

WHAT'S ON?
In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham
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<i>Sunday 16th</i> <i>August 2026</i> <i>11th After</i> <i>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> 488 O breath of life 590 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God 31 Amazing grace 631 Tell out my soul	<u>St Nicholas'</u> 2 New every morning is the love 115 Dear Lord and Father of mankind 382 Jesus our Lord, and King and our God 422 Tell out my soul
<u>This week's music...</u>	<u>St Martin's</u> 306 He's got the whole world in his hands 425 Let all the world in every corner sing 479 Lord, the light of your love 73 Bind us together Lord 91 Brother, sister, let me serve you

The Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain, the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRINCIPAL READINGS

First reading: Isaiah 56. 1, 6-8

56 This is what the LORD says:

"Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it

and who hold fast to my covenant— ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."

⁸ The Sovereign LORD declares— he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."

Psalms 67. 3-end

³ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. ⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity

and guide the nations of the earth. ⁵ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the

peoples praise you. ⁶ The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. ⁷ May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Second reading: Romans 11. 1-2a, 29-32

11 I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. ² God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel. ²⁹ for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. ³² For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Gospel: Matthew 15. 21-28

²¹ Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." ²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. ²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." ²⁷ "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." ²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: Keith Ovenden, 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 RECENTLY BAPTISED IN OUR PARISH Jaxson Bradford Lord, we ask your blessings and love for this child and his family.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

BABY BANK LAUNCH A new initiative from the Families team begins on Sat 29th August 1-2pm (& monthly after that) at St Richard's Church. For more information or

to donate please contact UDGM.BabyBank@gmail.com. Please see posters. Please pray for this work & the families who will use it.

WHOLE PARISH SERVICE WITH COMMUNION on Sunday 6th September at St Leonard's at 10am will be led by **Bishop Rose** with light refreshments in the Social Centre afterwards.

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

RIDE & STRIDE 2026 is on 12th September and if there was ever a year when we needed funds from the Friends of Kent Churches, this is it! Please see publicity & share. Please think about walking/riding and getting sponsors. Is there someone in your family who would walk/ride for us? [Friends of Kent Churches - Ride and Stride](#) Please contact the office if you can help.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION in aid of the St Martin's roof fund. Photographs by Tony Friend to be displayed at Caesar Court, Gt Mongeham, hosted by Gillian Pollard, on Friday 18th September 4-8pm. Refreshments available 4.30-6.30pm

QUIZ IN AID OF PARISH FUNDRAISING Sat 26th September in St Leonard's Social Centre, please see posters. Book your table(s) via stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com

HARVEST SUPPER Saturday 3rd October 6pm at St Richard's in aid of Christian Aid and Deal Foodbank. Donations of desserts requested please. Tickets £5.

ANIMAL BLESSING SERVICE will be at St Leonard's on Sun 4th October at 4pm. All well behaved owners & their pets welcome.

<i>NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES August 23rd 12th after Trinity</i>	St Leonard's	St Martin's	St Nicholas'	St Richard's
	8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service without Holy Communion	10-2pm Church open for silent prayer and meditation
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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

'STILL WATERS' WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday's 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.

NOTICES

SAFEGUARDING Please raise safeguarding concerns immediately with our Safeguarding Officer, Mandy Forrest 01304 372521 or 07999 910197. *Please don't forget to complete the survey.*

COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISER in aid of Alzheimer's Research raised £376.35 which was rounded up to £400. Thanks to everyone who came along, for raffle prizes, donations, the stallholders for their lovely produce and the coffee morning team. Well done everyone.

LAY WORSHIP LEADER COURSE Hybrid Delivery: 3 x Saturday face-to-face sessions (Canterbury) 6 x online Wednesday evening sessions (Zoom). **Closing**

date or applications 24th August

Facilitated by Stephen Hardy, Sarah Emmanuel & Nigel Collins. A course to equip lay people to prepare and lead worship in church and less formal settings. Suited to those new to this ministry and also as a refresher for those with some experience.

For more information visit the Diocesan [Lay Worship Ministry](#) Webpage

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.

Wendy needs cover whilst having surgery on Mondays 14th & 19th September. If we get more than one volunteer, a rota would be arranged. This would be on a Monday, 9 – midday. *(Don't forget, morning prayer is said every Monday (9.45am) here, why not come and pray and then have a coffee.)*

PARISH REPAIR FUND much hard work is ongoing for the works needed at St Leonard's, St Nicholas' & St Martin's. We now **urgently** need funding including grants and donations.

A dedicated **JustGiving** page is available to raise money for this work – heating systems x 2 and a roof replacement. Share the link when & wherever you can. ***It is possible to indicate, on our page, which project you are supporting if this is your preference.***

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

VACANCY FOR PCC SECRETARY

A secretary is required for the meetings of our PCC (the trustees) and Standing Committee. See Wendy M for details
[PCC Secretaries - Diocese of Canterbury](#)
(This is not the Parish Admin job – WM will still be in the office Tues-Thurs.)

VOCATIONAL TRAINING Please continue to pray for our curates Rev John Wakeman, Rev Nick Tomaszewski & Rev Steve Manion as he continues with his studies. Julie Murrow starts her formal training for ordination in September. Wendy Manion starts Licenced Lay Reader Ministry training in September.



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**

Tell the Independent Safeguarding Audit

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We have been asked to carry out Audits of the Church of England to make sure dioceses, cathedrals and palaces are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

Listening to and learning from dioceses is an important part of the Audit.



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QR code

Tell us your views

Your participation is critically important and you can help by taking part in an anonymous and confidential survey.

We encourage you to be open and honest. We will only share information if what you tell us indicates a serious risk of harm.

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Closing date is 09th September 2026



Don't forget - If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, it is important that you quickly get the right help – call the police on 999

NSPCC Helpline

☎ Helpline - 0800 8800 5000
✉ Email - help@NSPCC.org.uk

Childline

☎ Helpline - 0800 1111
🌐 Web - childline.org.uk

Safe Spaces Support Service

☎ Helpline - 0300 0303 1056
✉ Email - safespaces@firstlight.org.uk
🌐 Web - safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk