



WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham

Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist - 21st September 2025

For all the news, join our weekly email update, please contact stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com

<u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service without Holy Communion	<u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am Family Service without Holy Communion 5.30pm Choral Evensong	<u>St Nicholas'</u> 9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion	<u>St Richard's</u> 10.00am 'Little Lights' Children's breakfast service
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WEEKLY PARISH COMMUNION Tuesdays, 12 noon, at St Leonard's Church after the Coffee Morning.



This week's music...

St Leonard's

409 Let saints on earth together sing
 302 I want to walk with Jesus
 770 Will your anchor hold
 41 At the name of Jesus

St Martin's

481 Lord, thy word abideth
 677 Stand up, stand up for Jesus
 774 Thy kingdom come O God
 73 Bind us together
 201 Forth in thy name, Oh God, I go

Choral Evensong

540 O for a heart to praise my God
 Psalm: 119(33-40) Day in A
 Magnificat Bairstow in E
 Nunc Dimittis Battishill in D flat
 Anthem: A Gaelic blessing Rutter
 648 Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise

St Nicholas'

560 Praise my soul the King of heaven
 249 How lovely on the mountains
 488 O breath of life
 728 We have a gospel to proclaim

The Collect

O Almighty God,
 whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector
 to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain
 and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son 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: Proverbs 3. 13-18

¹³ Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, ¹⁴ for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. ¹⁵ She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. ¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour. ¹⁷ Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her

paths are peace. ¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.

Psalm 119. 65-72

⁶⁵ Do good to your servant according to your word, Lord. ⁶⁶ Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands.

⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word.

⁶⁸ You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees.

⁶⁹ Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies, I keep your precepts with all my heart. ⁷⁰ Their hearts are callous and unfeeling, but I delight in your law.

⁷¹ It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.

⁷² The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 4. 1-6

¹ Since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 9. 9-13

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. ¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PARISH WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS We pray God's blessings on all the couples who are married in our parish; in September Stephen & Deon will be getting married; and for Connor, Ellie & Henry who were baptised in early September.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: Baby Esmae, Tanneke Berwick, Margaret Thurgood, Andrew Russell, Heather Brennon, Barbara Sharman, Jean Gear, Dave James, 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, Simon Gregory. 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.

Next Sunday's Services – 28th September 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 No service	9.30am No service	10.30am No service
10.00am Whole Parish Holy Communion, Opening service of our Stewardship Campaign, with guest speaker, Rev Lindsay Yates			

MORNING PRAYER WEEKLY 9.30-9.55am

St Richard's Mon, St Leonard's Tues, St Martin's Weds, St Nicholas' Thurs

SAVE THE DATE!

DWELLING IN THE WORD HOUSEGROUP Friday 19th September at the Manions'.
SIMON GREGORY HOLYOAKE Simon's funeral will be at St Andrew's on Monday 22nd September at 10am, then afterwards in their church hall. All are welcome.

GUMBO - LIVE IN CONCERT Saturday 18th October in St Richard's at 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from udgm.kids@gmail.com. Please see posters in Churches for information.

COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISER Tuesday 21st October, 10-12pm in the Social Centre, in aid of **Sholden School's Religious Education department.**

NOTICES

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

UDGM STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2025 LEAFLETS We need your help to deliver to streets in the Deal area of our parish. The sign-up sheet is being held in the office at St Leonard's to avoid double booking confusions. Please consider helping with delivery, asking friends or family for help, ideas gratefully received. We are delivering in Deal as Sholden & Gt Mongeham are, very kindly, taken care of. Contact Wendy M or Janet to sign up.

***PARISH TREASURER** The need for a treasurer for the Parish is past being urgent, now critical. John will not be continuing with this work after a particular project is

completed. **Please pray about this.** We need a solution. Any ideas for a way forward, please speak to Rev Monica.*

COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISER in aid of DiABETES UK raised the fantastic sum of £527. Well done everyone on the team and well done to all who came – thank you.

HARVEST FESTIVAL GIFTS Our Harvest services will be in all our churches on 4th October. With the exception of St Nicholas', who collect toiletries and winter clothing etc for Emmaus, please see Irene Mantle for details, the other three churches will be collecting for the Food Bank. Please see the list in churches and attached to the weekly email for the items they need. Thank you.

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 Stephen Manion & Julie Murrow. Stephen will be on placement in Walmer parish from late September to November.

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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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.**