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MAGAZINE



**November
December
2025**



St Leonard's - Upper Deal
St Martin's - Great Mongeham
St Nicholas' - Sholden
St Richard's - Mill Hill

EDITORS NOTE

Dear All!

Thank you to contributors to this month's magazine. We've had a busy time lately here in the office.

Work started on the windows today, with the window that is being mended off site, being removed. More news as we get it...



-Wendy (Editor).

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Letter from our Rector, Rev Mtr Monica

Dear Friends in Christ

As the evenings draw in and we begin to look forward to the season of Advent and Christmas, it's good to pause and reflect on what it means to be renewed in faith. The Bible offers us so many stories of renewal — times when God's people rediscovered hope, joy, and direction through His Word and Spirit. Two such moments were in our recent readings at evensong: one from the book of Nehemiah, and the other from the Gospel of John and in preparing for evensong these readings resonated deeply within me and so I share my reflection here with you-

The Joy of the Lord Is Your Strength.

Both are stories of change and awakening — one taking place under the bright sunlight of a newly rebuilt Jerusalem, the other in the quiet and tender words of Jesus preparing His disciples for what lies ahead. In both, we see that God's Word is not simply something to be *heard* but to be *lived*, and that His Spirit continues to guide and strengthen us with truth and joy.

Reflections on Nehemiah 8:9–18 and John 16:1–11

Nehemiah — A Man Who Rebuilt Hearts

Nehemiah is not one of the better-known figures of the Old Testament, yet his story is one of courage, prayer, and faithfulness. He served as *cupbearer* to King Artaxerxes of Persia — a position of trust and influence. When he heard that the walls of Jerusalem lay in ruins and that its people were vulnerable, he was moved to tears and prayer. With the king's permission, he returned to lead the rebuilding of the city.

In the book that bears his name, Nehemiah is sometimes called “**the Tirshatha**”, a Persian title meaning *governor* or *ruler*. The word likely comes from an old Persian root meaning *venerable* or *his excellency*. But Nehemiah's true distinction was not in his title — it was in his humility before God. He was a man who always prayed before he acted, and who reminded his people, again and again, that their real strength came from the Lord: “*The joy of the Lord is your strength.*”

Rediscovering Joy Through God's Word

By chapter 8 of Nehemiah, the city walls have been rebuilt. The people are home, safe at last. But Nehemiah knows that physical security is not enough —

their spiritual life also needs rebuilding. So he joins with Ezra the priest to bring the community together and read aloud from the Book of the Law.

From early morning until midday, Ezra reads while the Levites move among the crowd, explaining the meaning of the words so that everyone can understand. The people begin to weep, realising how far they have strayed and how faithful God has been in bringing them back. But Nehemiah and Ezra remind them not to be overcome by sorrow. “This day is holy,” they say, “for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

It is such a beautiful moment of pastoral care. Understanding God’s Word is not meant to crush us but to lift us. They are encouraged to share food, wine, and hospitality with one another — to celebrate what God has done.

Jesus and the Spirit of Truth

In our Gospel reading, we find another community facing change and uncertainty. Jesus is preparing His disciples for the time when He will no longer be with them in the flesh. He tells them that His going away will make room for the coming of the Holy Spirit, whom He calls *the Advocate* or *the Paraclete* — the one who will comfort, guide, and convict them.

The Holy Spirit, Jesus says, will “guide you into all truth.” The Spirit is, in a sense, like the Levites in Nehemiah’s day — helping us understand God’s Word and apply it to our lives. Through the Spirit, the Word becomes alive within us; it speaks personally and powerfully, challenging and transforming us.

In both Nehemiah’s Jerusalem and Jesus’ upper room, we see the same pattern: the people of God are renewed by **the Word** and **the Spirit**. The Word grounds them; the Spirit breathes new life into them. One without the other is incomplete.

Living in Joyful Expectation

As we prepare to enter Advent, we might take Nehemiah’s and Jesus’ messages to heart. Advent is a season of preparation — not only for the celebration of Christ’s birth, but for the renewal of our own hearts. It calls us to listen afresh to God’s Word and to invite His Spirit to bring light into our darkness, courage into our weariness, and joy into our waiting.

The people in Nehemiah’s time celebrated by sharing what they had, ensuring that no one was left out. Perhaps that is a timely reminder for us too — to make generosity, hospitality, and compassion the hallmarks of our own Advent and Christmas preparations.

When Nehemiah looked upon the people gathered in the rebuilt city, he saw not just repaired walls but restored hearts. When Jesus looked upon His disciples, He saw beyond their fears to the joy that would come through the gift of the Spirit.

**Take a moment each week of Advent to pause and pray,
to prepare our hearts for Christmas:**

- **Week 1 – Hope:** What relationships in my life need rebuilding?
- **Week 2 – Peace:** Where can I bring calm and kindness?
- **Week 3 – Joy:** What brings me strength and gratitude?
- **Week 4 – Love:** How can I share God's love with others this Christmas?

So as we journey through Advent and Christmas let us remember Nehemiah's words:

"Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

As the lights go up, the carols begin, and our community gathers for Advent and Christmas worship, may that same joy — the joy of the Lord — be our strength.

With much love and prayers for a joyful Advent and Christmastide
Rev Mtr Monica Cameron

THE
JOY
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- NEH 8:40 -

Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride 2025

2025 celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Friends of Kent Churches **Ride and Stride** event. What started as a sponsored bike ride around Kent churches to raise funds to help maintain Kent's ancient places of worship has evolved into an event with both cycling and walking options. As the event local organiser for St Nicholas', Sholden, preparations for the event were disrupted by my recent hospital stay and myopathy diagnosis.

However, I was determined to take part, although lowering my sights from the usual cross Kent marathon with Katherine to a more reasonable walk around the parish of Upper Deal and Great Mongeham's four churches.



Unfortunately, the weather was not kind on Saturday 13th September, with East Kent experiencing thunderstorms, lightening and very heavy rain from the early hours. Katherine and I started the day by

going to St Nicholas's, Sholden to unlock the church and set-up for visitors (thank you Carol for beating us to it!), before returning home to Great Mongeham to officially start our stride at just after 10am.

A brisk walk up Cherry Lane to St Martin's, Great Mongeham, saw the first church reached by 10:18, although an extended "stay" under the lychgate and a further one under a tree in the village avoiding torrential rain meant that St Nicholas's, Sholden was not reached until 11am. The rain was so heavy that the entrance to the churchyard by the main road was under water and we had to use the tower path.



From St Nicholas's, it was downhill to Upper Deal and St Leonard's, navigating our way through the gas road works that have blighted the Deal area for the last six months. It took nearly an hour to reach St Leonard's, which I realised was a reflection on the amount of time spent chatting at St Nicholas's and hoping for the heavy rain to stop, rather than the distance involved! By the time we reached Upper Deal we were wet through to the skin. Our waterproof coats had been very effective at keeping our top halves dry, but at the expense of our trousers, shoes and socks.

Surprisingly, the walk up hill to the top of Mill Hill and St Richard's only took about 30 minutes, with the rain stopping and the sun coming out enroute.



The top of Mill Hill afforded a great view of the weather, with black rain - heavy clouds towards Walmer and Dover and, fortunately, clear blue skies towards Great Mongeham and the route home.



Although we had aimed to take photos at all the churches, the weather and heavy rain prevented this in a couple of places. The eagle eyed will notice St Leonard's photo is missing (we did visit, honest!) and the St Martin's photo has a blue sky, since this was

taken on the way home at the end of our trek, as it was too wet to take at the start.

Thank you to Mandy, Chris, Irene and Carol who ensured that St Nicholas's was open from 10am until 6pm as "church sitters". The weather meant there was a significant shortage of visitors which struggled to get into double figures. However, we had brave souls visiting from afar as Northbourne, Woodnesborough, Eythorne, Eastry and Goodnestone. You have to admire their determination!

I would like to thank all the people who have sponsored either Katherine and myself or the church sitters and at this stage we have raised nearly £700. The half retained by Friends of Kent Churches will be dispersed in grants to churches undergoing major projects to repair church fabric (e.g. roofs, heating, windows, etc.). The other half of this money will be sent back to the Parish and will likely be used to pay for two new church heaters desperately needed for St Nicholas' before the winter to replace the ones condemned back in the Spring.

Finally, I would like to thank Katherine for supporting me throughout the day. Going from being able to manage only a few steps a day at the end of July after coming home from hospital, to a 4 mile trek a few weeks later was not without some trepidation, but Katherine was brilliant throughout. From her trademark "Come on, we can do this!", to her taking my arm when she thought I needed some help, she was there and was brilliant. Whilst the weather was wet and horrible, no one can be un-cheered with a Katherine!

Robert Coe

**Memory Café
at St Richard's Church
Mill Hill, Deal
CT14 9JU**

- Are you living with a dementia or memory loss or caring for someone who does?
- If so, our Memory Café is for you. An opportunity for carers and cared-for to meet others with similar life experiences and find support.
- Social Prescribers will be in attendance to help with daily living tasks, housing queries, benefits advice and so much more.
- For more information contact Sally Barclay on 01304 614237
- Information also available at DDC, Carer's Support and Stilwell and Singleton Solicitors

**Second and last
Tuesdays of the
month 3 – 5 pm***
*(*please note new time for
November onwards)*





Harvest Supper 2025



This year we invited our families that we have



made contact with through weddings & baptisms and our outreach programmes. A very pleasant evening was had and the food was delicious. Thank you Lydia and the team.

Harvest collections from our churches went to Foodbank and Emmaus, I met the Deal Foodbank

people as I delivered direct to there, not realising I was supposed to deliver to the depot. They were having a busy morning and were very grateful for the donations.



Lydia and Jean – thanks ladies for all that you do.

Miscellaneous Photos from miscellaneous events!



Remembrance plaque, painted by Sean who comes to Coffee Morning Fundraiser

A slow visitor to this year's pet blessing service.



TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS



will be running as usual but there will be no special fundraisers in November or December so that people can focus on the Parish Christmas Fair on 6th December.



However, that does not mean there will be no Christmas cheer in December! Keep your eyes peeled for the signs...

ST LEONARD'S SOCIAL CENTRE

9.30-11.30AM

A big thank you to Sue, Bernie and the team for another great year of fundraising and community spirit.





Gumbo!

A great fundraising evening in October, with great music, lovely food and a busy raffle. All adding up to funds for the parish.





**The drama queens
were out again! A
sketch of Goldilocks**



**The food was delicious, thank
you Marion, no photos as it all
went!**






OPEN TABLE

Come as you are

You're more than welcome here

The Open Table Network is a growing partnership of Christian worship communities which welcome and affirm people who are:

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender,
Queer / Questioning, Intersex, Asexual (LGBTQIA)
+ anyone who wants to belong in an accepting, loving community




Sunday 9th. November
Preacher: The Right Revd. Rose Hudson-Wilkin,
Bishop of Dover

St Peter's Anglican Church, Canterbury
Refreshments from 3pm
Eucharist Service at 3.30pm
Second Sunday of each month

*Season of
Remembrance*



For more information about the Open Table Network
www.open table.lgbt

If you know anyone who might be interested in the Open Table meetings, please let them know that they are held every 2nd Sunday in Canterbury.



St Richard's Church Youth Choir

is up and running. Four children joined us at the first service in October. They meet on the 1st Sunday of the Month at

St Richard's Church, Mill Hill, Deal

*All reading age children welcome to join
(no singing experience required)*

The morning will run as follows;

10.00am – Rehearsal

10.30am – Refreshments

10.45am – Family Communion Service

11.30am - Finish

Please contact youth musician, Julie Murrow on 07512 978419 or juliemurrow6898@gmail.com for more information.

We look forward to meeting you. Please pray for this outreach to our community's children.

**A Christmas Fair 2025
with the Theme 'Winter Wonderland' has been
proposed by our Families Team.**

Saturday 6th December - 11-2pm



**in St Leonard's Church and Social
Centre**

All proceeds to general Parish funds for all our
churches.

Individual stall holders keep their profits having paid a
pitch fee which will be payable in advance. Please
contact stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com for more
information.

Please could we have alcohol, assorted raffle prizes and
any items good as new - all urgently needed from now.

We will try to get a box in each church asap to collect
donations.

Anybody who would like to join the
planning committee please contact Revd
Sharon



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Whether we have an official duty or role in the parish, we might be a volunteer or we may just come along to our services and events – we all need to know about safeguarding. It not just somebody else's job.

We have a safeguarding officer – Mandy Forrest – 01304 372521 or 07999 910197. Any concerns are **immediately** raised with Mandy on one of those numbers.

However, we can **all** get some training – what/who are we safeguarding, what do we do with concerns? – on the Diocesan website it describes training as being 'For everyone within Church communities who need to have a basic awareness of safeguarding issues.' I don't think there is anyone this doesn't apply to.

Please use this link to have a look at what's available and give some time to this important concern.

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/safeguarding-basic-awareness-module.php>

The PCC would be very interested to hear if you do take up this offer. **Thanks to the group of people who took up the recent offer.**

Thank you



Come and join us at **'Little Lights'**

Children of **all ages** and **abilities** are **welcome** and encouraged to take part and express themselves through **drama**, **music**, **action songs**, **craft** and **prayer**.

We start the service with a good chat around the **breakfast table**.

For more information email the UDGM Team@ udgm.kids@gmail.com



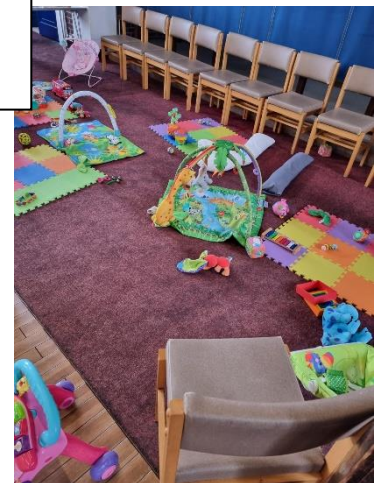


Froglets



We have new people on the rota but there is room for more. Please prayerfully consider joining the rota once a month. **WE NEED YOU**

Pray: Thank God for this gift, for volunteers, new and those already there! Pray for the mums, dads and grandparents that come, pray for the children.





Offering warmth, refreshment & friendship this winter

Enjoy a bite to eat, cup of something warm and a chance to chat and share. There is no charge and everybody is welcome.

Deal Warm Welcome returns from
Monday 3 November 2025 until
Wednesday 1 April 2026

www.deal.gov.uk/dww



We are open and welcoming again!

St Richard's Church

Mill Hill CT14 9JU
stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com
01304 369919

Trinity Church

Union Road CT14 6EA
trinitychurchdeal@gmail.com
01304 372 002

Deal Pantry

Deal Welfare Club, Cowdray Square
CT14 9EU
contact@dealpantry.org.uk
07510 407605

St Andrew's Church

West Street CT14 6DY
www.dealstandrews.co.uk
01304 381131

St George's Church

High Street, CT14 6BA
01304 368355

Age UK

3 Park Street, CT14 6AG
01304 372608
From October to the end of March 2026
9am to 4pm
Mondays: 1 free hot drink per person
Fridays: 2-course meal for £3 - served
from 12pm no need to book

Deal Area Foodbank & Pantry



Deal Area Foodbank
www.dealarea.foodbank.org.uk
info@dealarea.foodbank.org.uk
01304 728428



United Families UK
Advice - Support - Guidance
www.Unitedfamiliesuk.org.uk
01304 799997
info@unitedfamiliesuk.org.uk



Dover District

www.homestartdover.org.uk
committed to promoting the welfare
of families with at least one
child aged 5 and under
office@homestartdover.org.uk
01304 242314



Come to the Town Hall

We begin four days of events at the Town Hall in partnership with the NHS Social Prescribing Team on the
15, 16, 19 & 20 January 2026
On **Saturday 17 January** from 10am to 2pm we're hosting a special 'Hobby Day' for you to discover a new interest in the New Year!

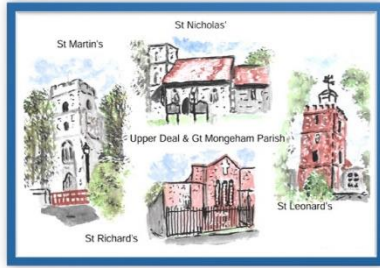


Social Prescribing

DEAL AND SANDWICH PRIMARY CARE NETWORK

Emergency support

Citizens Advice 01304 272499
Dover District Council 01304 821199
KCC Support (24/7) 0800 107 0160
Samaritans 116 123
Talk it Out 07923 096273
PAPYRUS Prevention of Young Suicide
0800 068 4141



PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH OF UPPER DEAL AND GREAT MONGEHAM

Book Club: Monthly, check What's On? for details.

Coffee Morning, St Leonard's Centre: Weekly, Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am

CrafTEA, St Leonard's Centre: Monthly, first Tuesday 2-4pm

Deal Warm Welcome, St Richard's: Every week, Mondays 9am – 1pm

Dwelling in the Word Group, The Manions': Alternate Fridays 7pm

English Lessons for Ukraine, St Richard's: Monthly, 2nd Thursday

Friendship Lunch, St Richard's, Monthly, first Thurs, 12 noon, not January

Froglets, St Richard's: Term time, Weekly, Fridays, 10-12 noon

'Little Lights' Children's Service, St Richard's: Monthly, third Sunday, 10.00am

Memory Support Café, St Richard's: Twice monthly, second and last Tuesdays 3-5pm (new time from Nov 2025)

Men's Breakfast, Sir Norman Wisdom: Monthly, first Saturday, 8.30am

Mother's Union Holy Communion, St Leonard's: Monthly, first Thursday, 10am

Mother's Union Meetings St Leonard's Centre, Monthly, second Tues., 2.30pm

Sunday School, St Martin's: Available Weekly, 11.00am

UDGM Prayer Group, where you are: Monthly, second Saturday, 10am



‘Dwelling in the Word’ passage Psalm 67

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—
² so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
- ³ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
- ⁵ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
- ⁷ May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

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.**



THE PARISH OF UPPER DEAL AND GREAT MONGEHAM

has two halls that may suit your hire needs.

ST LEONARD'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Rectory Road, Deal

A small and a larger hall is available for hire.

Manager: Julie Murrow

Bookings:

stleonardshalldeal@gmail.com



ST RICHARD'S CHURCH

Mill Hill, Deal

A large hall with a stage.

Please contact;

strichardshire@gmail.com

Winter Plan 2025 for cold weather – St Leonard's Church

2nd November All Souls Service will be in the church

- After that, Tuesday lunchtime Holy Communions, Sunday 8am & 10am morning services will be held in the Social Centre.
- All Choral Evensongs during this period will be at St Martin's. This will continue into the New Year as necessary.
- We will heat the church for services to which we are expecting large numbers from the 12th December to 25th December so the following services may be held in the church;

13th December Cavell's Carol Service

16th December Sholden School

17th December Hornbeam

21st December Nine Lessons and Carols

24th December Christingle

24th December Midnight Mass

We need your help and donations to make this possible and would be very grateful for anything you can give.



SERVICES Nov 25	ST LEONARD'S	ST MARTIN'S	ST NICHOLAS'	ST RICHARD'S
Sunday 2nd November	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service without Holy Communion 5.30pm All Soul's Service	11.00m Family Service without Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion	10.30am Family Service with Holy Communion. Children's Choir from 10am for rehearsal and refreshments
Sunday 9th November <i>Remembrance with 2 mins silence at 11am</i>	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am No service	11.00am No service	9.30am Whole parish Remembrance Service with Band	
Sunday 16th November	8.00am Holy Communion 10am Family Service without Holy Communion	11.00am Family Service without Holy Communion 4.30pm Choral Evensong	9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion	10.00am 'Little Lights' children's breakfast service
Sunday 23rd November <i>Christ the King – Next before Advent</i>	8am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service with Holy Communion	11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service without Holy Communion	
Sunday 30th November <i>First of Advent</i>	8am Holy Communion 10.00am No service	11.00am No service	9.30am No service	10.30am Whole Parish Brunch service in THANKSGIVING for all who serve in our parish community

SERVICES Dec 2025	ST LEONARD'S	ST MARTIN'S	ST NICHOLAS'	ST RICHARD'S
Weds 3rd December				7pm Advent Course I 'Incarnation in Nature'
Sunday 7th December <i>2nd of Advent</i>	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family service without Holy Communion	11.00am Family service without Holy Communion	9.30am Family service with Holy Communion	10.30am Family Service with Holy Communion. Children's Choir from 10am for rehearsal and refreshments
Weds 10th December				7pm Advent Course II 'Incarnation in Christ'
Friday 12th December			7.00pm Carols with Herne Bay Concert Band	
Sunday 14th December <i>3rd of Advent</i>	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family service with Holy Communion	11.00am Family service with Holy Communion	9.30am Family service without Holy Communion	
Weds 17th December				7pm Advent Course III 'Incarnation in Ourselves & Others'

SERVICES Dec 2025	ST LEONARD'S	ST MARTIN'S	ST NICHOLAS'	ST RICHARD'S
Sunday 21st December <i>4th of Advent</i>	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service without Holy Communion 6pm Nine lessons and carols	11.00am Family Service without Holy Communion	9.30am Family service with Holy Communion	10.00am 'Little Lights' Children's breakfast Christingle service
Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve	4.00pm Christingle Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass	4.00pm Christingle Service	4.00pm Christingle Service	
Thursday 25th December Christmas Day	10am Family Service with Holy Communion	10am Family Service with Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion	
Sunday 28th December <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am No service	11.00am Whole Parish Family service	9.30am No service	10.30am Next service Sunday 4 th January Family service with Holy Communion

REGULAR SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS – PLEASE JOIN US

St Leonard's - after the 10am Sunday service, St Martin's - before the Sunday service 10.15am onwards, St Nicholas' – after the Sunday service
St Richard's - after the Sunday Service, Evensong – a glass of sherry is served after Evensong



St Leonard's Church Hand bell Ringers have an ap-'peal' and would like to invite you...

- To join their small group of novice and experienced hand bell ringers
- If you are interested in having a go, they meet every Tuesday at 7pm in Deal
- There's no need to be able to read music
- Beginners are welcome
- More information from Jane on 01304 379698 – please give her a ring!



CrafTEA

Knitting/Craft group. First Tuesday afternoon of the month, 2-4pm in St Leonard's Social Centre. Come and join us for coffee, craft and chat.

Regular Coffee Mornings Tuesdays

9.30-11.30am

St Leonard's Social Centre

**Look out for Charity
Specials -
announcements soon**



English Classes for Ukrainian Students, monthly,
2nd Thursday
mornings.



First Saturday of the
month. 8.30 at the Sir
Norman Wisdom, Deal.



Community Café
St Richard's: Monday
9.30-1pm
Friendship Lunch, St
Richard's: Monthly,
first Thursday, 12 noon



Parish Prayer Group, wherever
you are: Monthly, second
Saturday, 10.00am



Who's Who at Upper Deal and Great Mongeham

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Safe-guarding Officer	Amanda Forrest	01304 372521 07999 910197
PCC Treasurer	Vacancy TreasurerUDGM@outlook.com	
PCC Secretary	Wendy Manion	07411 432541
St Leonard's	Julie Murrow stleonardshalideal@gmail.com	see email

Social Centre	Phil Chambers (caretaker)	
St Richard's Caretaker	Phil Chambers	01304 360230
Ministry Team	Rev Mthr Monica Cameron (Priest in charge) Rev Lynn Overington (Curate) Rev Sharon Greenwood Rev Peter Hambrook Rev Wendy Jackson-Hill Rev Patrick Kavanagh Rev Deacon Pat Wright (Distinctive Deacon) Rev Nick Tomaszewski (Deacon) Rev John Wakeman (Deacon) Julie Chambers (ALM) Stephen Manion (ALM) Mary Shorten (ALM)	
Sacristans	Carol McCaughan Julie Chambers Karen Fairclough Karen McCarthy Sue Cooke	
Pastoral Visiting Team	Rev Monica Cameron Rev Lynn Overington Rev Patrick Kavanagh Rev Pat Wright Rev Peter Hambrook	
Missional Learning Comm-unities Team	Rev Monica Christine Taylor Sharon Greenwood Steve Goodsell Steve Manion Jane Slater Wendy Manion Diane Thurgood	
Website	https://upperdealandgtmongehamparish.com/	

‘Little Lights’



How cute is this puppet?

Used by the Families team to teach about Baptism at a recent Little Lights breakfast service.

Please pray for this outreach – it is growing.

To sum up...

Our parish financial situation is in much need with a significant number of structural repairs required to maintain our beautiful buildings for us and future generations. More details to follow in future editions.

We now have two payment machines, a fixed one at St Leonard's where there is WIFI & a 'CollecTin' machine, a card reader, currently at St Martin's. The cost of both have been obtained through generous donations and a grant from the Diocese.



We are using both machines at parish events to help increase giving. Keep your eyes 'peeled' for both machines and pray for their effectiveness and the ability they will have to help our parish finances so we may continue our outreach to the community.



This QR code may be used to give via the Parish Giving Scheme. It is very easy to use and, as always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

With effect from November, this Parish has no Treasurer. Please pray about this and help us to find a volunteer.

