SUNDAY CONCERT 31st May, 2pm at St Nicholas', with Mark Spratt & the Herne Bay Concert Band. Tickets £5 on the door, under 16s free.



WHOLE PARISH PLANNING AFTERNOON Sat 23rd May, 12-3pm, St Richard's, beginning with a bring & share lunch & performance by **Ravi Holy** (Priest at Wye). *Absolutely everyone is welcome* – you do not have to belong to any committee to help the parish plan.

BOOT FAIR PARISH FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY Would anyone be able to run a parish table at the Boot Fair on **1st August 2026** on Walmer Green? See flyer.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES 3rd May 5th Sunday of Easter	St Leonard's 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service without Holy Communion	St Martin's 11.00am Family Service without Holy Communion	St Nicholas' 9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion	St Richard's 10am Family service with Choir & Holy Communion
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WEEKLY MORNING PRAYER 9.30-9.55am – please join us
St Richard's Mon, **St Leonard's** Tues, **St Martin's** Weds, **St Nicholas'** Thurs

NOTICES

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

APCM REPORTS This is a call for reports for the APCM on May 11th. Please send them, by 1st May for inclusion in the booklet, to PCC Sec, Wendy Manion at the office or udgmpccsec@gmail.com as soon as possible. **Thank you.**

A huge **THANK YOU** has been given by Rev Pat Wright for her send off at St Nicholas' and the cards and generous gifts she was given. We wish her well in her retirement and hope she keeps in touch.

A DEDICATED JUST GIVING PAGE has been set up to raise money for essential repairs across the parish – heating systems x 2 and roof replacement. Please share the link where and whenever you can. Thank you

<https://www.justgiving.com/charity/Ecclesiastical-Parish-of-Upper>

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 Rev John Wakeman, Rev Nick Tomaszewski, Stephen Manion & Julie Murrow.

CHURCH BANK DETAILS

Paying tithes and pledges electronically is easy. Thank you for your generosity.

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/treasurerudgm@outlook.com>



Our Mission Prayer

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.**

