

WHAT'S ON?
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<i>Sunday 25th October '26</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> 10am No service
<i>Bible Sunday</i>				

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



St Leonard's

199 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
 509 Rise and hear, the Lord is speaking
 423 Thanks to God, whose word was spoken
 Anthem: A gaelic blessing – Rutter
 272 O god, unseen yet ever near
 163 Angel voices ever singing

St Nicholas'

4 Christ, whose glory fills the skies
 247 I heard the voice of Jesus say
 423 Thanks to god whose word was spoken
 202 Let all the world in every corner sing

St Martin's

506 May the mind of Christ my Saviour
 798 We have a gospel to proclaim
 5 Abba, Father (x2)
 327 I cannot tell

This week's music...

The Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our 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: Nehemiah 8. 1-4a, 8-12

8 ¹ All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel. ² So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. ³ He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. ⁴ Ezra the teacher of the Law stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion. Beside him on his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah; and on his left were Pedaiah, Mishaël, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah,

Zechariah and Meshullam. ⁸ They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read. ⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep.' For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Nehemiah said, 'Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.' ¹¹ The Levites calmed all the people, saying, 'Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve.' ¹² Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

Psalm 119. 9-16

⁹ How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

¹² Praise be to you, LORD; teach me your decrees.

¹³ With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.

¹⁴ I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.

Second reading: Colossians 3. 12-17

¹² As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel: Matthew 24. 30-35

³⁰ 'Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. ³² 'Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: as soon as its twigs become tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ³³ Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our

weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: Emilio, Bruce & Emma, Geoff H, Christine Kn, Philip T, David F, 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 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.

<i>NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES</i> <i>Nov 1st</i> <i>All Saints Day</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 & refreshments 11-11.30am short 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

'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.

SAVE THE DATE!

CONNECT: COMPLINE & CONVERSATION - formerly known as 'Friday Night Life' in the Social Centre Benefice Lounge on fortnightly Fridays until 27th November. Next meeting 30th November. Simple Compline service followed by conversation afterwards. If you have been to Friday Night Life, it will be a similar format. (Rev John Wakeman)

SIP AND PAINT EVENT Sat 21st November, 3pm, St Richard's. A fundraising afternoon for adults. £10 each to include all materials & refreshments. Bring your own drinks, see flyer for details. Paint a masterpiece & help raise funds for the parish repairs. Book quickly with Tracey or via udgm.kids@gmail.com.



COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISER Tuesday 24th November in aid of **Smile Train**, 9.30-11.30am, all the usual stalls. Please come and support the last fundraiser of the year. Raffle prizes and cakes welcome to help boost sales.

ADVENT COURSE begins for 4 weeks on Tuesday 24th November, 7pm at St Richard's, led by Rev Steve Manion.

NOTICES

SAFEGUARDING Please raise safeguarding concerns immediately with our Safeguarding Officer, Mandy Forrest 01304 372521 or 07999 910197.

CHRISTMAS FAIR The fundraising team is now accepting donations. We would be most grateful for any of the following; bottles of alcohol, cakes, new or nearly new gifts, Christmas food goods, small toys, chocolate. The hugest “thank you” for anything you are able to donate. Please bring along your items to your church. Thank you.

FOODBANK Following on from last week’s thank you for Harvest donations, we have discovered that 2 years ago the Foodbank were helping 85 families per month in our area. Now they help 425 families.

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 has begun her formal training for ordination. Wendy Manion has begun Licenced Lay Reader Ministry training.

PARISH REPAIR FUND a lot of hard work has been going on in the background getting quotes & permissions 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 has been set up to raise money for essential repairs across the parish – 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>



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

VACANCY FOR PCC SECRETARY

A secretary is **URGENTLY** 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.)

