

St Mary of Charity

The Benefice of Faversham

Baptism of Christ

12 January 2020

Welcome to the beautiful church of St Mary of Charity. Please do stay for a drink and fellowship. If you are here for the first time, please make yourself known to one of the clergy.

For our prayers:

- the St Mary of Charity clergy team and lay ministry and all whose ministry is in Faversham and the Ospringe Deanery;
- those affected by 'natural disasters' and extreme weather in the world;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the bereaved;
- those elected to represent us in local councils or parliament;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire;
- those who are homeless or vulnerably housed;
- those who are experiencing financial hardship;
- those who work for the emergency services;
- those who volunteer their time to help others;
- those who are receiving medical treatment;
- the people of Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

9 am Eucharist (BCP)
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Isaiah 42:1-9
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

COLLECT:

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again
by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as
your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Next Sunday:
Second Sunday of Epiphany
Isaiah 49:1-7
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42



Old Testament

Isaiah 42:1-9

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Here ends the Lesson.

Epistle

Acts 10:34-32

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people

of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Saint Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

**VERY IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR ST MARY OF CHARITY,
COMMENCING 1 JANUARY 2020.**

As the Deanery Funeral Administrator's contract ended on 31 December, Catriona will be working 15 hours a week from 1 January. The new hours will be: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 am - 2 pm. We shall endeavour to find suitable voluntary admin support to underpin her with the workload. Ten hours will be for SMC on a full continuing contract and five hours for the Benefice on a three year contract.

Please may we ask that you recognise that Catriona will no longer be available five days a week as we have become used to over the last three years.

If anyone is able to offer much needed voluntary support in this area, please speak with Miranda

**Notices for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by
Tuesday, 28 January, very latest!**

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