



WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham

Eighth Sunday of Trinity 10th August 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> 10.00am Next service 'Little Lights' breakfast service Sunday 17 th 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

237 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said
 361 For the healing of the nations
 246 Just as I am, without one plea
 Anthem: Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts
 275 Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants
 184 Jerusalem the golden

This week's music...

St Martin's

52 At the name of Jesus
 223 Glorious things of thee are spoken
 574 O praise ye the Lord
 840 Ye holy angels bright

St Nicholas'

51 Be thou my vision
 446 Lord, thy word abideth
 396 Just as I am, without one plea
 506 O Lord my God

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
 we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies
 in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;
 that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved
 in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and
 reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRINCIPAL READINGS

First reading: Genesis 15. 1-6

15 After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

2 But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" **3** And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." ⁵ He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Psalm 33. 12-14, 18 - end

¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

¹³ From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;

¹⁴ from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—

¹⁸ But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

¹⁹ to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

²¹ In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

²² May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

Second reading: Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16

¹¹ Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she^[a] considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel: Luke 12. 32-40

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants

whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

PARISH WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS We pray God's blessings on all the couples who are to be married in our parish; in August we have the wedding of Claire & Jonathan. We pray God's blessings on Tyler and Jacob, our August baptisms.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: Robert Coe, 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: Especially, at this time, David Heard. 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!

UDGM PARISH PRAYERS This Saturday (9th) at 10am in your homes or wherever you are. Prayers point sheet attached to this week's email.

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

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.

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.

MOTHERS' UNION This year's opening service is on Tuesday 9th September at 7pm at St Leonard's.

DWELLING IN THE WORD HOUSEGROUP will begin again on Friday **12th** September at the Manions', 7pm.

RIDE & STRIDE 40TH ANNIVERSARY 2025 Sat 13th September. Do you know anyone who would like to ride their bikes or walk around the churches, or be a welcomer for the day? Money is divided between FOKC and the churches in our parish. Details from the office. All of our churches will have sign-in sheets. More info in the weekly email.

GUMBO - LIVE IN CONCERT Saturday 18th October, 7 for 7.30pm, St Richard's Church. Tickets £10 on sale now via UDGM.KIDS@GMAIL.COM

Next Sunday's Services – 17th August 2025

<u>St Leonard's</u>	<u>St Martin's</u>	<u>St Nicholas'</u>	<u>St Richard's</u>
8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Service	9.30am Family Service	10.00am 'Little Lights'
10.00am Family Service without Holy Communion	without Holy Communion	with Holy Communion	breakfast service

MORNING PRAYER WEEKLY 9.30-9.55am

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

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

https://chat.whatsapp.com/IYnoITbxt0eB0mzylEbmRE?mode=ac_t

NO CHORAL EVENSONG in August as the choir is having a well earned rest.

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 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:

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Treasurer's email: treasurerudgm@outlook.com



