

WHAT'S ON?
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We are hoping that as many as possible will join us at **both** Sunday services this week as our new priests preside over their first Communion Services.

<p><i>Sunday 5th</i> <i>July 2026</i> <i>5th After</i> <i>Trinity</i></p>	<p><u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion & guest speaker 10.00am No service</p>	<p><u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am No service</p>	<p><u>St Nicholas'</u> 9.30am Family Service with Holy Communion & guest speaker</p>	<p><u>St Richard's</u> 10am No service</p>
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Please join us **after** the 9.30am service for a celebration of our new Deacon and Priests' in St Leonard's Social Centre where we will be having a 'bring and share' of snacks and cakes etc.

WEEKLY PARISH COMMUNION Please join us on Tuesdays, 12 noon, in St Leonard's church after the Coffee Morning.



<p>This week's music...</p>	<p><u>St Nicholas'</u> 691 This is the day 456 Make me a channel of your peace 624 Take my life, and let it be 367 Jesus is Lord</p>
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The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRINCIPAL READINGS

First reading: Zechariah 9. 9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

Psalm 145. 10-15

¹⁰ All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.

¹¹ They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,

¹² so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

Second reading: Romans 7. 15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel: Matthew 11. 16-19, 25-end

¹⁶ "To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: ¹⁷ "We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds." ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. ²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: Stephen Marsh, Noel Thompson, Carolyn Coupland, Dennis Burney, David Flewker, Mavis Harris, Michael Chambers, 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 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.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES <i>July 12th 6th after Trinity</i>	<u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am 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
	10.00am Family Service with Holy Communion			

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!

GREAT MONGEHAM'S MARINERS DAY St Martin's on Sat 4th July, 11-3pm, please see posters for more details. Come & find out about pirate links to the church! Lots of activities for children. **CAKES REQUIRED** to be sold on the day (*IN AID OF PARISH REPAIR FUNDS*) – if you can help bake or buy we'd be very grateful. See Wendy M or Jennie.

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.

BRING AND SHARE refreshments after the service on Sunday 5th July. If you are able to help with cakes, snacks, homemade biscuits etc, please bring them to the Social Centre on the day.

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

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

COMMUNITY CAFÉ – ST RICHARD'S We are hoping to re-open on 20th July. We are now seeking weekly volunteer assistant (**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.

COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISER in aid of Brain Tumour research raised the grand sum of **£410**. Huge thanks to Sue and the team, all the stall holders and supporters. **MORE FUNDRAISING PLANS ARE AFOOT!** i) A Summer garden party is being thought about, possibly at the Manions', date to be confirmed – more details later. Help with refreshments will be gratefully received please. ii) also, 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 **Rev John Wakeman & Rev Nick Tomaszewski**, who will be priested, along with **Stephen Manion**, who will be deaconed on Sat 4th July in the Cathedral. **Julie Murrow** will be starting her formal training for ordination in September. **Wendy Manion** will be 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.**