



WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham

Sixth Sunday of Trinity 27th July 2025

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<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> 10.30am Next service Whole Parish Brunch on Sunday 3 rd August
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WEEKLY PARISH COMMUNION Tuesdays, 12 noon, at St Leonard's Church after the Coffee Morning. All welcome.



St Leonard's

224 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
 113 Father, hear the prayer we offer
 101 O worship the King (omit V3)
 Anthem: Jesu, my Lord – Barnby
 274 Here, O my Lord
 214 Guide me, O thou great redeemer

St Martin's

27 All who would valiant be
 52. At the name of Jesus
 5. Abba, Father, let me be
 774. Thy kingdom come, O God

St Nicholas'

400 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
 590 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
 792 You are the vine
 201 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

This

**week's
music...**

The Collect

Creator God,
 you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see,
 and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRINCIPAL READINGS

First reading: Genesis 18. 20-32

²⁰ Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹ that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know." ²² The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with

the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

²⁶ The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake. ²⁷ Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸ what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?" "If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it." ²⁹ Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it. ³⁰ Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?" He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there." ³¹ Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?" He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

Psalm 138. 1-5

¹ I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

³ When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

⁴ May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.

⁵ May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.

Second reading: Colossians 2. 6-15

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. ⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self, ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Gospel: Luke 11. 1-13

11 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." ² He said to them, "When you pray, say:

““Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation.””

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. ⁹ “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PARISH WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS We pray God’s blessings on all the couples who are to be married in our parish. We pray God’s blessings on Elijah, Maxwell and Troy, our July baptisms.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: Baby Esmae, Tanneke Berwick, Margaret Thurgood, Andrew Russell, Heather Brennon, Barbara Sharman, Jean Gear, Dave James, Dora Staples, Liz Greenwood. Joan Finney, Ian Instone & his family, Michael Chambers. Adrian Morley, Wendy Turner, Elizabeth McConnell, Caroline Richards, Steve Kerly, 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING for the life of Percy Ponting. Saturday 9th August, 3pm at St Richard’s Church. Refreshments will be served after the service.

COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISER for Dravet’s Syndrome, Tuesday 29th July 10-noon, St Leonard’s Social Centre. See posters and the current Compass for more details.

TRACEY NESBIT IS FUNDRAISING for DIABETES UK, clicking this link will enable you to support her mission to walk 500,000 steps this summer.

https://step.diabetes.org.uk/fundraising/traceys-fundraising-page85?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-WA&utm_content=MPC

SPONSORED WALK Elizabeth Carroll will be walking in the Peak District on 9th August to raise money for the Alzheimer’s Society. Please see the flyer on our emails and in churches for ways to donate.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTY & BBQ Saturday 23rd August, 12 noon in the Rectory garden. £10 for adults, children free. Tickets NOW available from churches, the office and coffee mornings.

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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

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

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

https://chat.whatsapp.com/IYnolTbxt0eB0mzyIEbmRE?mode=ac_t

PARISH FETE A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the fete at St Martin's on the 19th. The weather was unpredictable but we managed and the Deal Brass Academy were wonderful. Thanks to the stallholders who braved the weather. Thanks to Jennie & Peter for setting up the refreshments and Lydia & various helpers for serving. There was a selection of lovely cakes made – thanks to all who donated. £110.48 was raised for Parish Funds.

THANK YOU to the family of Dorothy Turton for a generous gift in her memory from her family. The money will be put towards the upkeep of St Nicholas'.

ROAD CLOSURE Info from SGN - from 23rd July there will be a solid closure of the junction at London Rd, Manor Road & Rectory Road. Rectory Rd will have on-street parking, access to it will be from the other end. Car access to the Social Centre car park could not be guaranteed but now they are aware of the amount of use, they will do their best to keep the entrance clear.

<https://www.sgn.co.uk/our-gas-works/major-planned-projects/deal-a258-london-road>

PARISH TREASURER The need for a treasurer for the Parish is now urgent. **Please pray about this.** Any ideas for a way forward, please speak to Rev Monica.

ST LEONARD'S SOCIAL CENTRE'S trustees wish to appoint a new manager to look after the bookings and accounts for the hall. The job description & an application form is available from the Parish Office. Knowledge of EXCEL is essential.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING Please continue to pray for 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 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/>

Treasurer's email: treasurerudgm@outlook.com

