



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



Easter Day – 5th April 2026

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<p><u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p><u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p><u>St Nicholas'</u> 9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p><u>St Richard's</u> 10am Youth Choir & Family 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.



This week's music...

St Leonard's

77 Jesus Christ is risen today
 75 The day of resurrection
 263 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
 83 Love's redeeming work is done
 Anthem: Sing the Life – Lloyd Webber
 428 Thine be the glory

St Nicholas'

357 Jesus Christ is risen today
 30 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
 431 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
 689 Thine be the glory

St Martin's

381 Jesus Christ is risen today
 733 The strike is o'er, the battle done
 533 Now the green blade riseth
 751 Thine be the glory

St Richard's

Children's choice

The Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRINCIPAL READINGS

First 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.”

Psalm 118. 14-19

The LORD is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: “The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!

¹⁶ The LORD’s right hand is lifted high; the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”

¹⁷ I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

¹⁸ The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

Second reading: Colossians 3. 1-4

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. **3** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Gospel: Matthew 28. 1-10

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; 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 Esmee, 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.

<p>NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES 12th April 2nd Sunday of Easter</p>	<p><u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p><u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p><u>St Nicholas'</u> 9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p><u>St Richard's</u> 10.00-2pm Church open for quiet prayer</p>
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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!

CAKES NEEDED PLEASE on Easter Saturday, 4th April, the Parish Family Team are helping Sholden School with refreshments at the Easter Egg Hunt. If you are able could you help us provide some cakes please? Rev Sharon can collect them from you or, if easier, you could deliver them to Sholden Village Hall from 10.15am Thank you.

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

WHOLE PARISH SERVICE Our parish curate, Rev Lynn's leaving service will be on **Sun 26th 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 2nd May** at 5pm. Tickets £8 adults, children free. Refreshments included in price. See posters. Please encourage friends to come along and fill the church.

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 & 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.

BOOT FAIR PARISH FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY Would anyone be able to run a parish table at the Boot Fair on **1st 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.

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.

ST RICHARD'S CHURCH With effect from 12th April the church will be open for quiet prayer 10-2pm on Sundays when there is no other service.

QUESTIONNAIRE – WE NEED YOUR RESPONSES PLEASE Rev Monica has attended a conference about the CofE's new resource 'Cornerstone' which is about helping us to increase giving. It is not about changing or reviewing *your* giving, it will help us to see what we do well in our parish. Please click on the link and have a go!
<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=O0bilbA6tEeawVh8d-6E8M4fFUY0g5xCvneYTPWm7BtUMFUxS0VFU1U2VTJVRUowNTFUNDILNERZMi4u&route=shorturl>

You will be asked the name of our parish – 'Upper Deal & Gt Mongeham' & use the code (606160) when you are asked to give an 'onboarding' code' (not as difficult as it sounds)

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. 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/treasurerudgm@outlook.com>



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.**



