



WHAT'S ON? In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham *7th of Easter – 17th May 2026*

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<p><u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service without Holy Communion 5.30pm Choral Evensong</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> 10am 'Little Lights' service starting with breakfast</p>
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WEEKLY PARISH COMMUNION Please join us on Tuesdays, 12 noon, in St Leonard's church after the Coffee Morning.



This week's music...

St Leonard's

575 Rejoice the Lord is King
 465 Meekness and majesty
 488 O breath of life
 207 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

St Martin's

33 Hallelujah sing to Jesus
 711 The head that once was crowned with thorns
 638 Rejoice the Lord is King
 399 Jesus shall reign
 215 Give me joy in my heart

St Leonard's Choral Evensong

143 Jesus shall reign
 Psalm 47 Turle in C
 Magnificat Parry in E
 Nunc Dimittis Dyson in C
 Anthem My eyes for beauty pine Howells
 16 The day thou gavest

St Nicholas'

575 Rejoice the Lord is King
 464 Meekness and majesty
 435 Lord Jesus Christ
 445 Lord, the light of your love

The Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

PRINCIPAL READINGS

First reading: Acts 1. 6-14

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea

and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” ¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Psalm 68 1-5

¹ May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.

² May you blow them away like smoke— as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.³ But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.

⁴ Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the LORD.

⁵ A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

Second reading: 1 Peter 4. 12-14, 5. 6-11

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: John 17. 1-11

¹⁷ After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶ “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave

me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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.

<p>NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES 24th May Day of Pentecost</p>	<p><u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am No service</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> 10am Pentecost Whole Parish Praise service celebrating the birth of the church.</p>
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If anyone would like to give a short testimony at the Pentecost service, please let Rev Monica or Tracey know.

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!

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

FRIDAY NIGHT LIFE (COMPLINE) All are welcome to two Friday half hour sessions with John Wakeman on 15th & 29th May, 6.30-7pm in the Benefice Lounge in the Social Centre. We look forward to seeing you there.

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.*



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. Have you displayed a poster? I have some available if required, thank you.

GREAT MONGEHAM'S MARINERS DAY St Martin's on Sat 4th July, 11-3pm, please see posters for more details. Come & find out about pirate links to the church!

Thanks to Jennie Esposito & the GM History Society for organising.

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.

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 14th June and will be followed by a bring and share lunch in the Social Centre. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN AID FUNDRAISER The coffee morning raised **£375** for Christian Aid. Thanks to the coffee morning team & all who attended to raise this fantastic sum.

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>

VACANCY FOR PCC SECRETARY with effect from 15th May 2026. A secretary is required for PCC (our trustees) and Standing Committee meetings. See Wendy M for details. (This is not the Parish Admin job – I will still be in the office Tues-Thurs.)

WHATSAPP GROUP Please use the link to join the new parish **WhatsApp** group.

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.**

