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THE COMPASS

MAGAZINE



March to



April 2026

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

EDITORS NOTE

Dear All!

Thank you for all your contributions to this March/April edition.



Walking out of St Martin's one Sunday in January I noticed the snowdrops appearing. It reminded me that a 1000 were planted last February in preparation for the Peace Garden opening in the summer by Bishop Rose. A sign of hope if ever there was one! (Thanks to JE for a much better photo than the one I took!)

At the January PCC meeting we heard how more volunteers are needed at [Froglets](#), [Memory Café](#) and the [Ukrainian](#) Language lessons session. The more help we can get from any of our church congregations or the community, the better.

Help is welcome from all, a lot of our activities take place at St Richard's as it is the best of our buildings for a lot of the activities we have. Its location does not limit who can be a volunteer there.

If you know of anyone who might be able to help, please talk to them and a member of the PCC. Rev Monica shared how she came across a name for a possible new treasurer, just by mentioning her concern to a neighbour. There are people out there who can help us – let's be bold & try to find them!

-Wendy (Editor). stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com

Following on from last month's letter, from Rev Monica, giving thanks for everything that is done in the parish and with the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) happening in May, I am giving details of the current Parochial Church Council (PCC), it's makeup & responsibilities.

At the APCM in May an updated list of **PCC members** is always put forward – could your name be on it? The answer, is quite simply, yes! If you are on the Electoral Roll and a regular attender at **any of our four churches** you are able to apply.

If you are interested in helping to run our Parish as a Trustee of four churches, you may apply for any of the posts. (Incidentally, it is possible to join (be 'co-opted') mid-year, to then be ratified at the APCM – so there is no need for hesitation.)

With an electoral roll of our Parish size - 75 (updated 2025), we are allowed 9 lay members of the PCC gathered from **all four** of our parish churches. In the past, when there were bigger congregations, we were able to make sure we had at least three representatives from each church, nowadays this hasn't been possible but, hopefully and prayerfully, will be again in the future. These 'lay' member appointments last three years.

There will also, at the APCM in May, be a vacancy for a **Church Warden** as Steve Manion must step down as he is on the path to ordination. More names, for the **three** Warden positions, may be put forward - having a vote at the meeting is easy to arrange. Church Warden appointments last one year and officially you can be a Church Warden for six years although this may be extended. Wardens must be sworn in as 'Bishop's Representatives' at one of the special local 'Visitation' services, usually held in May and June.

Our PTO (*Permission to Officiate*) clergy are invited to attend PCC meetings in an *ex officio* basis and some do on a regular

basis. We are very grateful that they do as they swell the workforce when able.

Amanda Forrest, our **Parish Safeguarding and DBS** admin lead is also an *ex officio* member of the PCC.

Deanery Synod Reps are Rev Lynn, Julie Murrow and Karen McCarthy who are both lay members of the PCC.

From the APCM in May 2026, Wendy Manion will also be standing down as **PCC Secretary**. The job involves preparing for monthly PCC (all the trustees) and Standing Committee (Rector, treasurer and Church wardens) meetings, generally the 3rd Monday of every other month. This means inviting members, preparing the agenda with Rev Monica, recording resolutions and taking the minutes at the meetings which can be done on a laptop as you go along at the meeting, if you work that way – very time saving.

Once a year, usually a Sunday in May, the **PCC secretary** does the same thing for the 'APCM' – our annual meeting of the parish. This consists of the above plus, collating nomination forms for various roles and collecting accounts reports and reports from all our groups and sections. The new PCC secretary does not need to be a member of the PCC, the position could be open to an interested member of our local community. I have been assisting Sue HC (who is no longer on the PCC) with the Electoral Roll Officer job. This is something I can continue with, if needed, in my role as Parish Administrator.

If you would like to know more, if you are interested in any of the vacancies, please speak to Rev Monica or a Church Warden. Remember, for most of the roles, you must be on the Electoral Roll (at least 6 mths) and a regular attender. (If you are interested in membership of the Electoral Roll please speak to Wendy M. Forms will be available in the churches too.)

And now for the list of the current PCC members to be taken to the APCM in May;

Name	Position	Date for re-election
Rev Mtr Monica	Rector and Chair	n/a
Janet Thorpe Jones	Church Warden	Annually
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>Church Warden</i>	<i>Steve Manion stepping down 2026</i>
Wendy Manion	Church Warden	Annually
Temp Vacancy (Rev John Wakeman advising until new appointment is effective)	Treasurer	n/a
<i>Vacancy</i>	PCC Secretary	<i>Wendy Manion stepping down from PCC Sec 2026</i>
Julie Murrow (<i>assisted by Parish Admin</i>)	Electoral Roll Officer	n/a
Amanda Forrest	Parish Safeguarding Lead, <i>ex officio</i>	n/a
Rev Sharon Greenwood	<i>Ex-officio</i>	n/a
Rev Peter Hambrook	<i>Ex-officio</i>	n/a
Rev Wendy Jackson Hill	<i>Ex-officio</i>	n/a
Rev Patrick Kavanagh	<i>Ex-officio</i>	n/a
Rev Lynn Overington	<i>Ex-officio</i>	n/a
Rev Nick Tomaszewski	<i>Ex-Officio</i>	n/a
Rev John Wakeman	<i>Ex-officio</i>	n/a
1. Julie Chambers (ALM)	Co-opted lay member	APCM 2026
2. Robert Coe	Lay member	APCM 2027
3. Jane Slater	Lay member	APCM 2028
4. Karen McCarthy	Lay member, Data Protection, Deaner Synod Rep	APCM 2027
5. Jim McConnell	Lay member	APCM 2028
6. Julie Murrow	Lay member, (Deanery Synod rep)	APCM 2027
7. Tracey Nesbit	Lay Member, (Families & Youth Lead)	APCM 2027
<i>8. Vacancy</i>	Lay member	
<i>9. Vacancy</i>	Lay member	



On 4th Jan
we celebrated
Epiphany with the
children at their
'Little Lights'
breakfast service.
Lydia provided a
breakfast and the
Families team

worked with the 'Lights' to tell the story of the
visit of the three kings.



We had
the chance
to think
about our own
gifts to Jesus this
year too.

Our very own
star...





We also managed to squeeze in a celebration of two birthdays, Christine and Mary. Thanks for the cake and wine, Chris.





Sat 23rd May

12-3pm

**Beginning with bring
& share lunch &**

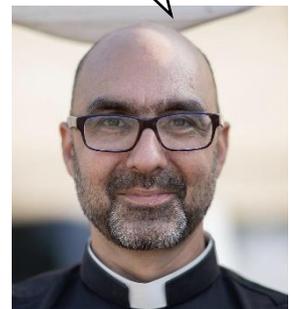
Entertainment from Ravi Holy

**At St Richard's Church,
Mill Hill, Deal**

Come & have your say...

Please try and make time for this important event, a time to think about and pray for the future of the parish. We have been disappointed in the turn out for recent years and have, therefore, reduced the time from a day to an afternoon. It's important that we all take part in these discussions, so that no one is left with a feeling of having things imposed upon the parish. Please give serious prayer and thought to taking part so that your voice is heard. In Ezra Ch10: 4 we are encouraged to **'Rise up; this matter is in your hands. We will support you, so take courage and do it.'** God will support us if we are all ready to come together and prayerfully take part in annually discerning his mission for the Parish. With grateful thanks and appreciation.

**WHOLE
PARISH
PLANNING
AFTERNOON**



Families and Youth Events March to June 2026

Easter Workshop	3rd April	10am – 12pm
Sholden Village Easter Egg Hunt	4th April	11-2pm
Little Lights Easter Service	19TH April	10am – 11.30am
Hornbeam yr4/6 Easter Workshop	25th Mar	(School only)
Froglets Easter Stay n Play	10th April	10am – 12pm
Summer Concert (incl. school choirs)	June	TBC
Hornbeam Yr R/6 Exploration of place of worship	23rd June	(School only)

The Families & Youth team are already busy planning events for the year; these are our events for the community and schools from March to June. We can always do with volunteers to help at our events.

If you would like to lend a much-needed hand please speak to Tracey. Thank you all for your continuing support and prayers.

The Families and Youth Team.

Rev Monica, Rev Sharon, Karen McCarthy, Julie Chambers, Julie Murrow, Tracey Nesbit





'Little Lights' in February was a busy session with new families joining - great work!





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

- Are you living with 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.
- **Second and last Tuesday of the month, 3-5pm**
- For more information contact
Tina Scott on 01304 626954 / 01304 614237
sunflowermanager@ageconcernsandwich.com
Sneller House, 19/21 Cattle Market, Sandwich, Kent.
CT13 9AP
- Information also available at DDC, Carer's Support and Stilwell and Singleton Solicitors





Some views of St Leonard's on New Year's Day from Maddie



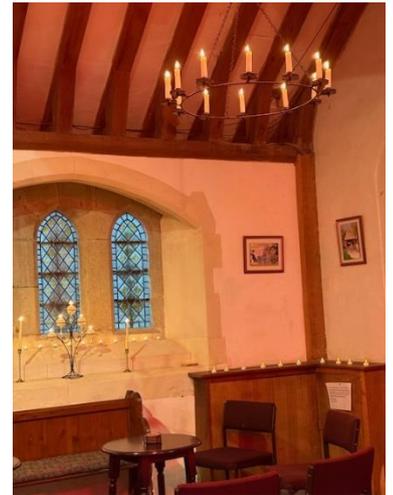


Christmastide is over and Candlemas was celebrated to bring the season to an end.

St Martin's was lit up with candles and the beautiful anthems, psalms and hymns from the visiting choir, **WITH CHEERFUL VOICE** and their leader Phil Price, joined by

members of our parish. I particularly enjoyed the anthem by Handel and the church looked beautiful. David Hoople, our organist was in

place to support the choir.



Sadly Rev Monica couldn't be with us but Support Minister, Steve Manion stepped in. Jennie and her husband, Pete, helped decorate and then served the most delicious hot fruit punch. We had nearly 60 people in the church, some of whom were villagers who had never been into the church.



Thank you to everyone who supported this event

At the January meeting of the PCC the creation and roles of Support Ministers for churches in our Parish was discussed and the following role description was agreed. The parish, the SMs and the other parishes joining the scheme are being supported by the Diocese in this new venture.

Support Minister Role Description

The core purpose and role shared by all Support Ministers (Church Leaders), leading churches usually as part of a team, is:

1. To work with their Oversight Minister, PCC, Church Wardens and PTOs to help lead the mission, ministry and growth of the church
2. To be a Sunday-to-Sunday point of contact and leadership both for the congregation and wider community
3. To notice and use the skills of others so that all can take part and grow in service to God and community
4. To acknowledge the need for inclusive welcome, love and care for all and act accordingly.
5. To share in enabling the nurture and formation of disciples, with enthusiasm
6. To work with the ministry team collaboratively and encouragingly as one in the Body of Christ.

Core qualities

- People-people – interested in people
- Self-awareness
- Humility
- Approachable and deep listening
- Curious about where God is leading the church
- Flexible yet grounded and down to earth

St Leonard's Church, Support Minister – Rev John Wakeman
St Martin's Church, Support Minister – Steve Manion (Ordinand)
St Nicholas' Church, Support Minister – Rev Nick Tomaszewski
St Richard's Church, Support Minister – Julie Murrow

Upper Deal & Gt Mongeham 1/12/25

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISER



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Celebrating 150 years

Tuesday 24th March 2026

**ST LEONARD'S SOCIAL CENTRE
9.30-11.30AM**

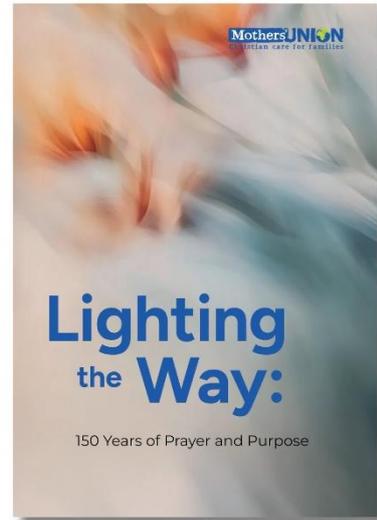
Coffee, lots of cakes, goodies, etc. Usual Stalls will be present. Donations for raffle prizes gratefully received.

The St Leonard's branch of the Mothers' Union is a thriving branch in East Kent and there will be a service on Sunday 8th March at 10am (St Leonard's Church) to welcome two new members. If you would like to know more, please see Rev Wendy Jackson Hill.

Last year Rev Wendy Jackson-Hill responded to a request to write a prayer on a specific topic for inclusion in the Mothers' Union 150th Anniversary Prayer Book '**Lighting the Way.**'

She goes on to say...

'Recently I read the response had been overwhelming and they obviously couldn't use all of them - so imagine my surprise (and delight!) to open my copy which arrived this morning and find my prayer is in it!'



It is a lovely book with prayers on a variety of topics from all over the World, MU Members, Religious Leaders, Celebrities, Bishops etc.

Here is Wendy's offering,

A Prayer for Fair Economic Opportunities For All.

Holy Spirit,

guide us in our choice of companies when making purchases, to use ethical practices in manufacturing and in the employment of workers – that all may receive fair economic opportunities.

We pray for workers exploited by unfair employment practices and not receiving fair payment – especially people forced to work long hours in cramped, hot and noisy surroundings, those being trafficked and those in constant fear of injury and death. We pray for families trying to feed their children with little or no money.

Hold them all in your hands as we hold them in our hearts and prayers.

In the name of Christ. **Amen**



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
10.45am – Refreshments
11am – 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 children in the
community.**

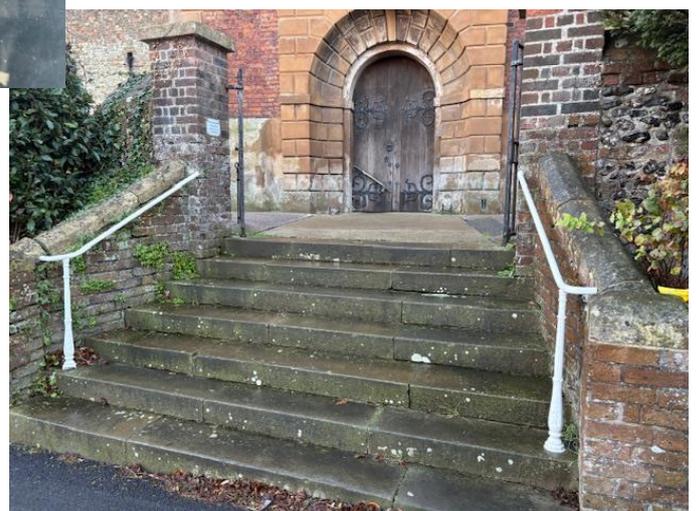
Spotted on Facebook

Summer 1946

Three 17 year olds, Mary Adams, Betty Atkins and Jean Betts. My mother Jean Milne's bridesmaids. Betty Ovenden and Jean are still friends aged 96 and 97 respectively



A Christmas wedding at St Leonard's in 1945 for the Shorter family of Telegraph Road. Thanks to Roy Sendall (from Lincoln) for the photo, who arrived in Deal for the wedding as the 5yr old boy, disappointed there was no sand.



The same steps in Jan '26.



Pancake Party 2026



There is no evidence of Pancakes so I am presuming they were too delicious to flip and were just eaten by 18 ravenous children and their families!

Thank you to Rev Sharon for some drama and to all who supported.

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 & SING

WORKSHOP & CONCERT

in aid of Talk It Out

with The West Malling Community Choir
and the Landmark Show Choir of Deal and friends

Saturday 14 March 2026
Trinity Church, Union Road, Deal

♪ Come & Sing Workshop 4.00 – 5.30pm
No experience needed – come and sing in our concert!

♪ Concert 7.30pm

Free admission – suggested donation £5



TALK IT OUT



West Malling
Community Choir



Landmark
show
Choir

SINGING SAFARI



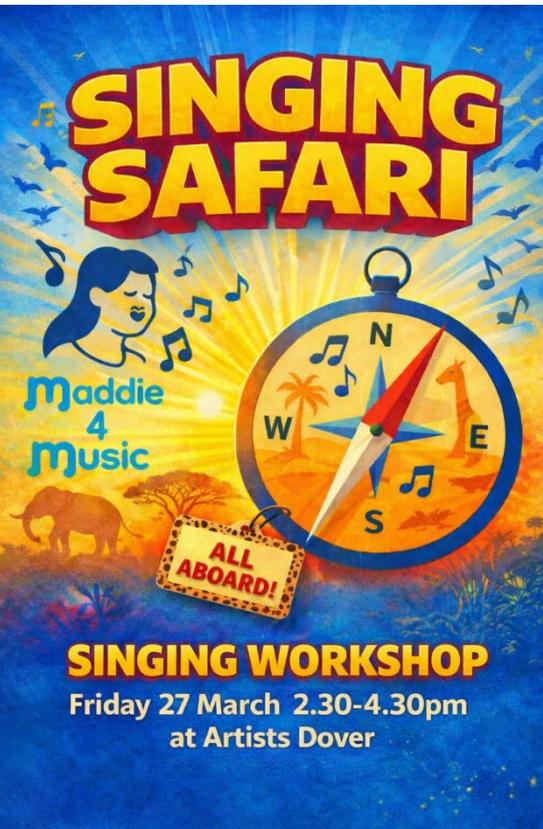
Maddie 4 music

SINGING WORKSHOP
Friday 20 March 3.30-5pm
at Jubilee Centre, Sandwich

Our good friend

Maddie4Music is busy this Spring!

SINGING SAFARI



Maddie 4 music

SINGING WORKSHOP
Friday 27 March 2.30-4.30pm
at Artists Dover

Maddie 4 music

♪ Gigs & Workshops ♪
Spring 2026

- Sat 14 Mar – Joint concert and workshop with West Malling Community Choir 4:00–9:00pm
- Fri 6, 13, 20, 27 Feb – Beating the Blues Workshops 2:30–3:30pm
- Tue 3 Mar – Landmark Show Choir Evening Session 7:15–8:45pm
- Wed 18 Mar – Landmark Show Choir Daytime Session, 1:15–2:30pm
- Fri 20 Mar – Singing Safari Workshop Sandwich, 3:30–5:00pm
- Fri 27 Mar – Singing Safari Workshop Dover 2:30–4:30pm

Facebook & Instagram:


[maddie4music](https://www.facebook.com/maddie4music)



'LITTLE LIGHTS'

Let
your
light
shine



CHILDREN'S SERVICE
THIRD SUNDAY
EVERY MONTH
10:00am
ST RICHARD'S CHURCH,
MILL HILL, DEAL.



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



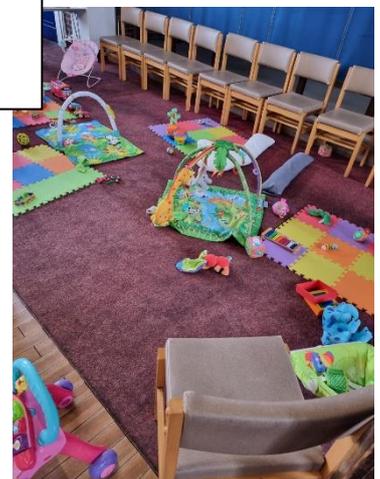


Froglets



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



Thanks to Lydia and her Team for their hard work.

We are open and welcoming again until the beginning of April. From April the Community Café will continue every Monday.

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



Safety Information online from Kent County Council

Dear TEPO community,

Over the past few months, we've launched a new scams module, shared practical safety advice and heard how Teacher in Your Pocket (TEPO) is helping people feel more confident and informed.

But we're not done yet!

New: British Sign Language (BSL) versions are now available for all TEPO videos- so you can support Deaf residents and anyone who benefits from an interpreter on screen. Watch together and talk for 10 minutes - it works.

Every time you share a TEPO video, you're helping someone who isn't online stay safe at home. Whether it's a quick chat with a neighbour, a visit to a family member, or a conversation during your work - you're making a real difference.

What's available to share:

- [How to avoid scams](#) – Spotting fraud, staying safe online, and knowing where to get help
- [How to say no to doorstep crime](#)– Recognising rogue traders and feeling confident saying no
- [Electrical safety at home](#) – Avoiding overloaded sockets and spotting unsafe appliances
- [Support to stop smoking](#) – Friendly encouragement and practical help to quit



Christian Aid News February 2026

Julie Murrow, our new parish Christian Aid representative

writes, 'I have been taking part in a series of workshops entitled *Powered by Hope+*.

In the sessions we look at ways to end poverty from big ideas to practical tools.

The latest Powered by Hope+ webinar is available to watch at:

christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/powered-hope-plus

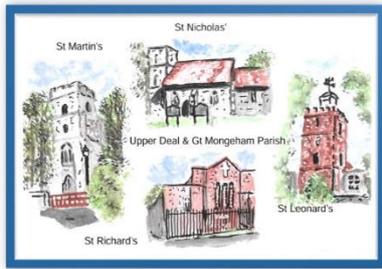
If you are unable to get access to the internet, don't worry. When the workshops have finished, I will share all the useful information with everyone via The Compass.'

Answers to Den Burney's quiz

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|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Penny farthing | 1d |
| 2. Tanner | 6d |
| 3. A pound | £1 |
| 4. A long way away – 2 'far'-things | ½ d |
| 5. A 'bob' | 1 shilling(s) |
| 6. A tenor | £10 |
| 7. = 14lbs | £14 |
| 8. A guinea | £1.1s |
| 9. A crown | 5s |



According to Den the total is £26.7s.7 ¾ If you worked that out, please give yourself a hearty pat on the back! 😊 (I have not checked this – I had a Saturday job in the library to avoid sums! WM



**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

Youth Choir with Family Service, St Richard's: Monthly, 1st Sunday 10-11.30am



‘Dwelling in the Word’ passage Mark 1. 4-18

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” ¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed 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

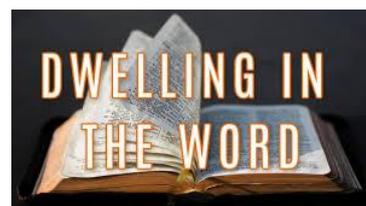
And power to our witness.

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:

stleonardshaldeal@gmail.com



A lot of work has taken place in the Social Centre this year. We are grateful to our caretaker, Phil Chambers for his gifts, time and talent.



ST RICHARD'S CHURCH

Mill Hill, Deal

A large hall with a stage.

Please contact;

strichardshire@gmail.com

SERVICES March 2026	ST LEONARD'S	ST MARTIN'S	ST NICHOLAS'	ST RICHARD'S
Sunday 1 st March <i>2nd of Lent</i>	8.00am Holy Communion 10am Family Service without Holy Communion	11.00m Family Service without Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion	10.00am Family Service with Holy Communion. Children's Choir from rehearsal and refreshments
Tues 3rd				7pm <i>Lent Course begins led by Rev Tomaszewski 'Diversity & Inclusion'</i>
Sunday 8 th <i>3rd of Lent</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	10.00am
Tues 10th				7pm <i>Lent Course led by Rev Tomaszewski 'Diversity & Inclusion'</i>
Sunday 15 th <i>4th of Lent</i> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	8.00am Holy Communion 10am Family Service without Holy Communion 4.30pm Choral Evensong	11.00am Family Service without Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion	10.00am 'Little Lights' Children's Breakfast Service

Tues 17th				7pm Lent Course led by Rev Tomaszewski 'Diversity & Inclusion'
Sunday 22 nd <i>4th of Lent</i> <i>Passiontide begins</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	10.00am
Tues 24th				7pm Lent Course ends (led by Rev Tomaszewski) 'Diversity & Inclusion'
Sunday 29 th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8am Holy Communion 10.00am No service	11.00am <i>Whole Parish Family Service with Holy Communion & Procession</i>	9.30am No service	10.00am No service
Monday 30 th <i>Holy Monday</i>				7pm Celtic Service led by Karen McCarthy & Julie Chambers
Tuesday 31 st <i>Holy Tuesday</i>			7pm Tenebrae Service led by Rev Nick	

SERVICES April 2026	ST LEONARD'S	ST MARTIN'S	ST NICHOLAS'	ST RICHARD'S
Weds 1 st <i>Holy Wednesday</i>	7pm <i>'The Wood between the Worlds'</i> reflections on the cross led by Rev John Wakeman & Steve Manion			
Thurs 2 nd Maundy Thursday				7pm <i>Last Supper Agape Meal Ending in silence & solemn stripping of the altar for the Watch.</i>
Friday 4 th Good Friday			1-3.30pm <i>Devotion & Veneration of the Cross</i>	
Sunday 5 th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family service with Holy Communion	11.00am Family service with Holy Communion	9.30am Family service with Holy Communion	10.00am Family Service with Holy Communion. Children's Choir from rehearsal & refreshments
Sunday 12 th	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	10am-2pm Church Open for silent prayer

Sunday 19 th	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service without Holy Communion 5.30pm Choral Evensong	11.00am Family Service without Holy Communion	9.30am Family service with Holy Communion	10.00am 'Little Lights' Children's breakfast service
Sunday 26 th	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	10am -2pm Church Open for silent prayer

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 - various times depending on type of service but always available, always delicious!

Evensong – a glass of sherry is served after Evensong



Evensong times – 5.30pm when the clocks go forward
4.30pm when the clocks go back

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 2nd May

A local (East Kent) Choir will be giving a concert

In St Leonard's

In aid of Parish Funds

Tickets will be £10 to include refreshments

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



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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

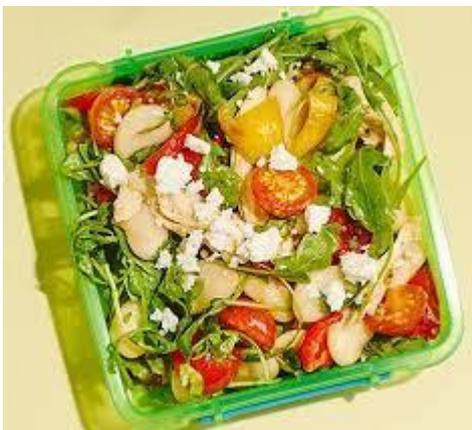
Look out for Charity Specials - announcements soon



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

Priest	Rev Mthr Monica Cameron revmonicacameron@gmail.com	07938 360395
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Parish Office	Administrator: Wendy Manion St Leonard's Church Office Tues- Thurs 9-12am stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com	01304 369919
Church Wardens	Wendy Manion Steve Manion (until May 2026) Janet Thorpe Jones	07411 432541 07968 972746 01304 368433
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Safe-guarding Officer	Amanda Forrest	01304 372521 07999 910197
PCC Treasurer	Patricia Brazier TreasurerUDGM@outlook.com	
PCC Secretary	Wendy Manion (until May 2026)	07411 432541
St Leonard's Social Centre	Julie Murrow (Manager) stleonardshaldeal@gmail.com Phil Chambers (caretaker)	see email

St Richard's	Bookings (Tracey Nesbit) stichardshire@gmail.com Phil Chambers - Caretaker	
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 Mthr Monica Cameron Rev Lynn Overington Rev Patrick Kavanagh Rev Pat Wright Rev Peter Hambrook	
Missional Learning Communities Team	Rev Mthr Monica Christine Taylor Sharon Greenwood Steve Goodsell Steve Manion Jane Slater Wendy Manion Diane Thurgood	
Website	https://upperdealandgtmongehamparish.com/	

DEFIBRILLATOR

ST LEONARD'S SOCIAL CENTRE

1. For those who were unaware, there is a defibrillator at St Leonard's Social Centre. It is on the exterior wall straight ahead as you enter the car park.

2. It had a brand new battery and pads (Dec 2025) and is now on 'The Circuit' which is a network used by the ambulance service to identify the location of the nearest defibrillator when necessary.

3. The defibrillator is available 24/7.



4. **Julie Murrow, manager of the Social Centre**, is the monitor of the defibrillator so if you have to use it or become aware that it has been used please inform her at stleonardshaldeal@gmail.com in the first instance or on 07512 978419. Failing this, please inform **Rev Monica** or **Wendy** in the office.

5. There will be a notice to this effect in the Social Centre in due course. Please check out this 'link' to find out what to do in an emergency.



<https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators/national-defibrillator-network-the-circuit>

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.

