



WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham

2nd Sunday of Lent - Sunday 1st March 2026

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<p><u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service without Holy Communion</p>	<p><u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am Family Service without Holy Communion</p>	<p><u>St Nicholas'</u> 9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p><u>St Richard's</u> 10.00am Youth Choir & Family Holy Communion</p>
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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

200 Great is thy faithfulness
 729 We have come into his house
 465 Meekness and majesty
 501 O Jesus I have promised

St Martin's

19 All my hope on God is founded
 237 God forgave my sins in Jesus' name
 334 I heard the voice of Jesus say
 349 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
 777 To God be the glory

St Nicholas'

343 Be thou my vision
 471 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
 117 Praise to the Holiest in the height
 501 O Jesus I have promised

This week's music...

The Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord 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 12. 1-4a

12 The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ² "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you. I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse, and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

² My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber, ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand; ⁶ the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life;

⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.

Second reading: Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17 ⁴ What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ² If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³ What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

⁴ Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵ However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. ¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Gospel: John 3. 1-17

³ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” ⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. ¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that

everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: Carolyn Coupland, Sarah Robinson, Dennis Burney, Karen Fairclough, David Flewker, Mavis Harris, Michael Chambers, Michael Finney, Baby Lola, Baby Esmae, 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 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!

LENT COURSE - DIVERSITY & INCLUSION Four **Tuesdays** (*not Wednesdays as previously advertised*) from 3rd March, 7pm at St Richard's led by Rev Nick Tomaszewski. Please join us for this course. Refreshments available.

PRIVATE HIRE - LUMOS CONCERTS St Leonard's **church** is being hired for two concerts on Sat 18th April & the church will be unavailable. This is a private event but tickets may be found via the *Lumos Experiences* Facebook page. Bookings & concert enquiries will be *unavailable* from our Parish Office.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - ADVANCE NOTICE Sunday 10th May 2026 after the morning service at St Richard's



WHOLE PARISH PLANNING AFTERNOON Sat 23rd May, 12-3pm beginning with a bring & share lunch & performance by **Ravi Holy** (Priest at Wye) at St Richard's. *Absolutely everyone is welcome – you do not have to belong to any committee to help the parish plan. Please see the poster in *The Compass*.*

NOTICES

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

SERVICE OF WELCOME TO THE DIOCESE for the new Archbishop of Canterbury, at the Cathedral on Sat 28th March, 5.30pm. Rev Monica has 15

tickets available on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Monica if you would like a ticket.

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 £77 so far - thank you.

WHATSAPP GROUP Please use the link to join the new parish **WhatsApp** gp.
https://chat.whatsapp.com/IYnoITbxt0eB0mzylEbmRE?mode=ac_t

VOCATIONAL TRAINING Please continue to pray for Rev John Wakeman, Rev Nick Tomaszewski, Stephen Manion & Julie Murrow.

Next Week's Services – Sunday 8th March 2026

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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

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.**

