



## WHAT'S ON?

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| <i>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup><br/>October '26<br/>18<sup>th</sup> After<br/>Trinity<br/><br/>Harvest<br/>Celebration</i> | <u>St Leonard's</u><br><b>8.00am</b><br>Holy Communion<br><b>10.00am</b><br>Family Service<br><b>without</b> Holy<br>Communion<br><b>4pm</b><br>Animal Blessing<br>Service | <u>St Martin's</u><br><b>11.00am</b><br>Family<br>Service<br><b>without</b> Holy<br>Communion | <u>St Nicholas'</u><br><b>9.30am</b><br>Family<br>Service <b>with</b><br>Holy<br>Communion | <u>St Richard's</u><br><b>10am</b><br>Singing<br>Service &<br>refreshments<br>11-11.30<br>Short Holy<br>Communion |
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**WEEKLY PARISH COMMUNION** Please join us on Tuesdays, 12 noon, in St Leonard's church after the Coffee Morning.



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| <u>St Leonard's</u><br>106 Come, ye thankful people, come<br>660 The Lord's my shepherd<br>23 All things bright and beautiful<br>732 We plough the fields and scatter                                      | <u>St Nicholas'</u><br>106 Come, ye thankful people, come<br>660 The Lord's my shepherd<br>23 All things bright and beautiful<br>732 We plough the fields and scatter |
| <u>St Martin's</u><br>144 Come, ye thankful people come.<br>195 For the beauty of the earth<br>260 God, whose farm is all creation<br>617 Praise and thanksgiving.<br>801 We plough the fields and scatter | <b>This week's music...</b>                                                                                                                                           |

### The Collect

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 the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **PRINCIPAL READINGS**

**First reading: 1 Kings 8. 22-30**

<sup>22</sup> Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands towards heaven <sup>23</sup> and said: 'LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below – you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. <sup>24</sup> You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it – as it is today. <sup>25</sup> 'Now LORD, the God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, "You shall never fail to have a successor to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your descendants are careful in all they do to walk before me faithfully as you have done." <sup>26</sup> And now, God of Israel, let your word that you promised your servant David my father come true. <sup>27</sup> 'But will God really dwell on

earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! <sup>28</sup> Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, LORD my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day. <sup>29</sup> May your eyes be open towards this temple night and day, this place of which you said, "My Name shall be there," so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays towards this place. <sup>30</sup> Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

### **Psalm 122. 1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup> I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'

<sup>2</sup> Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.

<sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May those who love you be secure.

<sup>7</sup> May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.'

<sup>8</sup> For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, 'Peace be within you.'

<sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.

### **Second reading: Hebrews 12. 18-24**

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; <sup>19</sup> to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, <sup>20</sup> because they could not bear what was commanded: 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.' <sup>21</sup> The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, 'I am trembling with fear.' <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, <sup>23</sup> to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

### **Gospel: Matthew 21. 12-16**

<sup>12</sup> Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money-changers and the benches of those selling doves. <sup>13</sup> 'It is written,' he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer," but you are making it "a den of robbers."' <sup>14</sup> The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, 'Hosanna to the Son of David,' they were indignant. <sup>16</sup> 'Do you hear what these children are saying?' they asked him. 'Yes,' replied Jesus, 'have you never read, "'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise"?''

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR:** Bruce & Emma, Geoff H, Christine Kn, Philip T, 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** especially Pat Streater. 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.

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| <b><i>NEXT<br/>WEEK'S<br/>SERVICES</i></b><br><br><b><i>Oct 11th<br/>19th after<br/>Trinity</i></b> | <b><u>St Leonard's</u></b><br><b>8.00am</b><br>Holy Communion<br><b>10.00am</b><br>Family Service <b>with</b><br>Holy Communion | <b><u>St Martin's</u></b><br><b>11.00am</b><br>Harvest<br>Family<br>Service <b>with</b><br>Holy<br>Communion | <b><u>St Nicholas'</u></b><br><b>9.30am</b><br>Harvest Family<br>Service <b>without</b><br>Holy<br>Communion | <b><u>St Richard's</u></b><br>No service |
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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!**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 8.30am Sir Norman Wisdom Pub, Table 11, please join us.

**FOSL'S HISTORY TALK** led by Alan Buckman, **Friday** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:alan@buckman-hardy.co.uk)

**HARVEST OFFERINGS** The usual collections will be made to Deal Food Bank and Emmaus (St Nicholas') on 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. Please bring your offerings in bags for easy transportation after the service. Thank you.

**CONNECT: COMPLINE & CONVERSATION** - formerly known as 'Friday Night Life' in the Social Centre Benefice Lounge on Friday 16th October at 6:30pm (finishes 8pm), then fortnightly until Friday 27th November. Simple Compline service followed by conversation afterwards. If you have been to Friday Night Life, it will be a similar format.

### **NOTICES**

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

**QUIZ NIGHT** A great night was had by all. Thanks to Karen and her team of quizzers and thanks for all the teams who joined us and helped us to raise £369 for parish funds.

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



### CHURCH BANK DETAILS

Paying tithes and pledges electronically is easy. Thank you for your generosity. [UDGMtreasurer@outlook.com](mailto: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**

### 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.**

**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>

### 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 still be in the office Tues-Thurs.)*