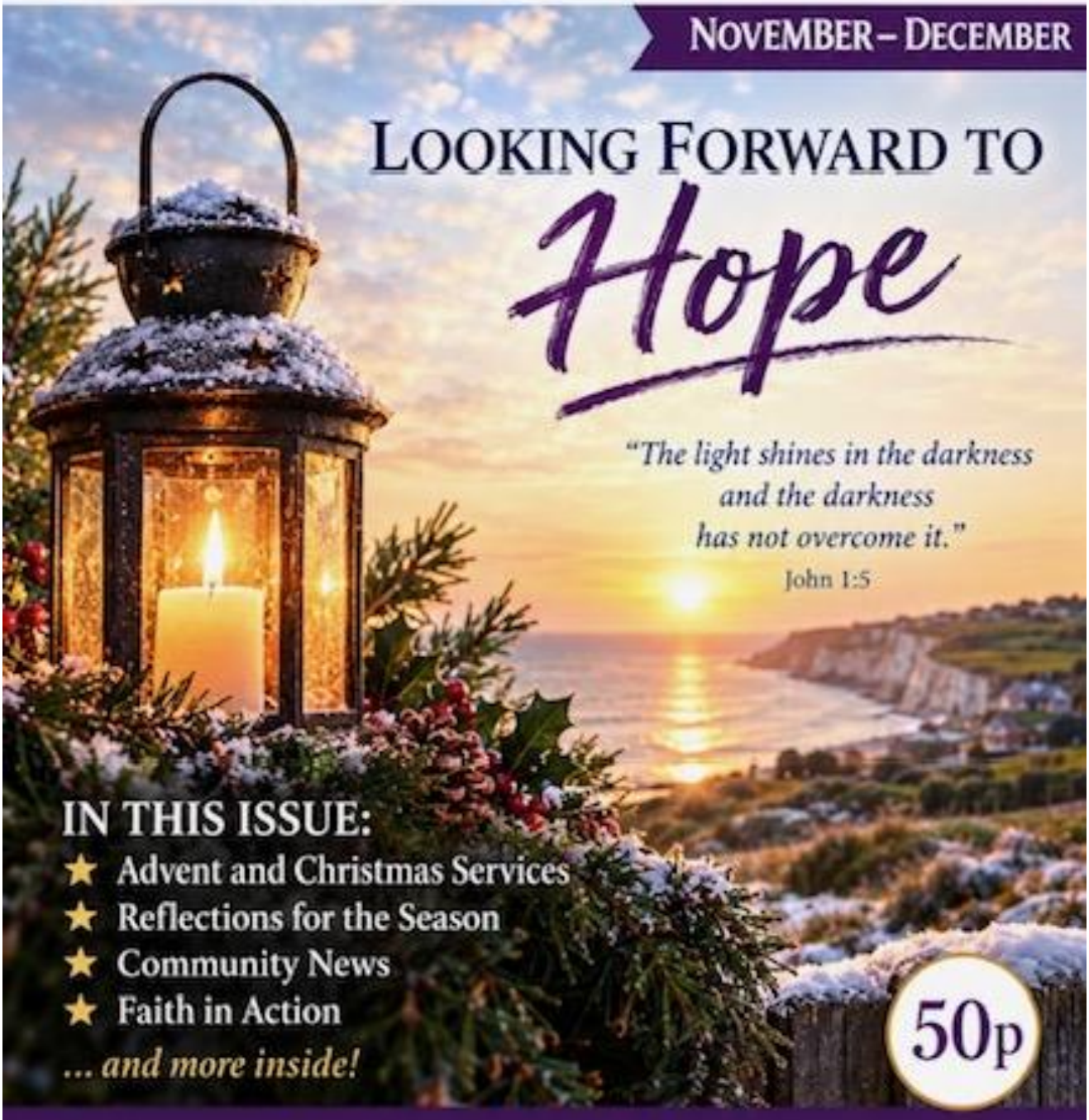
PARISH OF UPPER DEAL & GREAT MONGEHAM

COMPASS

— A MAGAZINE FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY —

St Leonard's | St Martin's | St Nicholas' | St Richard's

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER



LOOKING FORWARD TO *Hope*

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."
John 1:5

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- ★ Faith in Action

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CONNECTING • CELEBRATING • SERVING

EDITORS NOTE

Dear All!

Thank you to everyone for your help with this edition. I have been very grateful for your contributions. A special thank you to Rev Nick who has kept me well supplied with articles. I wish him well with his knee surgery in December. Please keep any items coming. There is space if you would like to contribute an item.

See you next Compass in 2027!!

Wendy M (Editor)

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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

Caring for Our Churches: Our Finances, Our Faith and Our Future – a letter from Rev Monica

Dear Friends,

As a parish, we have much to be thankful for. Across our four churches, we continue to gather for worship, prayer and fellowship, to celebrate the milestones of life, and to offer a welcome to people in our communities. Our churches are places of faith, hope, comfort and belonging. They are also places where we seek to share God's love with everyone, without exception.

However, alongside all that we celebrate, it is important that we understand the financial challenges facing our parish and why fundraising has become such an important part of our shared life. Please see below the attached report, from our treasurer, of our finances January to September 2026.

Where are we financially?

Our financial records for January to September 2026 show that we received approximately £62,209 in income, while our expenditure was approximately £74,640. This means that our expenditure exceeded our income by around £12,430 during those nine months.

Our income comes from a variety of sources, including regular giving, donations, fees, hall hire and fundraising activities. Every contribution, however large or small, is valued and makes a difference. I am deeply grateful to everyone who gives regularly, supports our events, volunteers their time, or finds other ways to help our parish.

Nevertheless, these figures show that our ordinary income is not currently sufficient to meet all our outgoings and highlights the need to fund raise to meet the cost of essential repairs to

our churches. We cannot ignore our financial situation, because the long-term wellbeing of our parish depends on using our resources wisely and planning responsibly for the future.

Why do we need to raise funds?

Running four churches involves considerable ongoing costs. Our buildings need to be maintained, insured, heated and kept safe and welcoming. We also have financial responsibilities connected with the ministry and mission of the parish.

These are not simply bills to be paid. They are part of what enables us to continue offering worship, pastoral care, prayer and practical support to our communities. Our buildings provide spaces where people can encounter God's peace, find companionship, celebrate life's joys and seek comfort in difficult times.

Fundraising is necessary to protect what we have inherited, to care for our churches in the present, and to ensure that future generations have places where faith can grow and God's love can be shared. The cost of caring for our historic buildings cannot be met from our ordinary income alone, and we must seek additional support and explore new opportunities to raise the money required.

What can we do together?

Apart from the general shortfall between income and expenditure, we are currently making fundraising appeals to cover the cost of essential repairs: heating, roofing, treating woodworm and other major building works.

Not everyone is in a position to give financially, and others are already giving as much money as they can, we never lose sight of this. I would like to encourage you to please consider and ask yourself the question; What am I able to do, in terms of time and talent to help and support fundraising ideas? It may be that you come up with your own idea based on your

individual state of health and fitness and talent? It may be that you hear about an event and you feel I will help with that in some little way, or I will go along to that, or wonder if someone you know might like to be involved?

We have a fundraising team and a children and families team who time and time again come up with ideas for raising these much-needed funds and time and time again they find that, **the general engagement with, and enthusiasm and help to put these ideas into successful action is not as it could be.**

Some suggestions for things/events which we need volunteers to help with are:
Art/ craft sale / Exhibition
Afternoon cream tea
Karaoke Evening
Sponsored Hymn Sing
Film evening.
Cheese and wine Social
Quiz night
Flower Festival.

Might you be able to lead or help with any of these or anything else?

If you give regularly and you are a tax payer might you consider completing a gift aid form? Through HMRC this adds an extra 25% on your donation.

I hope, too, that you will see fundraising as an opportunity to bring people together. A coffee morning, a concert, a quiz night, a community gathering or a sponsored event can raise money while strengthening relationships and helping more people discover what our churches have to offer.

Looking ahead with faith and hope

We face real financial pressures, and it would be wrong to pretend otherwise. Yet we also have much to build upon: the

faithfulness of our congregations, the commitment of our volunteers, the generosity of our supporters and the opportunities before us to serve our communities.

Our calling is not simply to preserve buildings, but to nurture living communities of faith. We need both: buildings that are cared for and churches that continue to grow in prayer, compassion, welcome and service.

I invite you to join me in praying for our parish, supporting our fundraising efforts where you can, and helping us to discern how best to care for our resources and fulfil our mission.

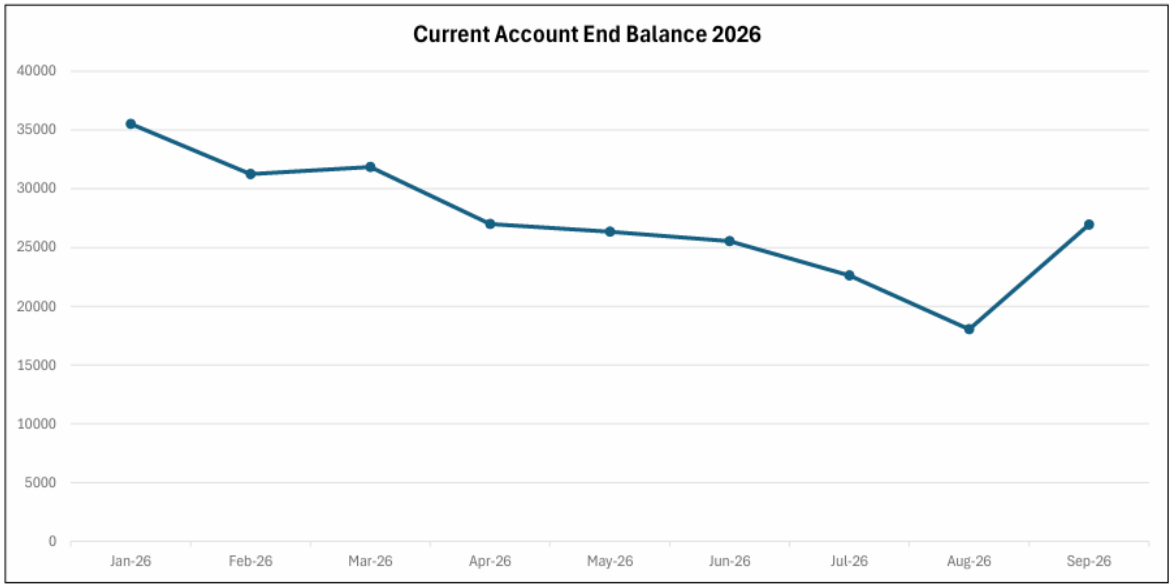
Together, with faith, imagination and generosity, we can face these challenges and work towards a sustainable future for all four of our churches.

With my thanks and prayers
Rev Mtr Monica Cameron

(The figures on the next two pages have been provided by our treasurer, Patti Brazier. The PCC is grateful for the work she does for the parish.)

Current Account End Balance 2026

Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26
35518	31247	31848	27005	26348	25531	22624	18039	26934



Sum-Up Donations	**Jan-26**	**Feb-26**	**Mar-26**	**Apr-26**	**May-26**	**Jun-26**	**Jul-26**	**Aug-26**	**Sep-26**	**Total**
St Leonards	378.70	334.90	356.60	154.68	374.36	472.86	359.58	193.09	403.89	**3028.66**
St Martins	59.51	54.19	108.36	68.96	19.70					**310.72**
St Nicholas					3.94	44.34			78.80	**127.08**
St Richards						59.10	54.18	39.40		**152.68**
Total	**438.21**	**389.09**	**464.96**	**223.64**	**398.00**	**576.30**	**413.76**	**232.49**	**482.69**	**3619.14**

We have paid the fees due to DBF for July- September
Large donation awas recevied in September which is why the month is healthier than ususal
Zero VAt comes into force in October until Aptil for electricity.
St Martins now has a Sum up machine (part of the donation) so all 4 churches have theor own and now working machine.

INCOME YEAR - FULL YEAR

Paid In	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26	Total to Date	*Mean To Date*	Percent to Date
Administration	0	0	0							0	*0*	0.0
Bequest	0	0			433					433	*144*	0.7
Direct Giving	2945	3131	3078	2768	2530	3569	2593	2400	11821	34836	*3871*	56.0
Donations	2219	0	58		1443	322	131	280	573	5026	*628*	8.1
Fees In	2432	277	1437	1473	691	1192	2058	228	727	10515	*1168*	16.9
Gift Aid Rebate	0	0								0	*0*	0.0
Grant	0	640						750		1390	*463*	2.2
Hall Hire	469	532	272	822	349	705	181	692	573	4595	*511*	7.4
Insurance Repair	0	0								0	*0*	0.0
Investment Interest	0	189			172			169		531	*133*	0.9
Plate & Donations	447	620	277	391	177	534	200	244	561	3451	*383*	5.5
Fundraising	10		36	61	514	10	344	28	430	1433	*179*	2.3
TOTAL INCOME	**8522**	**5389**	**5158**	**5515**	**6310**	**6332**	**5507**	**4791**	**14685**	**62209**	***7302***	**100.0**

75.00 Fees paid in cash

TOTAL INCOME ADJUSTED

EXPENDITURE YEAR TO DATE

Paid Out	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26	Total to Date	*Mean To Date*	Percent to Date
Administration	3607	0		1229		63	1019	32	376	6326	*904*	8.5
Bank AC Charges	13	9	4	2	3	4	4	2	2	43	*5*	0.1
Communication	207	207	207	224	224	290	224	224	224	2032	*226*	2.7
Donations Out	0	319		97		39	250	25		730	*122*	1.0
Electricity	527	577	501	448	366	336	243	97	111	3206	*356*	4.3
Fees Out	1089	0	100	1309	570		1182	1275		5525	*789*	7.4
Gas	917	1049	723	870	484	519	324	258	261	5406	*601*	7.2
Insurance	1038	1038	1044	1044	1044	1044	1044	1044	1116	9455	*1051*	12.7
Insurance Repair Out	***1335***	***4005***								5340	*2670*	7.2
Maintenance	50	1070	834	1035	910	732	200	1580	878	7288	*810*	9.8
Ministry & Mission	419	451	189	48	103	151	763	390		2514	*314*	3.4
Parish Share	0	0		3000	1810	1810	1810	1810	1810	12050	*1506*	16.1
Wages & Payment	1737	1155	955	960	1362	2070	1259	2547	1922	13967	*1552*	18.7
Water	103	103		92	92	92	92	92	92	757	*95*	1.0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**11042**	**9983**	**4557**	**10358**	**6967**	**7150**	**8414**	**9376**	**6792**	**74640**	***11000***	**100**
Difference (**Actual**/*Estimated*)	-2520	-4594	601	-4843	-657	-818	-2907	-4585	7893			
End Balance (**Actual**/*Estimated*)	**35518**	**31247**	***31848***	***27005***	***26348***	***25531***	***22624***	***18039***	***25934***			
TOTAL DIFFERENCE ADJUSTED	*-1483*	*-589*	*601*	*-4843*	***-657***	***-818***	***-2907***	***-4585***	***7893***			

Note £150 Hall hire refund



When choosing a trader to work in your home, there is one simple question every Kent resident should ask: **"Are they Trading Standards Checked?"**

If the answer is no, take a step back. Always research traders before agreeing to work, read reviews, get 3 quotes and **never feel pressured** to make a decision on the spot.

Whether you're looking for a gardener, builder, roofer, plumber or decorator, asking this question could **help protect you** from doorstep criminals.

Many traders do excellent work, but criminals often rely on residents making quick decisions. **They may knock unexpectedly**, offer to carry out work immediately, or pressure people into agreeing without taking time to check who they are.

Safe, local traders on the Trading Standards Checked scheme **will never knock on your door offering work.** You choose them, not the other way around. Our traders are proud to be checked by Trading Standards and are committed to treating residents fairly and keeping them safe.

SIMPLE WAYS TO STAY SAFE:

- Never agree to work at the door.
- Always get written quotes.
- Don't get pressured into "today-only" prices designed to rush you.
- Check any trader online before agreeing to work, look at their customer reviews and examples of previous work.
- Always use a safe, local trader that's been vetted by Kent Trading Standards
- Report suspicious doorstep activity to Kent Police by calling 101.

⚠ **If a crime is in progress and you are in immediate danger, call 999.**



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Tony Friend's Photography Exhibition at Caesar Court in September written by Diana Thurgood

This was the fundraising event at Caesar Court for the roof repair fund of St Martin's Church, Great Mongeham. £500 was raised.

I have known Tony Friend for a long time and he has a passion for photography. His exhibition displayed many years of his photographs. I was moved to see a photograph of a younger Tony holding his camera and his first book of poetry; Lens for Pens. It brought back happy memories of my many encounters with him. Tony is dyslexic and I would encourage him with his writing. He has written many poems.



Tony lives with Parkinson's Disease and spent hours preparing for this photography exhibition. He believes in capturing the moment and being in the right place at the right time to take effective photographs. He was pleased that £500 was raised for the roof repairs fund for St Martin's Church, Great Mongeham. There was a steady footfall of people coming to see the photographs and to meet Tony.

I came home with a photograph of Chillenden Windmill, it's my favourite Kentish windmill. It was lovely as I was able to tell Tony that his photograph is in my sitting room.

Thank you, Tony, for sharing your photography generously with us all.

(Another huge thank you to Gillian Smissen who organised this fundraising exhibition and who continues to help the repair fund for St Martin's roof – see poster on page 37.)



Julie Murrow and Julie Chambers were able to promote the Baby Bank on Deal Radio in early October.

In early September, on a lovely warm day, we had a special visit from **Bishop Rose**. It was lovely to have her for a whole parish service at St Leonard's and she presided over Communion. Thanks to her inspiring message I was encouraged to keep the Monday café at St Richard's open – we had run out of money to keep Rose our cook and I thought we must close. However, after listening to Bishop Rose I decided to chance keeping it open *and* free. We had some very kind donations and now we are getting funding from Deal Town Council as a Warm Welcome Venue for the winter – we have had a re-brand and are now the Cornerstone Café.





We are hoping to have some warm soup for the chillier days. Julie Murrow, support minister at St Richard's and myself are running the cafe with the help of Brian who used to help when Lydia was at the helm. We have seen some new faces and hope to see more. It will remain a free café once winter is done. We are hoping to be able to meet lots of local people.





The pictures from the day, in this article, mainly come from the tea in the Social Centre afterwards – being in the choir did not lend itself to taking many photos in the church. Thanks to Rev Nick for his additions. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the bring and share tea. Bishop Rose stayed for a while and got round most of the tables for a chat. Thank you to Janet for coordinating the service, tea and the arrangements for the Bishop.

If you weren't there, and there have been many expressions of disappointment for how few people were there for the Bishop's visit, you missed a treat and a positive spiritual refreshing!





Rev Nick's take on the day…

A visit from Bishop Rose

On September 6th 2026 we had a Whole Parish Holy Communion at St Leonard's led by Bishop Rose. The Bishop was received by Wendy and Rev'd Steve as she arrived at the Social Centre. The congregation was ready at the

church as she arrived. It was wonderful to be able to welcome her to St Leonard's.



The choir was in full attendance and Rev'd Nick served as Deacon/Chaplain to the Bishop. Readings were from Richard Ablett from Exodus, Psalm 149 and Paul's letter to the Romans. Our Gospel from Matthew was read by Nick & Wendy led the intercessions. Bishop Rose delivered a powerful sermon drawn from the readings and sang the worship song 'The Goodness of God'. Her sermon was truly Spirit inspired with some laughter included.

After the Service the whole congregation moved over to the Social Centre where refreshments were set up. The Bishop moved from table to table and spoke to everyone. She remained with us all for some time and we enjoyed her company. Bishop Rose thanked Wendy for her very moving prayers.



It was a most memorable day and we are thankful to Bishop Rose for finding time to visit us during a very busy time in her schedule.
(Nick Tomaszewski)



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a choice of prayers

or

a piece of art

or

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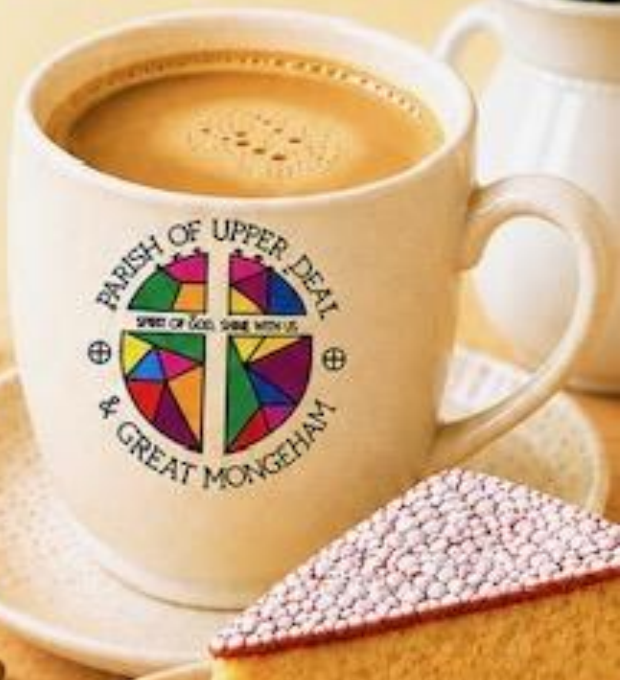
Fundraiser



In aid of

SmileTrain

Change a child's life forever



DATE:
Tuesday 24th November

VENUE:
St Leonard's Social Centre,
Rectory Road, Deal

TIME:
9.30am to 11.30am



Donations of cakes and raffle prizes appreciated.

Enjoy good company, great coffee and tasty treats while supporting our Parish!



Not something you see often outside the Old Rectory in Rectory Road – This is Peter Deverson on his penny farthing. Usually he's on a tandem for FOKC's Ride and Stride but this year he went for something different!





We are very grateful for his fundraising efforts! A big thank you to the teams who opened up churches for the day.

Harvest at St Nicholas' Sholden

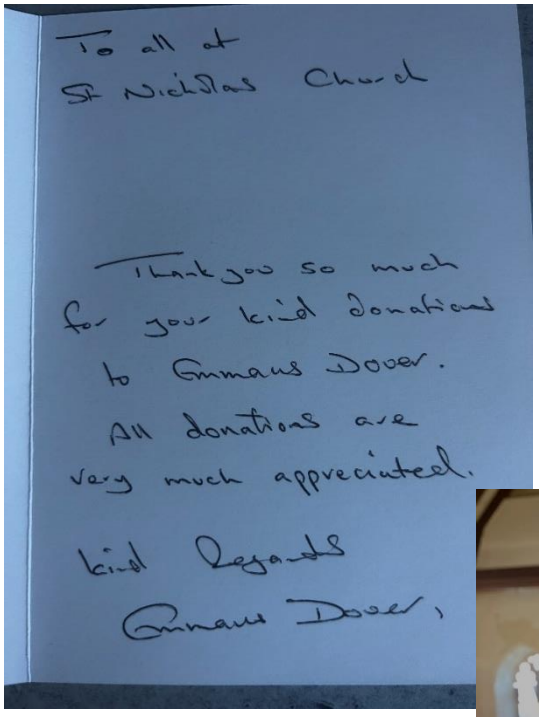


On the 4th October 2026 we celebrated the Harvest at St Nicholas', Sholden. The church had been decorated beautifully with floral tributes in all corners of the church. The Font was a showpiece of floral art which mirrored the Harvest Season. The floral tributes reflected our gratitude to God for the Harvest, following a very warm Summer with limited amounts of rain. We celebrated the bounty of the earth giving thanks to God for the rich display of Autumn produce, grains, and flowers. The altar display framed the table with bags of goodies destined for Emmaus at Dover. The Trinity Season green was the perfect foil for the rich Autumn red and gold foliage throughout the church. David had selected our favourite Harvest hymns and a well-attended congregation received Holy Communion. It was a wonderful sight to see children in the church on that Sunday morning. A couple of days prior Sholden School had held their Harvest Service at St Nicholas'. Members of the congregation went the extra mile to decorate our beautiful church and a huge vote of thanks is given for all those involved. Thank you so much. After the Service the seasonal bounty was collected by Mandy who transported the harvest of food

to Emmaus at Dover. Thank you to all who attended the Service and the contributions you all made. It was a memorable occasion.



Amanda at Emmaus with gifts from St Nicholas'







Sholden School came into St Nicholas' for their Harvest celebration.

Deal Area Foodbank & Pantry

Your generosity helps us feed our Community

Thank you to you and everyone who contributed to your recent Harvest collection for Deal Foodbank & Pantry.
Every item donated and every pound given helps us support people in Deal and the surrounding villages who are struggling to afford the essentials.

Together, our community donated an incredible 4.7 tonnes of food and essential supplies, plus £875.

Your collection helped make that possible, and we are hugely grateful. Your support comes at a time of growing need. We are currently helping over 1,000 local people every month, and have seen a 53% increase in people reaching out for support this year—through both emergency foodbank provision and longer-term help from Deal Pantry. Behind those figures are people facing difficult choices: parents trying to feed their children, households stretched by bills, and individuals coping with an unexpected crisis. Your generosity helps provide food, reassurance and one less worry when life feels overwhelming.

Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated, organised or helped with your collection. Their kindness will reach far beyond Harvest, helping us continue this vital support in the months ahead. Thank you for helping local people facing difficult times and for showing them that their community cares.

Kind regards,



Heather Ryn
Business & Marketing Manager

PARISH HARVEST SUPPER



Thank you to all the Julies - Julie C for feeding us and Julie M for the entertainment. A great evening was had by all and funds were raised (£160 approx) split between Christian Aid and Foodbank.



Thank you to everyone for coming and the wonderful array of desserts!



The first weekend of October was very busy as we also had our animal service at St Leonard's. Among the visitors was a turtle in a bucket! The collection was taken for the Last Chance Animal Rescue.



The Parish of Upper Deal & Grt Mongeham
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1st Sunday of every month

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& GREAT MONGEHAM

HELP TO KEEP OUR CHURCH WARM

FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH
Upper Deal

NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our ancient heating system is no longer safe or reliable. We urgently need to raise

£17,000
to replace the heating.



IF WE DON'T, REPLACE THE HEATING, THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED THIS WINTER.

St Leonard's is at the heart of our community.
Let's keep it open, warm, and welcoming for all.

Please give today

HOW YOU CAN HELP

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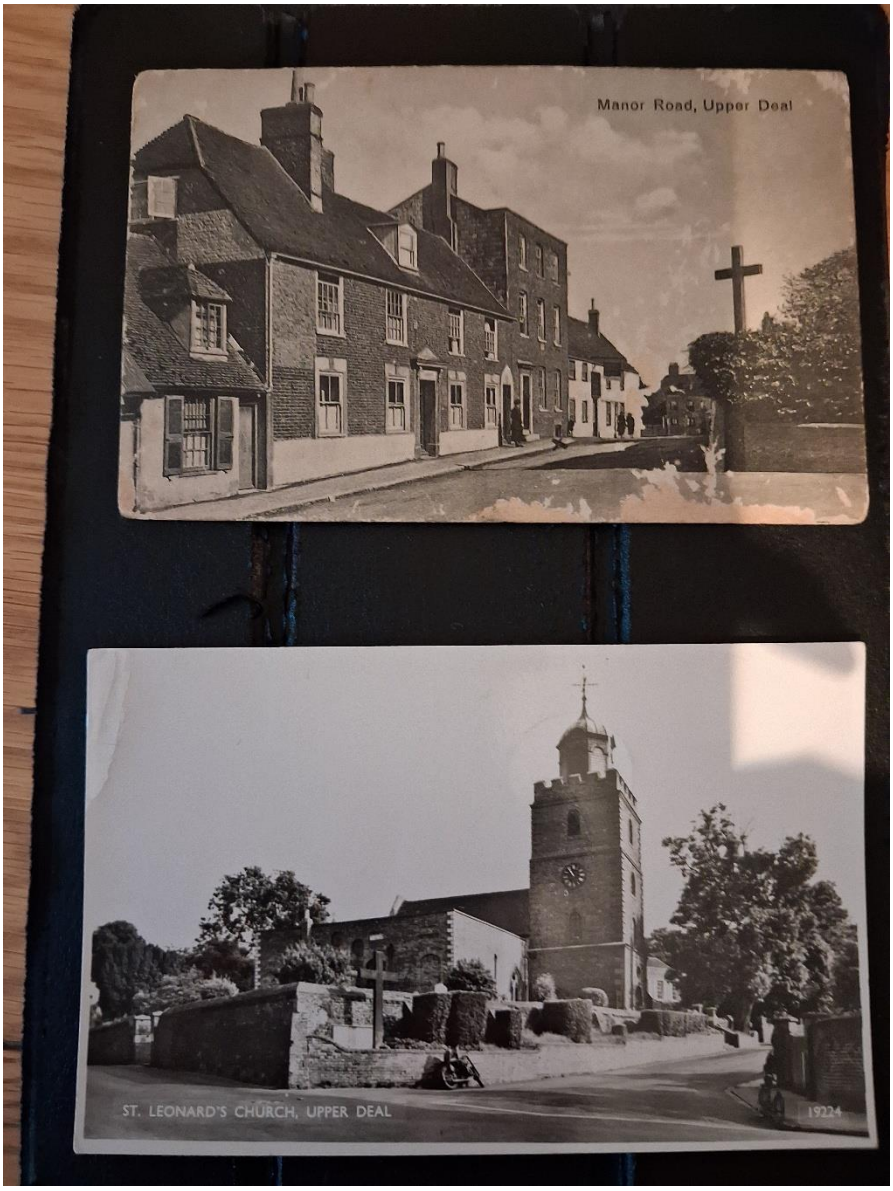
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Sponsor a part of the new system. Every contribution, big or small, matters!

CASH OR CHEQUE
Donations can be left at the church office or in church.

TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP ST LEONARD'S OPEN AND WELCOMING FOR YEARS TO COME.

THANK YOU for your support



As Remembrance Day approaches I recall the cross that stood on Rectory Road within the site of our Roll of Honour and War Memorial.

The cross succumbed to the elements a few years ago. The original churchyard cross was placed in the north west corner of the churchyard, standing resplendent as one turned the corner into Manor Road. The Rev'd Patterson placed this cross in remembrance of his son, Capt. Alan Patterson, who was killed in Flanders Field in 1916. The cross was later moved down to the Roll of Honour, a more fitting site.

The first view is from 1920 and the second 1953.

(Rev Nick Tomaszewski.)



With grateful thanks to Deal Town Council for funding us as part of the Deal Warm Welcome initiative Nov- March '27

2026 ADVENT COURSE

Please join Rev Steve Manion

On Four Tuesdays beginning Tuesday 24th November

7pm at St Richard's Church



SOCIAL JUSTICE

"Being stirred up is not in our name"

(Bishop Rose)

WEEK 1 — The Vulnerable Holy Family

WEEK 2 — Active Vigilance

WEEK 3 — Scriptural Mandates

WEEK 4 — Outcast Witnesses

The Christian message is not passive. It calls us to challenge injustice, speak up for those who are marginalised, welcome the stranger and seek peace.

Micah 6:8 reminds us, we are called to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God.


The Parish of Upper Deal & Great Mongeham
invite you to
Christmas
SIP & PAINT
Adults only
No painting experience needed!
Saturday
21st November
3pm
St Richard's Church,
Mill Hill, Deal
CT14 9JA
£10 per person
includes all materials and refreshments
Bring your own drinks
Alcohol permitted
Step by step guidance
Take home your own Christmas masterpiece
Lots of laughs and festive fun!
All funds raised towards Parish repair fund.
LIMITED SPACES
Book now via email at:
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PARISH OF UPPER DEAL & GREAT MONGEHAM

SPIRIT OF GOD ABIDE WITH US

Sponsor a roof tile

in thanks for the birth or life of a loved one.



St Martin's Church Great Mongeham
needs to raise
£58,000
for the repair of the roof.

Your loved ones name will be recorded in a memorial book alongside their tile number.

£5 per tile

Please donate to:

Account name:
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Sort Code: **40-19-10**
Ref: **St M Tile**

To submit name please email
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'LITTLE LIGHTS'

Let your light shine

CHILDREN'S SERVICE
THIRD SUNDAY
EVERY MONTH
10:00am
ST RICHARD'S CHURCH,
MILL HILL, DEAL.

Come and join us at 'Little Lights'

Children of all ages and abilities are welcome and encouraged to take part and express themselves through drama, music, action songs, craft and prayer.

We start the service with a good chat around the breakfast table.

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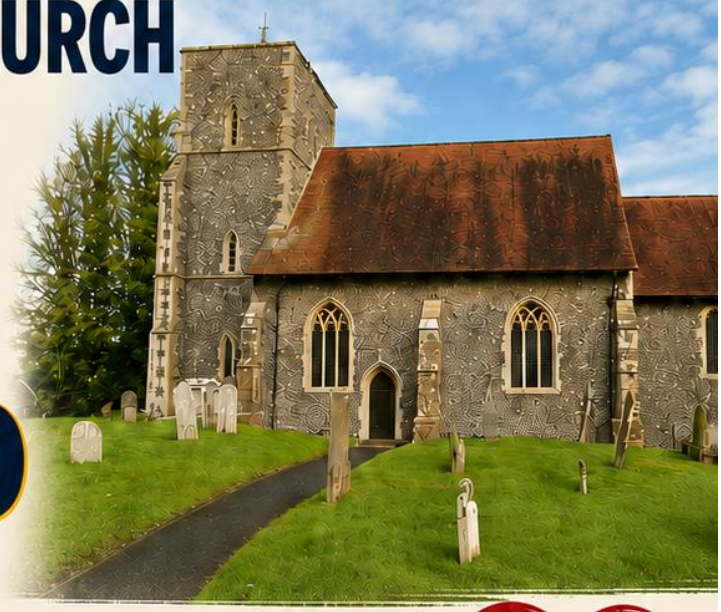
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ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH SHOLDEN



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£36,000

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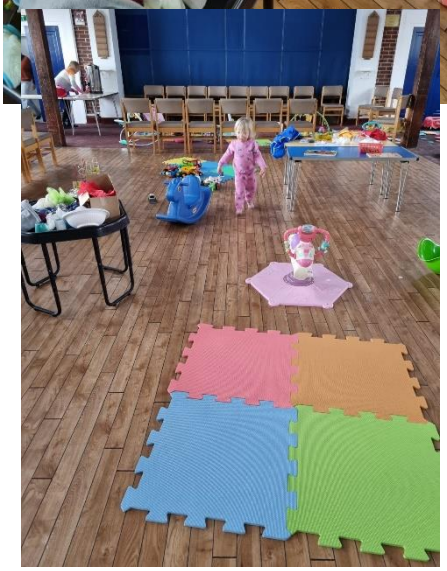
TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP ST NICHOLAS' OPEN AND WELCOMING FOR YEARS TO COME.

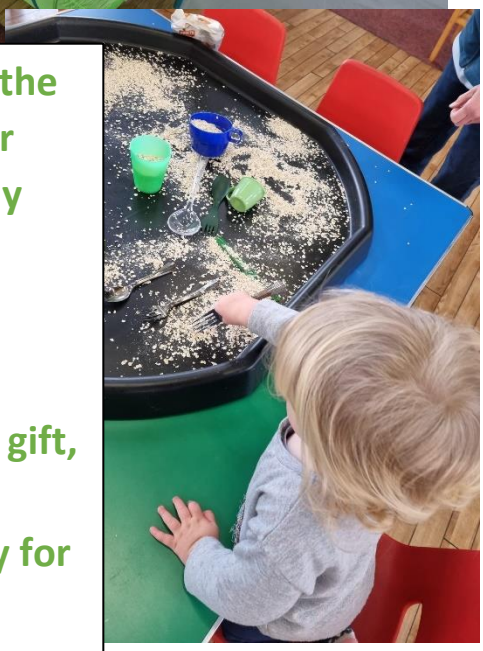
THANK YOU for your support

Froglets





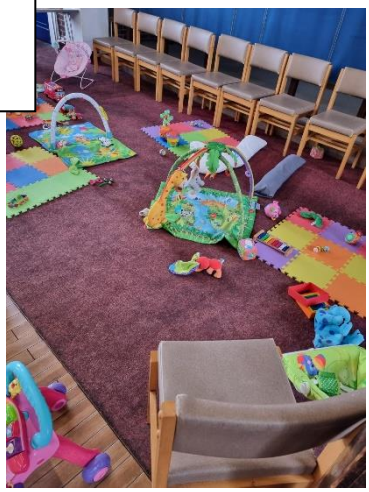




We have new people on the rota but there is room for more. Please prayerfully consider joining the rota once a month. WE NEED YOU

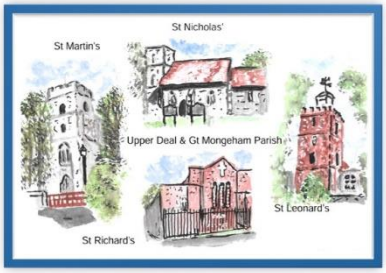
Pray: Thank God for this gift, for volunteers, new and those already there! Pray for the mums, dads and grandparents that come, pray for the children.






The Parish of
Upper Deal &
Great Mongeham
CHRISTMAS
FAIR
Saturday 5th December 2026
11am to 2pm
St Richard's Church
Mill Hill, Deal CT14 9JA
FREE ENTRY!
Toys
Cakes & Treats
TABLES AVAILABLE
£10 a table
In aid of Parish funds
To book a table email:
jmurrow.udgm@gmail.com


The Parish of
Upper Deal & Great Mongeham
Christmas
HAMPER
RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED!
We are looking for kind donations to help us fill our Christmas raffle hamper!
Donations could include:
Chocolates & Sweets
Biscuits & Christmas Cakes
Christmas Puddings & Mince Pies
Jams, Chutneys & Preserves
Wine & Festive Drinks
Toiletries & Gift Sets
Other Christmas Treats
Every donation, big or small, is greatly appreciated!
All proceeds towards Parish funds.
Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH OF UPPER DEAL AND GREAT MONGEHAM

Book Club: Monthly, check What's On? for details.

Coffee Morning, St Leonard's Centre: Weekly, Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am

CORNERSTONE, our FREE café at St Richard's Weekly, Mondays 9.30am-noon

CrafTEA, St Leonard's Centre: Monthly, first Tuesday 2-4pm

English Lessons for Ukraine, St Richard's: Monthly, 2nd Thursday

Friendship Lunch, St Richard's, Monthly, first Thurs, 12 noon, not January

Froglets, St Richard's: Term time, Weekly, Fridays, 10-12 noon

'Little Lights' Children's Service, St Richard's: Monthly, third Sunday, 10.00am

Memory Support Café, St Richard's: Twice monthly, second and last Tuesdays 3-5pm

Men's Breakfast, Sir Norman Wisdom: Monthly, first Saturday, 8.30am

Mother's Union Holy Communion, St Leonard's: Monthly, first Thursday, 10am

Mother's Union Meetings St Leonard's Centre, Monthly, second Tues., 2.30pm

Sunday School, St Martin's: Available Weekly, 11.00am

UDGM Prayer Group, where you are: Monthly, second Saturday, 10am

Youth Choir with Family Service, St Richard's: Monthly, 1st Sunday 10-11.30am






NEW ‘Dwelling in the Word’ passage Matthew 25. 31-46

31 ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with
him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be
gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from
another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He
will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 ‘Then the
King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by
my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you
since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave
me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to
drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes
and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in
prison and you came to visit me.” 37 ‘Then the righteous will answer
him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty
and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a
stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe
you? 39 When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?”

40 ‘The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of
the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”
41 ‘Then he will say to those on his left, “Depart from me, you who
are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his
angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was
thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and
you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe
me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me.” 44 ‘They
also will answer, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a
stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?”

45 ‘He will reply, “Truly I tell you,
whatever you did not do for one of
the least of these, you did not do for
me.” 46 ‘Then they will go away to
eternal punishment, but the
righteous to eternal life.’




Christmas
Carol Service
At
Caesar Court,
Mongeham Rd CT14 9FT
Tuesday 8th December
2:30pm till 4:00pm
CAROL
An Assortment of
Carols & Readings
Special guest soloist
John Wiggell
to kick start the event
Local Bell Ringers,
led by Audrey Pickford
Festive Refreshments
& a Raffle
to raise funds for The Church Roof Fund
Join us with a smile and
share the Christmas spirit

THE PARISH OF UPPER DEAL AND GREAT MONGEHAM

has two halls that may suit your hire needs.

ST LEONARD'S SOCIAL CENTRE

Rectory Road, Deal

A small and a larger hall is available for hire.

Manager: Julie Murrow

Bookings:
stleonardshalldeal@gmail.com



A lot of work has taken place in the Social Centre this year. We are grateful to our caretaker, Phil Chambers for his gifts, time and talent.



ST RICHARD'S CHURCH

Mill Hill, Deal

A large hall with a stage.

Please contact;

strichardshire@gmail.com

SERVICES & EVENTS NOV 2026	ST LEONARD'S	ST MARTIN'S	ST NICHOLAS'	ST RICHARD'S
Sunday 1 November All Saints Sunday	**8.00am** Holy Communion **10am** Family Service without Communion	**11.00m** Family Service without Communion	**9.30am** Family Service with Communion	**10.00am** Singing Service & refreshments
Sunday 8th Remembrance Sunday	**8.00am** Holy Communion **10.00am** No service	**11.00am** No service	**9.30am** **Whole Parish Remembrance service with band.** 2 Minute silence at 11am.	
Friday 13th	**6.30-8pm** (Benefice Lounge) Connect: Friday Night Compline			
Sunday 15th Safeguarding Sunday		**11.00am** Family Service **without** Communion	**9.30am** Family Service **with** Communion	**10.00am** 'Little Lights' Children's Breakfast Service
Sunday 22nd Christ the King Next before Advent	**8am** Holy Communion **10.00am** Family Service **with** Communion	**11.00am** Family Service **with** Communion	**9.30am** Family Service **without** Communion	
Tuesday 24th				**7pm** Advent Course 1 The Vulnerable Holy Family

Friday 27th	**6.30-8pm** (Benefice Lounge) Connect: Friday Night Compline			
Sunday 29th First Sunday of Advent	**8am** Holy Communion **10.00am** No service	**11.00am** No service	**9.30am** No service	**10am** Whole Parish Service of Wholeness & Healing
SERVICES & EVENTS DEC 2026	**ST LEONARD'S**	**ST MARTIN'S**	**ST NICHOLAS'**	**ST RICHARD'S**
Saturday 5th December				**11-2pm** **Christmas Fair**
Sunday 6th December 2nd of Advent	**8.00am** Holy Communion **10.00am** Family service **without** Holy Communion	**11.00am** Family service **without** Holy Communion	**9.30am** Family service **with** Holy Communion	**10.00am** Singing Service & refreshments
Tuesday 8th		**2.30-4pm** Carols at **Caesar Court**		**7pm** Advent Course 2 Active Vigilance
Friday 11th		**7pm** Carols with the Salvation Army Band		
Saturday 12th	**5pm** Cavell's Memorial Service – all welcome			
Sunday 13th 3rd of Advent	**8.00am** Holy Communion **10.00am** Family Service **with** Holy Communion	**11.00am** Family Service **with** Holy Communion	**9.30am** Family Service **without** Holy Communion	**10am** Little Lights **Christingle Service** with breakfast

SERVICES & EVENTS DEC 2026	ST LEONARD'S	ST MARTIN'S	ST NICHOLAS'	ST RICHARD'S
Tuesday 15th				**7pm** Advent Course 3 Scriptural Mandates
Friday 18th			**7.30pm** Carols with the Herne Bay Concert Band	
Sunday 20th 4th of Advent	**8.00am** Holy Communion **10.00am** Family Service **without** Holy Communion **6pm** Nine Lessons and Carols	**11.00am** Family Service **without** Holy Communion	**9.30am** Family service **with** Holy Communion	**10.00am** 'Little Lights' Children's breakfast **Christingle** service
Tuesday 22nd				**7pm** Advent Course 4 Outcast Witnesses
Thursday 24th Christmas Eve	**4.00pm** **Christingle** service for the whole family **11pm** Midnight Mass		**4.00pm** **Christingle** service for the whole family	

SERVICES & EVENTS DEC 2026	ST LEONARD'S	ST MARTIN'S	ST NICHOLAS'	ST RICHARD'S
Friday **25th** Christmas Day	**10am** Whole Parish Family Service with Communion			
Sunday 27th John the Apostle	**8.00am** Holy Communion **10.00am** Whole Parish Family Service **with** Holy Communion	**11.00am** No service	**9.30am** No service	
Sunday 3rd January	**8.00am** Holy Communion **10.00am** Family Service **without** Holy Communion	**4pm** **Christingle** service for the whole family with celebration of the Epiphany	**9.30am** Family service **with** Holy Communion	10am Singing Service with refreshments

REGULAR SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS – PLEASE JOIN US

St Leonard's - after the 10am Sunday service,
St Martin's - before the Sunday service, 10.15am onwards,
St Nicholas' – after the Sunday service
St Richard's - after the Sunday Service,
Evensong – a glass of sherry is served after Evensong



Last minute round-up



1. Back in July, Jennie and her team organised a fundraising Mariners' Day at St Martin's. There was an exhibition by the Great Mongeham Society and these were some unseen photos from that day.





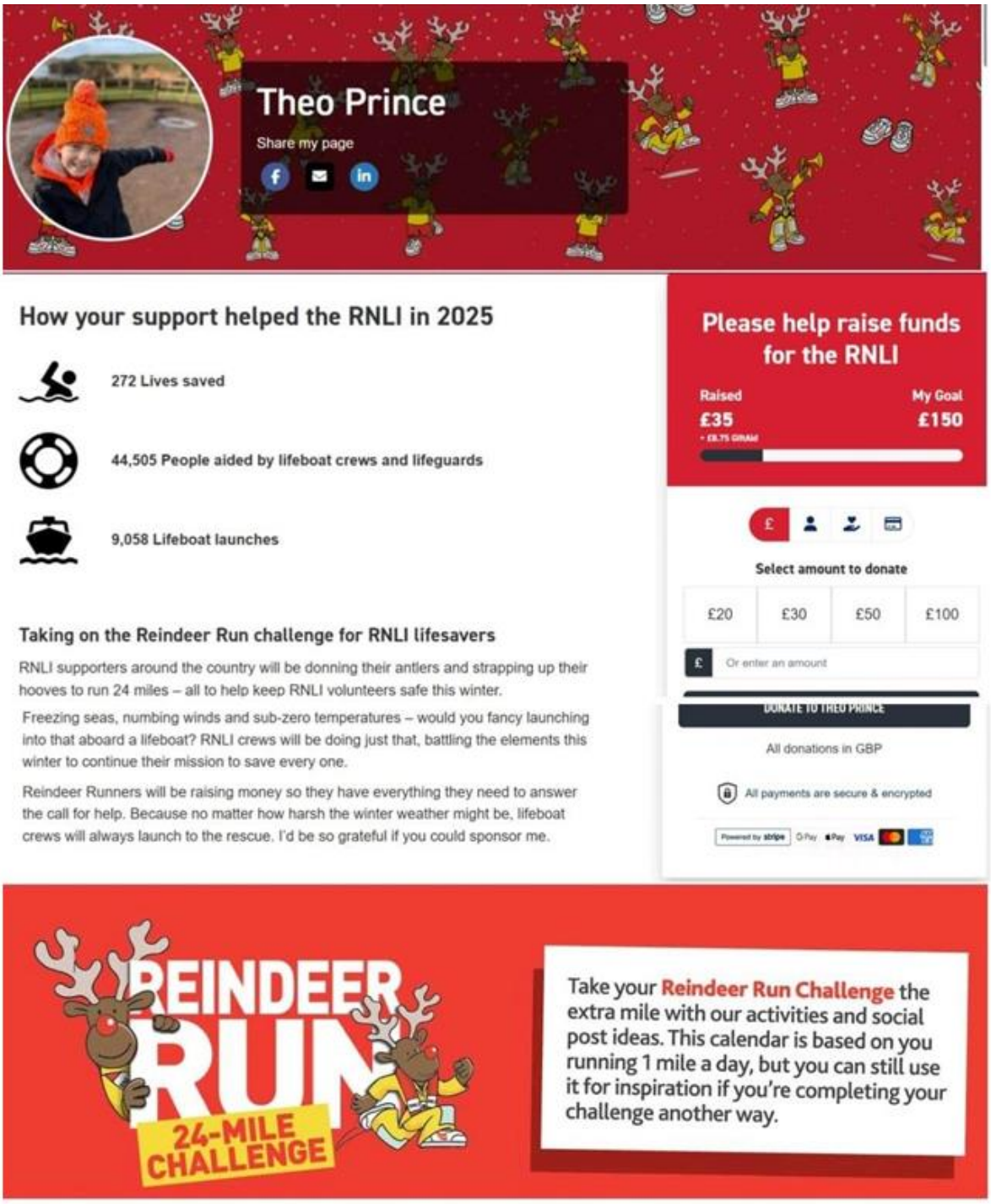
2. Sholden School collected a Harvest gift for Sholden Hall and they were really thrilled to receive it. They will enjoy all the treats and will no doubt remember the children as they enjoy them.

Who's Who at Upper Deal and Great Mongeham

Rector	Rev Mthr Monica Cameron revmonicacameron@gmail.com	07938 360395
Curates	Rev Nick Tomaszewski revnicholastomaszewski@gmail.com Rev John Wakeman revjohnudgm@pm.me Rev Steve Manion scmanion1@gmail.com	
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Deputy Church Wardens	Phil Chambers	01304 360230
Safe-guarding Officer	Amanda Forrest	01304 372521 07999 910197
PCC Treasurer	Patricia Brazier UDGMtreasurer@outlook.com	
PCC Secretary	**Vacancy**	
St Leonard's Social Centre	Julie Murrow (Manager) stleonardshalldeal@gmail.com	see email

St Richard's	Bookings (Tracey Nesbit) strichardshire@gmail.com	
Ministry Team	Rev Mthr Monica Cameron (Rector) Rev Sharon Greenwood PTO Rev Peter Hambrook PTO Rev Patrick Kavanagh PTO Rev Nick Tomaszewski (Curate, Support Minister at St Nicholas') Rev John Wakeman (Curate, Support Minister at St Leonard's) Rev Steve Manion (Deacon, Support Minister at St Martin's) Julie Chambers (ALM) Mary Shorten (ALM) Julie Murrow Karen McCarthy (Lay Worship Leader) Christine Taylor (Lay Worship Leader) Tracey Nesbit (Families Team Lead)	
Sacristans	Carol McCaughan Julie Chambers Karen Fairclough Karen McCarthy Sue Cooke	
Pastoral Visiting Team	Rev Mthr Monica Cameron Rev Patrick Kavanagh Julie Chambers	
Missional Learning Comm-unities Team	Rev Mthr Monica Christine Taylor Sharon Greenwood Steve Goodsell Steve Manion Jane Slater Wendy Manion Diane Thurgood	
Website	https://upperdealandgtmongehamparish.com/	

Theo, one of the children from our 'Little Lights' service is taking on this challenge in aid of the RNLI. Please sponsor or cheer him on if you are able!



DEFIBRILLATOR ST LEONARD'S SOCIAL CENTRE



1. For those who were unaware, there is a defibrillator at St Leonard's Social Centre. It is on the exterior wall straight ahead as you enter the car park.
2. It had a brand new battery and pads (Dec 2025) and is now on 'The Circuit' which is a network used by the ambulance service to identify the location of the nearest defibrillator when necessary.
3. The defibrillator is available 24/7.



4. **Julie Murrow, manager of the Social Centre**, is the monitor of the defibrillator so If you have to use it or become aware that it has been used please inform her at stleonardshalldeal@gmail.com in the first instance or on 07512 978419. Failing this, please inform **Rev Monica** or **Wendy** in the office.
5. There will be a notice to this effect in the Social Centre in due course. Please check out this 'link' to find out what to do in an emergency.

https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators/national-defibrillator-network-the-circuit

To sum up…

Our parish financial situation is in much need (see Rev Monica's opening letter this month) with a significant number of structural repairs required to maintain our beautiful buildings for us and future generations. More details to follow in future editions.



We now have FOUR payment machines, ONE IN EACH OF OUR CHURCHES. The cost of these have been obtained through generous donations and a grant from the Diocese. We are using the machines at parish events to help increase giving. Keep your eyes 'peeled' for the machines and pray for their effectiveness and the ability they will have to help our parish finances so we may continue our outreach to the community.

This QR code may be used to give via the Parish Giving Scheme. It is very easy to use and, as always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

A DEDICATED JUST GIVING PAGE has been set up to raise money for essential repairs across the parish – heating systems x 2 and roof replacement. Please share the link where and whenever you can. Thank you.
https://www.justgiving.com/charity/Ecclesiastical-Parish-of-Upper