



WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham

2nd Sunday before Advent - 16th November 2025

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<u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service without Holy Communion 4.30pm Choral Evensong	<u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am Family Service without Holy Communion 4.30pm 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, in the **Benefice Lounge at St Leonard's Social Centre** after the Coffee Morning.



This week's music...

St Leonard's

79 Christ, whose glory fills the skies
 243 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
 395 Judge eternal, throned in splendour
 708 To God be the glory

St Martin's

422 Lead us, heavenly Father lead us
 767 Thou, whose almighty word
 499 Make me a channel of your peace
 732 The spirit lives to set us free
 275 Guide me oh thou great redeemer

St Nicholas'

615 Stand up and bless the Lord (omit v4)
 200 Great is thy faithfulness
 395 Judge eternal, throned in splendour
 708 To God be the glory

Choral Evensong

290 Have faith in God, my heart
 Psalm 97 Hopkins in C
 Magnificat Wesley in G
 Nunc Dimittis Croft in A minor
 Anthem: He shall feed His flock – Handel
 704 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

The Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRINCIPAL READINGS

First reading: Malachi 4. 1-2a

4 "Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.

Psalm 98. 4-9

⁴ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;
⁵ make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,
⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the LORD, the King. ⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

⁹ let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Second reading: 2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13

⁶ In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

¹¹ We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. ¹² Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. ¹³ And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

Gospel: Luke 21. 5-19

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶ "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down." ⁷ "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

⁸ He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away." ¹⁰ Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: David Flewker, Mavis Harris, Michael Chambers, Michael Finney, Baby Lola, Baby Esmae, Tanneke Berwick, 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: including Geraldine Carney. 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 – 23rd November 2025

<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> Next service Sun 7 th Dec, 10.45am Family Service with Communion (and Youth Choir from 10am)
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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

SAVE THE DATE!

BOOK CLUB Thurs 27th Nov, 3pm in the Farrier, Book of Ruth. All welcome.

ADVENT COURSE On Weds 3rd, 10th & 17th, December. Three 'Reflections on Incarnation'. Led by Rev John Wakeman. St Richard's, 7-8.45pm. See flyer.

CAVELL'S REMEMBRANCE SERVICE is being hosted at St Leonard's church, 5pm on Saturday 13th December. All welcome.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR Sat 6th December, 11am-2pm in Social Centre.

- If you are able to **VOLUNTEER** some time on the day on a stall, Sue & Bernie need help with the refreshments, other jobs available also.
- A **DONATION** of two more bottles of spirits would be greatly appreciated.
- A huge **THANK YOU** very much for all the donations in the boxes so far.
- See list and Rev Sharon for more information of ways to help.

DEAL WARM WELCOME returns to St Richard's from Mon 3rd Nov. The scheme runs until the beginning of April. Flyers are in churches with details of other locations.

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH is running on Thursday 1st January at St Richard's, 12 noon. See Lydia for details.

NOTICES

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

JAMAICA FUND Bishop Rose has asked us to pray and give what we can for Jamaica. If you would like to contribute to a Parish collection please give cash donations in marked envelopes or bank transfer donations with a clear reference to that effect. Thank you.

DWELLING IN THE WORD There is a new passage – James 2. 14-24.

YOUTH CHOIR continues on the first Sunday of the month, 10-11.30am at St Richard's for all children 7yrs & upwards. Snacks will be served

WINTER PLAN FOR COLD WEATHER ST LEONARD'S CHURCH IS IN EFFECT

We have some outside organisations and many schools coming into St Leonard's for their Christmas services. We would be very grateful for donations towards the cost of keeping the heating on to get it warm enough. The PCC is very grateful for your help. Thank you.

MEMORY CAFÉ With effect from November the Memory Café will be running on the same weeks but at the new time of 3-5pm.

COMPASS MAGAZINE for Jan/Feb 2026 is underway – any contributions gratefully received.

PARISH TREASURER The Parish is without a treasurer. **Please pray about this.**

All ideas for a way forward, please speak to Rev Monica.

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

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IYnolTbxt0eB0mzylEbmRE?mode=ac t> This group is for informing the Parish of prayer needs and events. Specific prayer needs to Rev Monica or Church Wardens for sharing. If anyone would like to start a conversational WhatsApp group please see Wendy for advice.

ST RICHARD'S HIRE has a new email for bookings strichardshire@gmail.com

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. 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:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/upper-deal-w-great-mongeham-deal/>

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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.**