



St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham

APRIL NOTICE SHEET



Monday, 1 April	7 pm	Contemplating Easter at Davington Church
Tuesday, 2 April	10 am	Mustard Seed Music <i>exploring singing, music and rhythm in a comfortable environment for children aged one to school age</i>
Wednesday, 3 April	9 am	Funeral: LINKINS
	10.30 am	Eucharist
Thursday, 4 April	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes <i>Easter Egg Hunt and Hat/Bonnet Parade last Little Fishes before the Easter Holidays start...</i>
Friday, 5 April	9.30 am	St Mary of Charity Primary School Easter Service
	10.30 am	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel
	12 noon	CTiF Lent Lunches at the Baptist Church, St Mary's Road <i>(Institute Road entrance)</i>
Saturday, 6 April	8 - 9 am	Early Morning Prayer
Sunday, 7 April	9 am	Said Eucharist (CW)
Fifth of Lent	10.30 am	All Age Worship
	6 pm	Benefice Choral Evensong <i>with Rt Rev Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover in Canterbury, visiting us before he retires in May 2019</i>
Monday, 8 April	7 pm	Contemplating Easter at Davington Church
	7 pm	St Mary of Charity PCC APCM at St Mary of Charity Church of England Primary School <i>(please see page 5 for details)</i>
Tuesday, 9 April	10 am	Mustard Seed Music
Wednesday, 10 April	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist
Friday, 12 April	10.30 am	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel
	12 noon	CTiF Lent Lunches at the Baptist Church, St Mary's Road <i>(Institute Road entrance)</i>

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Saturday, 13 April	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
	10-noon	Church Café
Sunday, 14 April	9 am	Eucharist (BCP)
Palm Sunday	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
Monday, 15 April	7.30 pm	Holy Week Eucharist
Tuesday, 16 April	7.30 pm	Holy Week Eucharist
Wednesday, 17 April	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist <i>followed by</i>
	12 noon	Parish Lunch
	7.30 pm	Holy Week Eucharist
Thursday, 18 April	7.30 pm	Maundy Service/Stripping of the Altar
Friday, 19 April	10 am	Walk of Witness to Market Place <i>from</i> <i>United Reform Church, Preston Street</i>
	2-3 pm	Meditations at the Foot of the Cross
Saturday, 20 April	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
	9 am	Decorate the church (<i>Please see page 6</i> <i>for details</i>)!
	6.30 pm	Service of Light with Baptism
Sunday, 21 April	9 am	Easter Eucharist
Easter Sunday	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist followed by The Great St Mary of Charity Easter Egg Hunt <i>in the churchyard (indoors if</i> <i>inclement)</i>
Tuesday, 23 April	10 am	Mustard Seed Music
Wednesday, 24 April	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist
Thursday, 25 April	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes <i>Easter colouring</i>
Friday, 26 April	10.30 am	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel
Saturday, 27 April	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
	10-noon	Church Café
Sunday, 28 April	10.30 am	Benefice Eucharist and farewell to Rev Simon Young (CW)
Second in Easter	3 pm	St George's Parade and service
Tuesday, 30 April	10 am	Mustard Seed Music

CONTEMPLATING EASTER



**A PILGRIM JOURNEY THROUGH LENT
REFLECTING ON THE BEATITUDES**

*with Revds. Sharran Ireland, Simon Young
and assistance from Jayne Bartholomew
join us for an hour of
scripture, reflection, music and prayer*

MONDAYS AT 7PM

AT DAVINGTON CHURCH

**March 11th, 18th, 25th
and April 1st and 8th**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

will take place at 7 pm for 7.30 pm on Monday, 8 April 2019 at St Mary of Charity School.

Each year the **Churchwardens** stand down from their posts. This year Alison is retiring and Miranda is making herself available for re-election. **If anyone feels led to stand as Churchwarden please talk to Rev Simon.** If you feel you would like to be a Deputy Warden and support the Wardens please come and talk to us.

PCC is very important to St Mary of Charity in enabling the running of the church and the growing of the Kingdom. At present there are **six PCC vacancies** due to retirement, resignation and co-option (this year's retirees and those previously co-opted are eligible to re-stand alongside others).

Please consider standing for election, if you are interested it would be helpful if you could chat with the vicar or Churchwardens by the end of March.

Please remember to pick up your electoral roll form from the back of the church (see page 11 of this newsletter).

There are further notices and nomination forms to complete for vacant positions at the rear of the church.

***Please prayerfully consider these vacancies;
we really need you.***

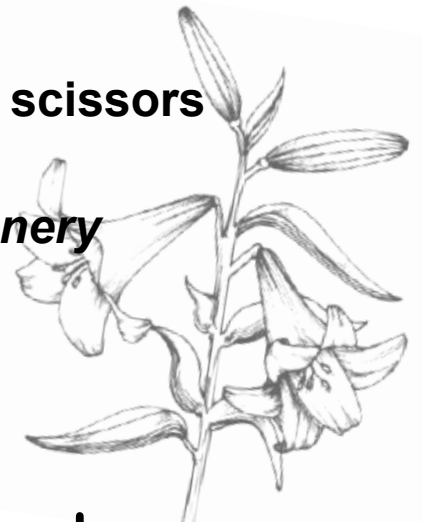
***We look forward to joining together
on 8 April for drinks, nibbles and “Agenda”.***

Come and decorate the church for Easter!

**Between 9 am and noon on Easter Saturday
20 April;**

**bring your own flowers, secateurs or scissors
and foliage.**

***If anyone can provide extra greenery
this would be appreciated.***



**If you would like a lily in the sanctuary
in remembrance of a loved one, please
speak to Val or Keith Tyler. There is a
£5 donation towards the cost, and they
will need the name of the person it
commemorates.**

**Help the Deanery Synod create their new Deanery
Mission Plan by answering one question: *What one
thing are you passionate about which happens in your
church?* See the poster and comment sheet at the back
of the church (on the back of the 'usual' screens) by
Palm Sunday (14 April).**

**There is also an invitation to join an Ospringe Deanery open
meeting in June.**



**Churches Together in Faversham
weekly Unity Prayers for April**

will be held in

St Mary Magdalene with St Lawrence,
Davington and The Brents,
on Saturdays between 9 am and 10 am.

Real Easter eggs will be available
to order again this year and are
now *free of all plastic packaging!*
Sign up sheet and price list will be
available at the back of the
church.



*If you would like to give a donation towards
eggs for the Great St Mary of Charity Easter
Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday these will be
gratefully received by the Churchwardens.*

Can you help?

Why, yes - you can!

Exciting opportunities to volunteer your time and services in St Mary of Charity have arisen.

Would you like to help with the fortnightly cleaning rota? This is less arduous and miserable than it sounds, our cleaning teams are a lovely, sociable group who are very welcoming to new members! And it would only be cleaning for an hour or so, once a month.

There are also spaces on the Flower Rota if you would like to try your hand at arranging - if you are new to this, you *will* get support and advice! **If you would like to help with the *organisation* side of the flower arranging team, please speak to Val Tyler.**

This is an equal opportunities church - all of these openings are suitable for men *as well as* women... please speak to Catriona or Simon Rowlands if you would like to join in.

The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott, the Bishop of Dover in Canterbury, will retire in May 2019.

We are happy to be able to confirm that Bishop Trevor will join us at St Mary of Charity at our Choral Evensong at 6 pm on Sunday, 7 April 2019 followed by hospitality.

Please do come along to the service and say farewell to our Bishop.

His final service as Bishop will be at Canterbury Cathedral on 12 May 2019, although he will also attend Evensong service at the Cathedral at 3.15 pm on Saturday, 11 May which will be followed by hospitality.

Do you like to read - do you feel confident reading aloud? Would you like to help lead prayers in services? If the answer is 'yes', please speak to Catriona about joining our rota of volunteers at the 10.30 am services.

We are also looking for people to help with welcoming, 'sides' and refreshments following the services.



Churches Together in Faversham

LENT LUNCHESES 2019

Each Friday of Lent
(8 March – 12 April)

Baptist Church Hall

12 – 2pm

Soup, bread and cheese

Suggested donation £3

Proceeds to CTiF Charity of the Year:

Faversham Umbrella

St Mary of Charity's Lent Lunch is 5 April 2019. If you would be able to help in any way with the cooking, setting up, serving, washing up or clearing up please speak to Val Tyler. Thank you.

Join us at a Benefice service on
Sunday, 28 April 2019
as we bid a fond farewell to our
curate, Rev Simon Young,
and his family,
as they prepare for the next stage in
their journey.

As this is not a fifth Sunday, the service will be at
10.30 am and not 10 am (there is no 9 am service)

Faversham Horticultural Society *presents*

Philip Oostenbrink

Head Gardener, Canterbury Cathedral

“Gardens & Grounds at Canterbury Cathedral
Past and Present”

7.30 pm, Thursday, 30 May 2019

The Assembly Rooms, Preston Street, Faversham

Tickets £10 - please see poster for details.

Please do try to remain aware at all times of where your valuables are while you are in the building, and do not leave bags, or any items you wouldn't want to lose, unattended during services or hospitality.

Unfortunately, this includes Eucharist; although we have Churchwardens and Sidespeople, they cannot be everywhere.

St Mary of Charity regular pattern of services

First Sunday	9 am	Eucharist (CW with hymns)	10.30 am	All Age Worship <i>Family-friendly service</i>	6 pm	Choral Evensong
Second Sunday	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
Third Sunday	9 am	Matins	10.30 am	Family Eucharist <i>Family-friendly service</i>		
Fourth Sunday	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
Fifth Sunday (if applicable)	NO EARLY SERVICE AT ANY BENEFICE CHURCH		10 am	Benefice Eucharist CW <i>Please check for details on which church this will be held at</i>		

**Notices to Catriona for the May Sheet by
Wednesday, 24 April latest!**

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