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EDITORS NOTE

Dear All!

Thanks for your help with this edition. Please keep your contributions coming.

Recent times have been very busy and we look forward to the service at the Cathedral on the 4th July where we see Steve Manion being ordained Deacon and Revs John Wakeman & Nick Tomaszewski being 'priested'. Pictures of this event will be in the next Compass Magazine. Please pray for all three of them on this momentous and very moving day.

On the same day, the pirates will be moving into St Martin's Church and grounds for the day – we look forward to hearing how that progressed – pictures will be in the next Compass too. Please join the pirate gang 11-3pm!

See you next Compass!

Wendy M (Editor)

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My Sabbatical - A Time to Pause, Pray, and Give Thanks

As many of you will know, I am about to begin a period of sabbatical leave. After four and a half wonderful, challenging, and deeply rewarding years serving among you, this feels like an appropriate moment to pause, reflect, and give thanks.

The word "sabbatical" comes from the biblical idea of Sabbath – a time set apart for rest, renewal, prayer, and listening to God. It is not simply a holiday, but an opportunity to step back from the daily demands of ministry in order to be refreshed in faith, vision, and spirit.

Over the coming weeks I will be spending time in prayer, studying the Psalms, and reconnecting with friends. The Psalms have always been close to my heart because they express the full range of human experience: joy and sorrow, confidence and uncertainty, thanksgiving, and lament. They remind us that whatever season we are in, God is present with us.

As I prepare for this time away, I find myself looking back with immense gratitude. Together we have travelled through seasons of change and development. We have celebrated baptisms, weddings, confirmations, and new beginnings. We have walked alongside one another through times of grief, uncertainty, and challenge. We have sought to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and to strengthen the life and witness of our churches within the community.

None of this has been the work of one person. Ministry is always a shared endeavour. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributes to the life of our parish. I am also deeply grateful for the kindness, encouragement, fellowship, and prayers that so many of you have offered me and my family. Your support has been a tremendous blessing.

As I step away for a while, I do so with confidence and peace. A great deal of planning has taken place, and arrangements have been made to ensure that the ministry and mission of the parish continue smoothly.

I am thankful to all those who have agreed to take on additional responsibilities during this period.

Most importantly, the Church does not depend upon any one individual. It belongs to Christ. Long before any of us arrived, God was at work here, and God will continue to be at work while I am away. The Holy Spirit continues to guide, strengthen, and inspire God's people.

This season is not only an opportunity for personal reflection but also a chance for the parish to take stock, to celebrate all that God has done among us, and to look with expectation towards the future. We have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to.

As the Psalmist writes, "Be still, and know that I am God." Those words feel particularly appropriate at this moment. In the stillness, God renews us. In the waiting, God prepares us. In the journey ahead, God remains faithful.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Please be assured of my prayers for each of you during this time. I look forward to returning refreshed, encouraged, and excited to continue serving alongside you as together we seek to follow Christ and share His love with our communities.

With love and prayers
Rev Mthr Monica Cameron
Rector

Rev Monica's Sabbatical Parish Arrangements

6th July – 17th October 2026

Churchwardens

- will chair PCC and Standing Committee meetings;
- will liaise with the Area Dean regarding issues arising that needs to be notified to the archdeacon and or Bishop

Safeguarding Lead Amanda Forrest

Ministry team

Sharon has kindly agreed to Chair meetings, dates are in the diary

Support ministers with churchwardens meetings

Marianne Hambrooke has agreed to facilitate in Diocesan house. Nick, John, Steve, Julie M

Informal services

Steve, Julie C, Julie M, Christine, Wendy

Communion services on Sundays

Sharon, Patrick, Peter, Nick, John (See rotas)

Communion services on Tuesdays

Patrick, Nick, John

St Richard's

Phil Chambers- 2nd and 4th Sundays 10-2pm - has material to put out for prayer

MU Communion services

Sharon, Nick, John

Funerals & Interment of Ashes services

Nick, Patrick, John, Steve, Karen

Pastoral visiting at home and in care homes

Patrick – Home

Care Homes- Peter, Bob, John, Nick, Steve, Julie C

Music

David H and Peter H to send directly to Wendy in the office

Memory Support Café

Churchwarden – Janet

Clergy support – Nick

Tuesday Coffee Mornings Team

Sue, Bernie, Anne V, Jane S, Jane W, Christine, Irene, Paula, Marion,

Setting up - Phil and Linda

Still Waters prayer group

Lead - Julie Murrow with other Support ministers – Nick, Steve, and John

Community Friendship Lunch

Lead- Lydia Lewis

Churchwarden presence - Janet

Froglets

Lead - Julie M

Churchwarden support – Janet

Clergy support- John

Fundraising and Events Co-ordinator

Sharon

Grant Funding Applications

Jane Stubbington, Janet Thorpe Jones, Churchwarden

St Richard's Community Cafe

Rose Wanders

Assistant - TBC

YOUR PCC NEWS

Your PCC has vacancies for Lay Members and at this point in the year it would be possible for you to be co-opted into the group. If you feel you could offer assistance to the PCC & the parish, please speak to one of the Wardens or Rev Monica.

VACANCY FOR PCC SECRETARY

with effect from 15th May 2026.

A secretary is required for the PCC (our trustees) and Standing Committee meetings. See Wendy M for details. *(This is not the Parish Admin job – I will still be in the office Tues-Thurs.)* More information from

[PCC Secretaries - Diocese of Canterbury](#)

The Churchwardens were sworn in for another year at a service at the Cathedral. Here they are with Archdeacon Darren. We are very pleased to welcome Mark Spratt onto the team – we look forward to working together. We are also very thankful for the assistance (often above & beyond) that our Rector, Rev Monica gives to this team.



A sermon written by Rev Wendy Jackson-Hill for her leaving service on 14th June 2026 at St Leonard's.

I was hoping the readings for today would have some suggestion of 'farewells, leaving or goodbye, but no such luck!

There are many instances in the Bible of people saying goodbye or leaving, i.e. Jesus telling his disciples he will be leaving them, Naomi saying a tearful goodbye to Ruth,



Joseph watching his brothers leaving him after throwing him into a pit in the desert -brutal! Mary, the mother of Jesus watching him die on the cross and then walking away from the scene heartbroken at seeing her Son so cruelly executed.

No doubt you can recall many more farewell scenes.

Goodbyes are never easy unless you've been unhappy in a place and are pleased to be able to get away- thankfully that's never been my experience!

As you all know I was born in Durban, South Africa and never moved away from there until 2003 when we came to England. Since then I've lived in Sandford, working as a 'house for duty' priest in a sleepy little village near Crediton in the Exeter Diocese, then a 10 year post in Plymouth before retiring at the age of 70 as per the Diocesan rules. I remember feeling sort of 'lost' when we came to Deal - I missed my "job", I missed the



daily interaction with my parishioners and yes, even missed the endless round of meetings and the ongoing battle to raise funds for the parish.

We started coming to St Leonard's and one day I spoke to David Flewker, introduced myself and offered to help in whatever way I could in the parish once I'd got my PTO. Thank you David, for graciously accepting my offer! It has been a real pleasure and joy to help with taking services and getting to know so many of you wonderful people, through MU and going round to the four churches. I have fond memories of that awful COVID time when Steve Goodsell got us set up with Zoom and we were able to meet up on our computer screens in our homes for a weekly service - thank you Steve. Then there were my silly weekly letters which I started writing to our MU members- when I did the first few I



never thought I'd be needing to do so many more!



Last Sunday as I signed the Service Register at St Nicholas' for the last time I felt a pang a sadness as I'm sure I'll feel later when I sign the register here at St Leonard's. Later that day I started adding up the number of such registers I've signed since my ordination in 2001 in South Africa and it is thirteen - lucky for some? Sad, yes to have moved on from all those holy places but also a feeling of 'pride' - are Christians



allowed to feel proud? - to be part of the history of these thirteen different worshipping communities where God put me.

For every 'goodbye' there's a new 'hello'. Tony and I will be

leaving Deal tomorrow and only God knows what lies ahead of us on the Isle of Wight, but I KNOW He will be with us and if His plan is to use me there too then that'll happen.

My first husband and I were Leaders in a movement called 'Marriage Encounter' in Durban and I remember a banner we used to display at the weekends, a colourful daisy with a smiley face and the caption **'Bloom where you're planted'** I've tried to make that my mantra and I encourage you to do so now. It doesn't matter if you can't do as much as you once could – "every little helps" as Mr Tesco tells us – just be yourself wherever God has put you.



Our readings have been telling us how Jesus began His ministry, knowing he needed a group of people to help Him (as we need each other to share the load). He chose a rather motley bunch of men, He didn't ask for CVs, recruitment drives or lengthy interviews, He simply said 'Come, follow me' and they did and just look what they accomplished. So where has God planted you? What does He expect from You? Our parish needs YOU, our MU needs you if they are to survive. With this

huge responsibility on your shoulders it is easy for us to panic

and feel anxious for the future. But wait, remember Jesus' promise to His disciples before He left them,

'Fear not for I am with you 'till the end of the age', and 'My Father will send the Holy Spirit to inspire and help you in all things.'

So as we leave this place and move on to - who knows what? - we go with confidence, relying on those promises for you and ourselves.

Thank you for accepting us, for loving us and making the last 11 years so happy and may God bless you all.



(Wendy – I included this photo – I presume the expression on your face referred to part of your sermon! It sums up how we feel about you going! Wishing you and Tony all the best on the Isle of Wight! Wendy M xx)

Just in from Wendy...

Dear Friends in UDGM

Thank you all for the very generous gift you gave us at our leaving service - it has been so very useful buying various items for our new home and as we use and look at them we will be reminded of all the lovely friends we've left behind!

We have settled very nicely into our flat which is far bigger than I'd thought it was,

our furniture fits in well and we feel very comfortable here in our 'forever home.'

Thank you for all your love and kindness to us over the past 11 years.

May God bless you all

With our love, Tony & Wendy xx



Still Waters

PRAYER GROUP

Psalm 23.2-3

He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside *still waters*.
He restores my soul. He leads me in
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.



WEDNESDAYS AT 2PM

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a choice of prayers
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**Memory Café
at St Richard's Church
Mill Hill, Deal
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- Are you living with dementia or memory loss or caring for someone who does?
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- For more information contact
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- Information also available at
DDC, Carer's Support and
Stilwell and Singleton
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**A fundraising concert but also a chance to
*Sleep and Dream...***

Edward Greenhalgh led the Coastal Choir from Thanet in some lovely music.



**29 years of Christian Aid quizzing in Deal!
Book your table(s)!**



**Christian Aid Week 2026
10th to 16th May.**

Christian Aid Quiz 2026

Our annual Christian Aid Quiz match takes place at
7pm on Friday 3rd July at Trinity Church.

Every church is invited to send one or more teams to
take part (teams up to 6 people).

The cost is £5 per person, including buffet.

All money raised will go to Christian Aid Week.

Please see accompanying letter for more details.

Please note – there is no alcohol permitted in the hall.

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Thy Kingdom Come 2026



We read the four Gospels, one in each church. It was enjoyed by all who took part. It was felt a worthwhile thing to do. The longest gospel, Matthew, took over three hours to read and instead of a chapter each, for that one, they read two. We are very grateful for the gift of the bible, we used, from Anne and Den Burney.

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISER



**Brain Tumour
Research**

**on Tuesday 11th August
2026**

**at 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
receive**



A very disappointing turn out for our Parish Planning Day.

A shame if you missed Ravi Holy who was really hilarious and entertained us with his stand-up routine. He performs in comedy clubs wearing his collar. He is moving to Folkestone, Holy Trinity Parish in the Autumn, from Wye near Ashford.

We shared a lovely lunch, Prem, the local

shopkeeper on London Road made us some gorgeous samosas.

Jean Kerr led our discussions.

It was a very hot day and it was the Bank Holiday weekend. There was some illness about. Our support ministers were with the Archbishop.

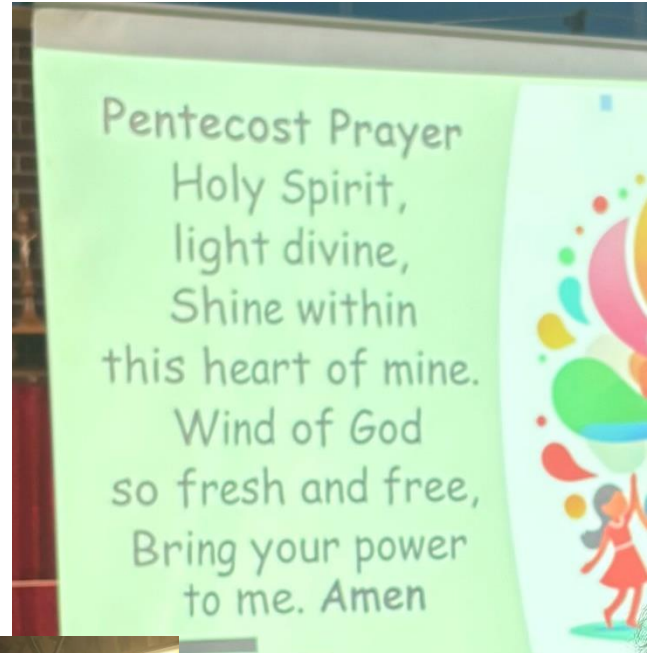


Feedback on why you weren't there would be gratefully received by the Churchwardens. I'm thinking next time we should have it on a cold day in winter and serve soup...

We can plan without you but will you agree with what we plan? (W Manion, Churchwarden)



Pentecost Praise was much better attended and we were **on fire!** Thanks to Tracey and the team for all the planning and hard work that went into this service.



We celebrated the style.

birth of the church in



The Songbirds were with us.
Testimonies were given.



And we danced round the church!





Report from Rev Nick Tomaszewski, our Support Minister at St Nicholas'

The Band performed brilliantly on Sunday 31st June. To a full congregation they accompanied us at morning Holy Communion playing music throughout the liturgy.

In the afternoon the concert attracted a capacity audience. Band Master, Giles, thrilled us with a medley of wonderful music interspersed with his joking. Deputy Band Master, Mark (our own Mark Spratt) doubled as Deputy and Churchwarden, well done, Mark. It was a wonderful day and great to see St. Nicholas' so well attended.



St Nicholas', Sholden Churchyard Wall Repair

Robert Coe

Walls have an important dual job. They have to both keep things in and keep things out. They also keep things up, like the roofs over our heads. But they have a habit, over time, of falling down. Churchyard walls are no different. Remember the rubbish old joke, "Why do churchyards have walls round them? Because people are dying to get in."?

The churchyard walls at St Nicholas' are a mixed bag. The wall next to Church Path has had multiple repairs in the past 40 years and is in reasonable shape. The wall at the back of the church separating the old and new churchyard's different levels is in very poor shape with multiple bushes and trees growing out of it, and is falling down in multiple places. The wall at the front of the church, although repaired after the tree damage caused by Storm Eunice in February 2022, which destroyed the wall and church notice boards, has other areas in need of repair.



February 2022 Storm Eunice damage

At the end of last year, I started a 6-month project to repair a considerable stretch of this wall, although I had originally intended to start at the back of the church where there was most immediate need.



Front wall inner skin with flint repairs already started on right hand side.

Flint wall construction is time consuming and therefore usually expensive. The 20 foot section of wall at the front of the church repaired at KCC's expense after Storm

Eunice, cost approximately £10,000. And this was repaired like a brick wall, e.g. a skin of flint on each outside edge with an infill of brick, rubble, etc. Building a solid flint wall requires a flint to mortar ratio of 5:1, whereas some of the areas of wall repaired had this the other way round. It takes way much more time for the wall to be flint dense.



Stripped out wall ready for repair, with salvaged flint piles either side of central huge pile of scrap rubble.

Preparation for the repairs started in late 2025, with the acquiring of raw materials. A trip

to the ice cream parlour at Solleys at Ripple identified a field full of flint just before their Maize Maze. A quick chat with Stephen Solley saw permission (thank you!) to "pick" the field before it was ploughed. A couple of trips resulted in 16 bags of flint of various sizes



being collected and stored back home pending use. These are really heavy! The great thing about flint, is that after the field was ploughed, there were more flint to pick for next time. This supplemented the pile of flint in my back garden that had been accumulated over the previous year whilst out dog walking over fields.

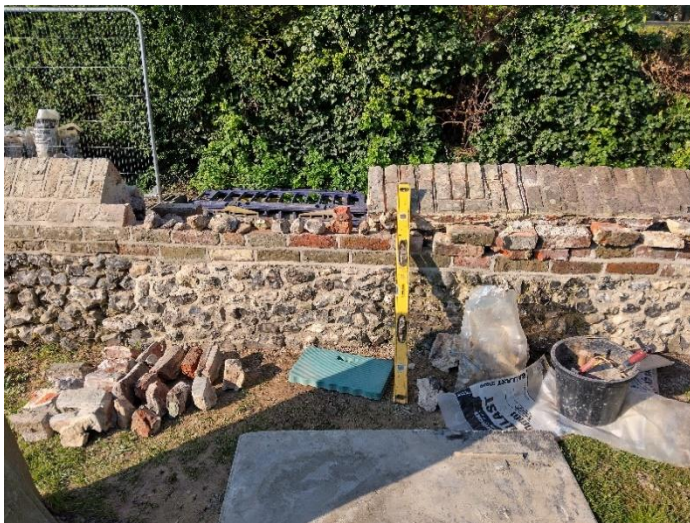
Repair work started at the tower gate end of the front wall, mainly to repair the brick capping by fixing loose bricks and re-pointing it where necessary. Most of this end of the wall had a gap between the flint bottom and brick top parts of the wall that you could fit your hand in. This was re-pointed to secure the structure. Other repairs involved areas affected by holes, in-growing plants and missing pointing. In the same way that the only way to effectively deal with potholes when a road surface has reached the end of its life, is to resurface it, some sections of wall were completely replaced rather than patched.



The eagle eyed of you will notice that the brick capping at Sholden Church is similar to that at Upper Deal Church. If you look carefully, you can see the same pointy top, and in places the same “one brick in, one brick out” pattern of brick ends supporting the top. If you go

to Northbourne Church, you will see a similar brick capping. Once you start looking, they are everywhere...

Further repair work saw a number of sections of both the inner and outer walls being rebuilt from the ground up. The trick with flint walls is when you are pulling them apart knowing when and where to start, but more importantly when to stop. It takes a couple of hours to strip a section of wall out, but weeks to rebuild them. A large section of the wall required the brick capping re-pointing, and a significant section needed completely replacing, where a previous poor repair had used salvaged ill-fitting bricks that didn't match the rest of the wall. This presented a problem, as I needed over 80 "new" bricks to address this. Luckily, my wife Debbie, whilst out and about, spotted a skip in Eastry loaded with "stock" bricks following some building work. A trip to Eastry and a chat with the builder and house owner secured two car boot loads of whole and half bricks which after being cleaned up did just the job. That's Him working in mysterious ways again!



Building with flint is a combination of a number of different skills. Imagine doing a jigsaw without the picture or playing Tetris with infinitely varying shapes and trying to match them. Building a brick wall is two dimensional and uniform, but with flint it is three

dimensional and more irregular. Sholden Church itself has a napped flint finish, but the churchyard wall is a more mixed finish, with no two sections having a similar finish. Having good visualisation skills helps, and having a big supply of different sized flint spread out in front of you to select from also helps too. Taking photos of sections to be repaired and then studying these helped me plan how to achieve the required result.

Rev. Monica, with help from Rev. Patrick, performed a "topping out ceremony" on the wall. Psalm 127 ("Unless the Lord builds the house,

the builders labour in vain”) was followed by securing the last brick into place to complete the current work.



Rev Monica tapping the last brick into place.

The wall is next to the footpath to Vicarage Lane and I am grateful to all the people who have said hello or stopped to chat whilst I have been working. I have also been around to speak to visitors to the church and support Carol with the open church initiative.

I am now having a “break” over the summer whilst I build a new summer house at home but will hopefully return to fix the outside of the front wall, which has a

number of sections in need of repair. Maybe the wall at the back of the church will get a look in during 2027? If anyone would like to contribute towards the building materials for this work, then please get in touch.

Thank you Robert for this brilliant and much researched hard work. Fascinating!

Finished for now!





The Parish of Upper Deal & Grt Mongeham
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Someone had a birthday !

Huge thanks to Phil for all the work he has put in to St Leonard's Social Centre. We hope you had a great day Phil!



With the hard work of Phil and our centre manager, Julie Murrow, the centre is becoming a sought after

venue we can be proud to hire out.

At the moment Julie Murrow & the trustees are investigating WiFi provision.





Great Mongeham's Mariners

— *and their American Connections* —

Saturday July 4th
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

[Watch out for pirates!]

The Great Mongeham Society is organising a village event to celebrate the Age of Sail.

There will be lots of family fun as well as some fascinating displays about the naval men from Great Mongeham who were involved in forging the history of their time.

At St Martin's Church

CT14 0HL

Refreshments on sale in aid of roof repairs

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY UPDATE – PLEASE READ

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, a lot of us need to get, at least basic training — 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 see the table in last time's magazine and how it might apply to you.

<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 people who have already taken this important step.**

Further to last magazine's look at who needs to do **safeguarding training** – here is a link for a step by step guide to access and sign up for the training

<https://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f209069c4808/content/pages/documents/how-to-update-your-safeguarding-training2025.pdf>

And in this issue I thought I'd highlight who needs a **DBS check**, (since 2019, checks must be renewed every three years).

Level of Check	Eligibility	Parish Examples
Enhanced DBS check with barring Certificate shows all convictions not subject to filtering and includes a check of the barring list	Children's workforce: This role has regular contact with children and young people – those under the age of 18 (regulated activities).	Youth and children's workers/volunteers Anyone supervising youth/children overnight Ordained ministry Anyone in a role that supervises those in roles above (minimum of 1 incident)
	Adult workforce: Roles that involve regulated activity with 'vulnerable adults at risk of harm' due to age or infirmity or cognitive function that would typically see them in receipt of social care services.	Ordained ministry Volunteers Assisting with shopping or household tasks through the parish/parish volunteer groups
Enhanced DBS check without barring Certificate show all convictions not subject to filtering but does not include the barring list	Children's workforce: Infrequent activity but done more than once (Easter or Christmas specials) but where the children are not accompanied by parents.	PCC members (Trustees) where the parish runs regulated activities for anyone under the age of 18.
	Adult workforce: People who carry out 'activities with adults' where the adults are those vulnerable to a risk of harm (in receipt of health and/or social care services) and where they are the intended recipients, with a few professions also eligible (i.e. qualified and registered counsellors, GP's etc.).	PCC member (Trustees) where the parish run an activity where the intended recipients are vulnerable adults at risk of harm. Volunteers going into care homes on behalf of the parish for any reason.
Standard	Those working in the financial sector Those working in the judicial system Directors of companies bidding for public contracts	Barristers, Chartered Accountants, Court Clerks, veterinary surgeons, Master Locksmiths etc. No roles in the Church of England will be eligible for a Standard check.
Basic Only shows unspent convictions	Any role paid or voluntary –only shows unspent convictions	All roles of any kind.

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/safeguarding/parish-resources/safer-recruitment-and-dbs.php>



'LITTLE LIGHTS'

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your
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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.





Great Mongeham Friends ...

Jennifer Esposito · 17m ·

Year Two of Peace Garden Project seeks to increase biodiversity. Foxgloves, red campion and honeysuckle are growing well. Bees and butterflies are enjoying themselves.



A new bench is being installed in July. If you've not been back to the garden for a while, pop back and have a look, perhaps on Mariner's Day (4th July), but especially while the sun is shining.

Kent Fraud Alert System



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Unexpected Mobile Phone Delivery Scam

Criminals are targeting people across Kent by ordering expensive mobile phones in their name, having them delivered to their home address, and then tricking them into handing the phone back.

How the scam works -

- Fraudsters use stolen personal details to take out a mobile phone contract in someone else's name.
- A new phone is delivered to the victim's home address, even though they did not order it.
- Shortly after delivery, someone turns up claiming to be a courier, saying the phone was delivered in error and needs to be collected.
- Once the phone is handed over, the criminal keeps it — but the victim is left liable for the contract, bills and possible credit damage.



Warning signs -

- You receive a mobile phone or parcel you did not order
- Someone arrives unexpectedly asking to collect it
- They pressure you to act quickly or say it is an admin or scanning mistake
- They refuse to let you verify the request with the retailer

Protect yourself -

- Do not hand over parcels to anyone who turns up at your door unannounced
- Legitimate retailers and couriers will not ask for goods back at the doorstep
- Contact the mobile provider or retailer directly using official contact details
- Keep the parcel until the retailer confirms safe return arrangements
- Regularly check your credit report for unknown accounts

Preventing fraud

Together,
let's stop
scammers.



Remember, ABC:



never Assume



never Believe



always Confirm

If you have been a victim of any type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and reporting to Report Fraud at [Reporting cyber crime and fraud or phishing attempts - Report Fraud](#) or call 0300 123 2040.

Find out more by visiting our website at [Advice about fraud | Kent Police](#) and also from the Home Office at [Stop! Think Fraud - How to stay safe from scams](#)



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Report a non-urgent crime online www.kent.police.uk/report

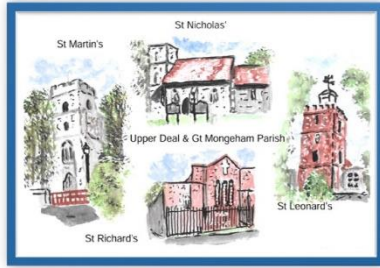
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact

In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service **18000**.

Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.

www.kent.police.uk   



**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

COMMUNITY CAFÉ AT ST RICHARDS WILL BE BACK SOON...

CrafTEA, St Leonard's Centre: Monthly, first Tuesday 2-4pm

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.”

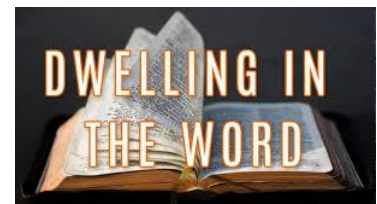
⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” 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 JULY 2026	ST LEONARD'S	ST MARTIN'S	ST NICHOLAS'	ST RICHARD'S
Sunday 5 th July *	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Led by Rev John Wakeman with guest speaker 10am No service	11.00m No service	9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion Led by Rev Nick Tomaszewski & guest speaker	10.00am No service
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	10-2pm Church open for silent prayer & meditation
Sunday 19 th	8.00am Holy Communion 10am 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	8am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service with Holy Communion	11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service without Holy Communion	10-2pm Church open for silent prayer & meditation
SERVICES AUG 2026	ST LEONARD'S	ST MARTIN'S	ST NICHOLAS'	ST RICHARD'S
Sunday 2 nd August	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family service without	11.00am Family service without Holy Communion	9.30am Family service with Holy Communion	10.00am Singing Service & refreshments 11-11.30am Short Holy

	Holy Communion			Communion Service
Sunday 9 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 & meditation
Sunday 16 th	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service without Holy Communion No evensong	11.00am Family Service without Holy Communion	9.30am Family service with Holy Communion	10.00am 'Little Lights' Children's breakfast service
Sunday 23 rd	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 & meditation
Sunday 30 th	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am No service	11am No service	9.30am No service	10.00am Whole Parish Brunch Service

***Sunday 5th July – Please join Rev John and Rev Nick at these services as they celebrate their first Holy Communion services after their 'priesting' at the Cathedral on the 4th.**

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

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.



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.



- **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

Rector	Rev Mthr Monica Cameron revmonicacameron@gmail.com	07938 360395
Curates	Rev Nick Tomaszewski revnicholastomaszewski@gmail.com Rev John Wakeman revjohnudgm@outlook.com	
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Deputy Church Wardens	Phil Chambers	01304 360230
Safe-guarding Officer	Amanda Forrest	01304 372521 07999 910197
PCC Treasurer	Patricia Brazier UDGMtreasurer@outlook.com	
PCC Secretary	Vacancy	
St Leonard's Social Centre	Julie Murrow (Manager) stleonardshalldeal@gmail.com Phil Chambers (Caretaker)	see email
St Richard's	Bookings (Tracey Nesbit) stnichardshire@gmail.com Phil Chambers - Caretaker	
Ministry Team	Rev Mthr Monica Cameron (Rector) Rev Sharon Greenwood PTO	

	<p>Rev Peter Hambrook PTO Rev Patrick Kavanagh PTO Rev Nick Tomaszewski (Curate, Support Minister St Nicholas') Rev John Wakeman (Curate, Support Minister St Leonard's) Rev Steve Manion (Deacon, Support Minister at St Martin's) Julie Chambers (ALM) Mary Shorten (ALM) Julie Murrow Karen McCarthy (Lay Worship Leader) Christine Taylor (Lay Worship Leader) Tracey Nesbit (Families Team Lead)</p>	
Sacristans	<p>Carol McCaughan Julie Chambers Karen Fairclough Karen McCarthy Sue Cooke</p>	
Pastoral Visiting Team	<p>Rev Mthr Monica Cameron Rev Patrick Kavanagh Rev Peter Hambrook</p>	
Missional Learning Communities Team	<p>Rev Mthr Monica Christine Taylor Sharon Greenwood Steve Goodsell Steve Manion Jane Slater Wendy Manion Diane Thurgood</p>	
Website	<p>https://upperdealandgtmongehamparish.com/</p>	

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 stleonardshalldeal@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 three payment machines, a fixed one at St Leonard's where there is WIFI & a 'CollecTin' machine, a card reader at St Richard's and another at St Nicholas'. The cost of both have been obtained through generous donations and a grant from the Diocese. We are using the machines at parish events to help increase giving. Keep your eyes 'peeled' for the 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.

A DEDICATED JUST GIVING PAGE has been set up to raise money for essential repairs across the parish – heating systems x 2 and roof replacement. Please share the link where and whenever you can. Thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/charity/Ecclesiastical-Parish-of-Upper>

