

WHAT'S ON?
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<i>Sunday 19th July 2026</i> <i>7th After Trinity</i>	<u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service without Holy Communion	<u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am Family Service without Holy Communion	<u>St Nicholas'</u> 9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion	<u>St Richard's</u> 10am 'Little Lights' Breakfast service
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WEEKLY PARISH COMMUNION Please join us on Tuesdays, 12 noon, in St Leonard's church after the Coffee Morning.



<u>St Leonard's</u> 454 Majesty 200 Great is thy faithfulness 181 God forgave my sin 153 For the fruits of his creation	<u>St Martin's</u> 75 Blessed assurance 355 In heavenly love abiding 237 God forgave my sins 505 May the grace of Christ our saviour 652 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
<u>Choral Evensong</u> 176 Happy are they, they that love God Psalm 67 Day in A Magnificat Parry in E Nunc Dimittis Battishill in D Flat Anthem Holy, holy, holy – Schubert 251 There's a wideness in God's mercy (omit verses 1&2)	<u>St Nicholas'</u> 4 Christ, whose glory fills the sky 166 Lord, thy word abideth 247 I heard the voice of Jesus say 139 Rejoice, the Lord is King

The Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRINCIPAL READINGS

First reading: Isaiah 44. 6-8

"This is what the LORD says—Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. ⁷ Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come— yes, let them foretell what will come. ⁸ Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

Psalm 86. 12-17

¹² I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

¹³ For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead.

¹⁴ Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God; ruthless people are trying to kill me—they have no regard for you.

¹⁵ But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me; show your strength in behalf of your servant; save me, because I serve you just as my mother did.

¹⁷ Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Second reading: Romans 8. 12-25

¹² Brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Gospel: Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ ²⁸ “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ ²⁹ “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the

harvesters are angels. ⁴⁰ “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: Mary Burney, anonymous lady on office phone, Stephen Marsh, Noel Thompson, Carolyn Coupland, Dennis Burney, David Flewker, Mavis Harris, Michael Chambers, 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 including Ben Bano, Michael Finney. 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

COMMUNITY CAFÉ REOPENS! Please pray for the re-opening of the café on 20th July, 9-12noon at St Richard's. Come and meet Rose our new cook. Come & have a coffee, a chat, a read of a newspaper or even a board game. Local businesses are being very generous with funds, special thanks to *Dunkley's of Deal* for their generous donation to help get us going again. Please pray for volunteers to go on a rota.

STILL WATERS PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday's weekly prayer group, 2pm, at a different location, not necessarily a church. See the Parish WhatsApp group for info or text Wendy M on 07411 432541.

FUNERAL OF BEN BANO Monday 20th July, 11.30am. St Thomas' Church, Blenheim Road.

<i>NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES</i> <i>July 26th 8th after Trinity</i>	<u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service with Holy Communion	<u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion	<u>St Nicholas'</u> 9.30am Family Service without Holy Communion	<u>St Richard's</u> 10-2pm Church open for individual prayer
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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

NOTICES

SAFEGUARDING Please raise safeguarding concerns immediately with our Safeguarding Officer, Mandy Forrest 01304 372521 or 07999 910197. **Please see the Compass Magazine to see important updates.** Thanks

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT please see the posters in churches & leaflets with your What's On? If you need help completing this online, please ask. There is not a paper version. Help will be available. Thank you

MORE PARISH FUNDRAISING PLANS ARE AFOOT! Rev Sharon and the fundraising team are arranging another Christmas Fayre. If you would like to be on the planning committee please make sure she has your name so they can start planning!! Alternatively if there is something you would particularly like to do at the Fayre please let her know that too. As many people as possible are needed to come up with ideas and suggestions as well as offers of help. A huge thank you to everyone who has already volunteered!

A DEDICATED JUST GIVING PAGE has been set up to raise money for essential repairs across the parish – heating systems x 2 and a roof replacement. Share the link whenever you can. <https://www.justgiving.com/charity/Ecclesiastical-Parish-of-Upper> Thank you.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING Please continue to pray for our curates Rev John Wakeman & Rev Nick Tomaszewski & Steve Manion as he continues his training towards priesthood. Julie Murrow will be starting her formal training for ordination in September. Wendy Manion will be starting training for Licenced Lay Reader Ministry in September.

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 [PCC Secretaries - Diocese of Canterbury](#)
(This is not the Parish Admin job – I will still be in the office Tues-Thurs.)



CHURCH BANK DETAILS

Paying tithes and pledges electronically is easy. Thank you for your generosity. UDGMtreasurer@outlook.com

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/>

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.**