



WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham

Baptism of Christ - Sunday 11th January 2026

For all the news, join our weekly email update, please contact
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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> Next service, Sun 1st Feb, 10.00am Family Service with Communion and Youth Choir
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WEEKLY PARISH COMMUNION Please join us on Tuesdays, 12 noon, in St Leonard's church after the Coffee Morning.



St Leonard's

49 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (Rpt v1 at end)
 442 Christ, when for us you were baptised
 53 Songs of thankfulness and praise (omit v4)
 253 The heavenly Word, proceeding forth
 147 Crown him with many crowns

This week's music...

St Martin's

589 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
 798 We have a gospel to proclaim
 580 O thou who camest from above
 150 Crown Him with many crowns

St Nicholas'

529 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (omit v2)
 538 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
 162 From heaven you came
 708 To God be the glory

The Collect

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

PRINCIPAL READINGS

First reading: Isaiah 42. 1-9

42 "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. ² He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. ³ A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope."

⁵ This is what God the LORD says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: ⁶ “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷ to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. ⁸ “I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

Psalm 29. 4-9

⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.

⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

Second reading: Acts 10. 34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: “I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Gospel: Matthew 3. 13-end

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptised by you, and do you come

to me?" ¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: Karen Fairclough, 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 Maisie Chambers. 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 Week's Services – Sunday 18th January 2026

<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	Next service, Sun
10.00am Family Service without	without Holy	with Holy	1st Feb, 10.00am
Holy Communion	Communion	Communion	Family Service
4.30pm Choral Evensong			with Communion
			and Youth Choir

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!

UDGM PARISH PRAYERS Saturday 10th Jan, 10am, in your own home or wherever you are, please join us. Please see prayer letter from Elizabeth in weekly email.

EVENSONG FOR CANDLEMAS On Sunday 1st Feb, at St Martin's, 4.30pm, there will be an **extra evensong for February** led by a local visiting choir, 'With Cheerful Voice'. For more details of the Choir & how you can join in, please see

flyers & the latest edition of the Compass magazine. Sherry will be served afterwards.

NOTICES

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

KAREN FAIRCLOUGH called into the office today & is very thankful for all the prayers & good wishes for her recovery since her stroke. She is sorry she hasn't been able to reply personally to everyone. She is making a good recovery & hopes to be back at church soon. *(It was lovely to see her looking so well. WM)*

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

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. We have collected £17 so far. Thank you.

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH HEATING We are very grateful for donations towards the cost for the times when we will have to heat the church. Thank you.

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

https://chat.whatsapp.com/IYnoITbxt0eB0mzyIEbmRE?mode=ac_t

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.

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Sort Code: 40-19-10 **Account No:** 31141228

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And in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**