WHAT'S ON?

In the Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham

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	St Leonard's	St Martin's	St Nicholas'	St Richard's
Sunday 15th November '26 *2nd Before Advent*	**8.00am** Holy Communion **10.00am** Family service **without** Communion **4.30pm** Choral Evensong	**11.00am** Family service **without** Communion	**9.30am** Family service **with** Communion	**10am** Little Lights breakfast service

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



St Leonard's	St Martin's
498 O God, our help in ages past 456 Make me a channel of your peace 590 Seek ye first the kingdom of God 178 Go forth and tell (omit v3)	583 Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty 43 As the deer pants for the water 66 Be thou my vision 273 Great is thy faithfulness 834 Will you come and follow me?
Choral Evensong	**St Nicholas'**
372 Have faith in God, my heart Psalm 89 (1-12) Magnificat Wesley in G Nunc Dimittis Croft in A Minor Anthem Pie Jesu – Fauré 367 God of grace and God of glory	498 O God, our help in ages past 590 Seek ye first the kingdom of God 111 Dear Lord and Father of mankind (omit v3) 178 Go forth and tell (omit v3)

The Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRINCIPAL READINGS

First reading: Zephaniah 1. 7, 12-end

7 Be silent before the Sovereign LORD,
for the day of the LORD is near.
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated those he has invited.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps
and punish those who are complacent,
who are like wine left on its dregs,
who think, 'The LORD will do nothing, either good or bad.'
13 Their wealth will be plundered,
their houses demolished.
Though they build houses,
they will not live in them;
though they plant vineyards,
they will not drink the wine."
14 The great day of the LORD is near—
near and coming quickly.
The cry on the day of the LORD is bitter;
the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry.
15 That day will be a day of wrath—
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of trouble and ruin,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and blackness—
16 a day of trumpet and battle

cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers. 17 "I will bring such distress on all people that they will grope about like those who are blind, because they have sinned against the LORD. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath." In the fire of his jealousy the whole earth will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live on the earth.

Psalm 90. 1-8

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling-place throughout all generations.
2 Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn people back to dust, saying, 'Return to dust, you mortals.'
4 A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.
5 Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death – they are like the new grass of the morning:
6 In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11

5 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,
2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
3 While people are saying, 'Peace and safety', destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Gospel: Matthew 25. 14-30

14 'The kingdom of Heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 'After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more."
21 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your

master's happiness!" 22 'The man with two bags of gold also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two bags of gold: see, I have gained two more." 23 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" 24 'Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. "Master," he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you." 26 'His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 28 '"So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ESPECIALLY FOR: Matthew, Emilio, Bruce & Emma, Geoff H, 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 including Ken Kennison, Christine Knight, Pat Lovell. 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!

CONNECT: COMPLINE & CONVERSATION Social Centre Benefice Lounge. Next meeting on Friday 13th November, 6.30-8pm. Final meeting 27th Nov. A simple Compline service followed by conversation afterwards. (Rev John Wakeman)

SIP AND PAINT EVENT Sat 21st Nov, 3pm, St Richard's. **PLEASE** see poster for details & book quickly with Tracey or via udgm.kids@gmail.com.



COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISER Tues 24th Nov in aid of **Smile Train,** 9.30-11.30am, all the usual stalls. Please see poster for details

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

CONFIRMATION CLASSES Rev Monica will be starting on Sunday 10th Jan, 4-5pm, in the Benefice lounge in the St Leonard's Social centre; there will be eight sessions. Please contact revmonicacameron@gmail.com or juliechambers29@icloud.com for more information.

CHRISTMAS FAIR Sat 5th December, 11-2pm at St Richard's. Please see poster for details.

NATIVITY REHEARSAL Deal Parochial School have invited us to watch their rehearsal on Tues 8th Dec at 1.45pm. They would really appreciate an audience if you can go along to support them.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES Nov 22nd Christ the King	**St Leonard's** **8.00am** Holy Communion **10.00am** Family Service **with** Holy Communion	**St Martin's** **11.00am** Family Service **with** Holy Communion	**St Nicholas'** **9.30am** Family Service **without** Holy Communion	**St Richard's** **10am** No service
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 **For the Winter**, Wednesday's prayer group, 2pm, will be at St Richard's.				

NOTICES

SAFEGUARDING Please raise safeguarding concerns immediately with our Safeguarding Officer, Mandy Forrest 01304 372521 or 07999 910197.
CHRISTMAS FAIR Sat 5th Dec at St Richard's. Please see poster for ways of helping. Please see poster about donations that are needed. Thank you.
VOCATIONAL TRAINING Please continue to pray for our curates Rev John, Rev Nick & Rev Steve as he continues with his studies. Julie M has begun her formal training for ordination. Wendy M has begun Licenced Lay Reader Ministry training.
HEATING REPAIR FUND **The estimated cost for the heating in St Nicholas'** is £26,000(plus Vat) and so far we have raised £2,790 in donations. **The estimated cost for St Leonard's** is £52,300(plus vat) and so far we have £25,252, a bequest from the late Ted Smithson. We are grateful for donations however small or large because it will make a big difference. A dedicated **JustGiving** page has been set up to raise money for these repairs. 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.)