



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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> of Easter – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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<p><b><u>St Leonard's</u></b>  <b>8.00am</b> Holy Communion  <b>10.00am</b>          Family Service <b>with</b>          Holy Communion</p>	<p><b><u>St Martin's</u></b>  <b>11.00am</b>          Family Service  <b>with</b> Holy Communion</p>	<p><b><u>St Nicholas'</u></b>  <b>9.30am</b>          Family Service  <b>without</b> Holy Communion</p>	<p><b><u>St Richard's</u></b>  <b>10-2pm</b>          Church open for quiet prayer</p>
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**WEEKLY PARISH COMMUNION** Please join us on Tuesdays, 12 noon, in St Leonard's church after the Coffee Morning.



<p><b><u>St Leonard's</u></b>          345 Christ the King! O friends rejoice          113 Father, hear the prayer we offer          80 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven          Anthem: Holy, holy, holy Schubert          501 Now the green blade riseth          431 We have a gospel to proclaim</p>	<p><b><u>St Martin's</u></b>          463 Lord, Jesus Christ          798 We have a gospel to proclaim          87 Breathe on me, breath of God          275 Guide me, O thou great redeemer</p>
<p><b><u>St Nicholas'</u></b>          373 Jesus lives, thy terrors now          162 From heaven you came          647 The head that once was crowned with thorns          367 Jesus is Lord</p>	<p><b>This week's music...</b></p>

### **The Collect**

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

### **PRINCIPAL READINGS**

**First reading: Acts 2. 14a, 22-32**

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>22</sup> "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. <sup>25</sup> David said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. <sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest in hope, <sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’ <sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

### **Psalm 16. 5-8**

<sup>5</sup> LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

<sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

<sup>7</sup> I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup> I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

### **Second reading: 1 Peter 1. 3-9**

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### **Gospel: John 20. 19-end**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are

those who have not seen and yet have believed.”<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR:** Rev Patrick Kavanagh, Carolyn Coupland, Sarah Robinson, Dennis Burney, 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, we ask that you give peace and comfort to their families and friends & keep them in your loving strength as they come to terms with their loss.

<b>NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	<b><u>St Leonard's</u></b> <b>8.00am</b> Holy Communion <b>10.00am</b> Family Service <b>without</b> Holy Communion <b>5.30pm</b> Choral Evensong	<b><u>St Martin's</u></b> <b>11.00am</b> Family Service <b>without</b> Holy Communion	<b><u>St Nicholas'</u></b> <b>9.30am</b> Family Service <b>with</b> Holy Communion	<b><u>St Richard's</u></b> <b>10.00am</b> 'Little Lights' Breakfast service
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**WEEKLY MORNING PRAYER 9.30-9.55am – please join us**  
**St Richard's** Mon, **St Leonard's** Tues, **St Martin's** Weds, **St Nicholas'** Thurs

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**PARISH PRAYERS** this Saturday (11<sup>th</sup>) in your own homes or wherever you are. Prayer letter in weekly email.

**PRIVATE HIRE - LUMOS CONCERTS** St Leonard's church is unavailable on **Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April** for 3 private concerts. See *Lumos Experiences Facebook page for ticket information and website address.*

**DISTINCTIVE DEACON REV PAT WRIGHT** will be retiring from the parish & we will be saying goodbye during the service at St Nicholas' on Sun 19<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to make a donation for a leaving gift please put it in a marked envelope for the parish office.

**WHOLE PARISH SERVICE** Our parish curate, Rev Lynn's leaving service will be on **Sun 26<sup>th</sup> April**, 10am at St Leonard's with a bring and share lunch afterwards in the Social Centre. If you would like to make a donation for a leaving gift please put it in a marked envelope for the parish office.

**MUSICAL FUNDRAISING CONCERT – TO SLEEP...TO DREAM** at St Leonard's Church in aid of heating for St Leonard's & St Nicholas' heating & roof repair for St Martin's, **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May** at 5pm. Tickets from the office, churches & coffee mornings £8 adults, under 16s free. Refreshments included in price. If you buy your tickets via SumUp, please bring your receipt on the evening. Please encourage friends to come along and fill the church.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - ADVANCE NOTICE Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May** 2026 after a short service with Holy Communion at St Richard's.

**TRINITY SUNDAY CONCERT 31<sup>st</sup> May**, 2pm at St Nicholas', with Mark Spratt & the Herne Bay Concert Band. Ticket price to be confirmed.



**WHOLE PARISH PLANNING AFTERNOON Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**BOOT FAIR PARISH FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY** Would anyone be able to run a parish table at the Boot Fair on **1<sup>st</sup> August 2026** on Walmer Green? See flyer.

### NOTICES

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

**APCM REPORTS** This is a call for reports for the APCM on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please send them to PCC Sec, Wendy Manion at [udgmpccsec@gmail.com](mailto:udgmpccsec@gmail.com) or the office. Thanks.

**JUSTGIVING PAGE LINK** We have a new JustGiving page to help us raise money for new heating systems at St Nicholas' and St Leonard's and for the new roof needed at St Martin's. Please share this link wherever you can.

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ** at St Richard's is back as the 'Warm Welcome' scheme comes to an end. Thank you to Lydia & the team at St Richard's. Please tell people about the café – it is a well-used resource & there is room for more.

**WHATSAPP GROUP** Please use the link to join the new parish **WhatsApp** group.  
[https://chat.whatsapp.com/IYnoITbxt0eB0mzylEbmRE?mode=ac\\_t](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. Thank you for your generosity.

**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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## **Our Mission Prayer**

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.**

