



WHAT'S ON? In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham



Mothers' Sunday - 15th March 2026

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<p><u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service without Holy Communion 4.30pm Choral Evensong</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 'Little Lights' Breakfast Service</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

104 For the beauty of the earth
 170 The Church's one foundation
 365 God is love: let heav'n adore Him
 205 Now thank we all our God

St Martin's

120 Come down O love Divine
 383 Jesus, good above all others
 34 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
 73 Bind us together, Lord
 306 He's got the whole world in His hand

Choral Evensong

426 The Lord's my shepherd
 Psalm 31 (vv1-8) Day in A
 Magnificat Wesley in G
 Nunc Dimittis Croft in A minor
 Anthem: View me, Lord Lloyd
 117 Praise to the Lord the Holiest

St Nicholas'

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The Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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: Exodus 2. 1-10

2 Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the

reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

⁵ Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. ⁶ She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said. ⁷ Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

⁸ "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

Psalm 34. 11-14

¹¹ Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

¹² Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days,

¹³ keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies.

¹⁴ Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Second reading: Colossians 3. 11-17

¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. ¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel: John 19. 25b-27

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: Rev Patrick Kavanagh, 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.

Next Week's Services – Sunday 22nd 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

SAVE THE DATE!

UDGM PRAYERS Sat 14th March at 10am, please join us to pray at home or wherever you are. A list of prayer points is included in this week's email.

MOTHERS' UNION ANNUAL WAVE OF PRAYER will be taking place on **Monday 16th March** from 13:45 to 14:30 in St Leonard's Lady Chapel. All welcome.

LENT COURSE - DIVERSITY & INCLUSION Four **Tuesdays**, next one **17th March**, 7pm at St Richard's led by Rev Nick Tomaszewski. Please join us for this course. Refreshments available.

SERVICE OF WELCOME TO THE DIOCESE for the new Archbishop of Canterbury, at the Cathedral on **Sat 28th March**, 5.30pm. Rev Monica has **12** tickets available on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Monica if you would like a ticket.

PRIVATE HIRE - LUMOS CONCERTS St Leonard's **church** is being hired for three 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 a short service with Holy Communion at St Richard's.

TRINITY SUNDAY CONCERT 31st May, 2pm at St Nicholas', with Mark Spratt and the Herne Bay Concert Band. Ticket price to be confirmed.

WHOLE PARISH PLANNING AFTERNOON Sat 23rd May, 12-3pm, St Richard's, beginning with a bring & share lunch & performance by **Ravi Holy**

(Priest at Wye). *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**.*



BOOT FAIR PARISH FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY Would anyone be able to organise a parish table at the Boot Fair on **1st August 2026** on Walmer Green? Please see the flyer attached & in churches if you think you can help.

NOTICES

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

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

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

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.

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/treasurerudgm@outlook.com>



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.**