

WHAT'S ON?
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<i>Sunday 26th</i> <i>July 2026</i> <i>8th After</i> <i>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 PARISH COMMUNION Please join us on Tuesdays, 12 noon, in St Leonard's church after the Coffee Morning.



St Leonard's

336 All my hope on God is founded
 166 Lord, thy word abideth
 101 O worship the King (omit v3)
 Anthem: Jesu, my Lord – Barnby
 268 Hail, true body, born of Mary
 365 God is love, let heaven adore Him

St Martin's

349 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
 687 Take my life & let it be
 5. Abba father
 36 And can it be

St Nicholas'

16 All my hope on God is founded
 611 Spirit of holiness
 200 Great is thy faithfulness
 617 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

This week's music...

The Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake. When we prosper save us from pride. When we are needy save us from despair so that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRINCIPAL READINGS

First reading: 1 Kings 3. 5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." ⁶ Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day." ⁷ "Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I

will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

Psalm 119. 132-136

¹³² Turn to me & have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name.

¹³³ Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me. ¹³⁴ Redeem me from human oppression, that I may obey your precepts. ¹³⁵ Make your face shine on your servant and teach me your decrees. ¹³⁶ Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for your law is not obeyed.

Second reading: Romans 8. 28-37

²⁸ We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Gospel: Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

³¹ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

³³ He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.” ⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. ⁵² He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: Mary Burney, 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 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.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES <i>August 2nd 9th 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 Singing Service with refreshments. 11-11.30 Holy Communion
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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!

CELEBRATION Rev Peter Hambrook was ordained as a Deacon 25 years ago this week and we will be having a small celebration at St Martin's on 26th with refreshments before and a cake after the service. We are hoping to be joined by lots of his family. Please join us if you are able.

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.

MOTHERS' UNION OPENING SERVICE Sunday 8th September, 7pm, at St Leonard's Church. All are welcome to support our MU branch at this service.

QUIZ IN AID OF PARISH FUNDRAISING Sat 26th September in the St Leonard's Social Centre, more details later. Please book your table via
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NOTICES

SAFEGUARDING Please raise safeguarding concerns immediately with our Safeguarding Officer, Mandy Forrest 01304 372521 or 07999 910197. **Have you completed the SAFEGUARDING AUDIT survey yet?** Help is available.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ – ST RICHARD’S IS NOW OPEN We are now seeking weekly volunteer assistants (**COULD THIS BE YOU?**) to welcome, take orders and serve each week when the café reopens. *If we get more than one volunteer, a rota would be arranged.* This would be on a Monday, 9 – midday.

PARISH FUNDRAISING The Manions have very kindly offered their garden for a summer garden party. We would now very much like a small team to organise tea/coffee, light refreshments. Alternatively we could just have a bring your own food and nibbles. Please could you let Sharon, Wendy or Steve know if you are interested in making this fundraising event happen and are willing to help in any way. There is no date set as this is dependant on the availability of volunteers .

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 & Rev Steve Manion. Julie Murrow is starting her formal training for ordination in September. Wendy Manion is starting her training for Licenced Lay Reader Ministry in September.



CHURCH BANK DETAILS

Paying tithes and pledges electronically is easy. Thank you for your generosity.

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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.)

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.**