



WHAT'S ON?

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<i>Sunday 6th September 2026</i> <i>14th After Trinity</i>	<u>St Leonard's</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Whole Parish Family Service with Holy Communion led by The Rt Revd Dr Rose Hudson- Wilkin, Bishop of Dover	<u>St Martin's</u> 11.00am No service	<u>St Nicholas'</u> 9.30am No service	<u>St Richard's</u> 10am No service
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WEEKLY PARISH COMMUNION Please join us on Tuesdays, 12 noon, in St Leonard's church after the Coffee Morning.



This week's music...

St Leonard's

211 Stand up, stand up for Jesus
 113 Father, hear the prayer we offer
 464 God is here; as we His people meet
 Anthem: God be in my head
 257 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness
 263 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

The Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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: Ezekiel 33. 7-11

⁷ 'Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸ When I say to the wicked, "You wicked person, you will surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹ But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰ 'Son of man, say to the Israelites, "This is what you are saying: 'Our offences and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?'" ¹¹ Say to them, "As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?"

Psalm 119. 33-40

³⁵ Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

³⁶ Turn my heart towards your statutes and not towards selfish gain.

³⁷ Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

³⁸ Fulfil your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.

³⁹ Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good.

⁴⁰ How I long for your precepts!

In your righteousness preserve my life.

Second reading: Romans 13. 8-end

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,' and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Gospel: Matthew 18. 15-20

¹⁵ 'If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that "every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. ¹⁸ 'Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ 'Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: David F, Keith O, Mary B, Stephen M, Noel T, Carolyn C, Dennis B, Mavis H, Michael C, Baby Lola, Baby Esmae, Margaret T, Andrew R, Heather B, Barbara S, Jean G, Dave J, Joan F, Adrian M, Wendy T, Elizabeth M, Caroline R, Steve M, Jacob A. 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 Pat Streeter. 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!

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. *(On the day, keep your eyes peeled for a penny farthing! If you'd like details of how to sponsor the rider, see Wendy M)*

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS begin on 12th until 20th Sept, with many places to visit free. Please see leaflets in churches. Our churches are open the first weekend.

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

FOSL'S HISTORY TALK led by Alan Buckman, Sat 2nd Oct, 7 for 7.30pm at St Leonard's Church, £8 per ticket (on the door) to include a glass of wine, soft drinks and refreshments. Please see poster for all the information. Indications of attendance to alan@buckman-hardy.co.uk

COMMUNITY 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. Tickets on sale from Sun 6th September.

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</i> <i>13th September</i> <i>15th 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 silent prayer & 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.

SAFEGUARDING FOCUS GROUPS Please see new leaflet giving us a chance to have our say in a different format.

FREE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL COLLECTION The following in excellent condition/new are available; washer drier, microwave, free standing electric cooker, fridge. If interested in any of these items please contact Christine Taylor this week.

BABY BANK On the last Saturday of every month, 1-2pm 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.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ at St Richard's is open, please see flyer in email, come and have a freshly cooked breakfast or brunch.

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.

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 **still** 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

CHURCH BANK DETAILS

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

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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/>

Prayer for Creationtide

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for your gracious providing,
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**

