



**WHAT'S ON?**  
In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham  
*6th of Easter – 10th May 2026*

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<u><b>St Leonard's</b></u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am No service	<u><b>St Martin's</b></u> 11.00am No service	<u><b>St Nicholas'</b></u> 9.30am No service	<u><b>St Richard's</b></u> 10am Holy Communion followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting
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**St Leonard's on Ascension Day** on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. Please join us for a service of Mission Praise at **7pm**.

**WEEKLY PARISH COMMUNION** Please join us on Tuesdays, 12 noon, in St Leonard's church after the Coffee Morning.



**This Sunday's music...**

**St Richard's**

473 I come with joy  
249 Take my life and let it be  
235 O Jesus I have promised

**The Collect**

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**PRINCIPAL READINGS**

**First reading: Acts 17. 22-31**

<sup>22</sup> Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup> "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup> 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup> "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past

God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

### **Psalm 66. 16-end**

<sup>16</sup> Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

<sup>17</sup> I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

<sup>19</sup> but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer.

<sup>20</sup> Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

### **Second reading: 1 Peter 3. 13-end**

<sup>13</sup> Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” <sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup> For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— <sup>20</sup> to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup> and this water symbolises baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

### **Gospel: John 14.15-21**

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR:** Ben Bano, 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.

<p><b>NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> of Easter</b></p>	<p><b><u>St Leonard's</u></b> <b>8.00am</b> Holy Communion <b>10.00am</b> Family service <b>without</b> Holy Communion <b>5.30pm</b> Choral Evensong</p>	<p><b><u>St Martin's</u></b> <b>11.00am</b> Family service <b>without</b> Holy Communion</p>	<p><b><u>St Nicholas'</u></b> <b>9.30am</b> Family service <b>with</b> Holy Communion</p>	<p><b><u>St Richard's</u></b> <b>10am</b> 'Little Lights' breakfast service</p>
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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**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**PARISH PRAYERS** Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May, in your own homes or wherever you are, please join us. Prayer points in email as usual.

**THY KINGDOM COME 14<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026** Rev Monica will be reading all four gospels during the week beginning on 18<sup>th</sup> May (see flyer) at our churches. Anyone is welcome to drop in and either listen or read and give Monica a break, just turn up.

**FRIDAY NIGHT LIFE (COMPLINE)** All are welcome to join Rev John Wakeman as he leads on 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 6.30-7pm in the Benefice Lounge at the Social Centre. We look forward to seeing you there.



**WHOLE PARISH PLANNING AFTERNOON Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

**TRINITY SUNDAY CONCERT 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2pm at St Nicholas', with Mark Spratt & the Herne Bay Concert Band. Tickets £5 on the door, under 16s free. Have you displayed a poster? I have some available if required, thank you.**

**FUNDRAISING FAMILY HISTORY DAY** St Martin's on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July, 11-3pm, please see Compass Magazine for more details. Come and find out about pirate links to the church! Thanks to Jennie E and the History Society for organising.

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

**NOTICES**

**SAFEGUARDING** Please raise safeguarding concerns immediately with our Safeguarding Officer, Mandy Forrest 01304 372521 or 07999 910197. **Please see the grid on p31 of the new Compass Magazine to see what training you must undertake due to a parish role that you have.** Thanks

**COLLECTION** I have started a collection for a thank you gift for Rev Wendy. Wendy and Tony are preparing to move to the Isle of Wight mid-June. If you would like to contribute please see Wendy M **before the end of May**. Wendy's leaving service will be at a Whole Parish service at St Leonard's on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June and will be followed by a bring and share lunch in the Social Centre. Thank you.

**CONCERT BY COASTAL CHOIR** A big thank you to the Coastal Choir from Thanet for their lovely concert on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. They helped us to raise £322 for the heating and roof funds. Thanks to providers of refreshments too. It was a lovely evening.

**THANK YOU FROM REV LYNN** Thank you so much for giving me such a wonderful send-off. My heart was full to bursting. I love the beautiful picture of the four churches. It will hang in my study, when it looks like a study and is not full of boxes!! Thank you also for the gift voucher, which will be spent in due course. Our new house is taking shape. There is a garage conversion to be done, which won't happen for a few months. In the meantime, order is gradually emerging from the chaos! It will take a while for our new life to fall into place, but Daventry has a good feeling. Our neighbours all seem friendly and have welcomed us. I will miss all of you in UDGM. God bless you all

**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/IYnoITbxt0eB0mzylEbmRE?mode=ac\\_t](https://chat.whatsapp.com/IYnoITbxt0eB0mzylEbmRE?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.**



