

**St Mary of Charity**  
**Parish Church Faversham**  
**Last before Advent**  
**Christ the King**  
**25 November 2018**

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 Benefice of Faversham clergy team and lay ministry and all whose ministry is in Faversham and the Ospringe Deanery;
- all visitors to our church and town;
- those affected by 'natural disasters' and extreme weather in the world;
- those affected by political unrest;
- those who strive for reconciliation;
- the bereaved;
- 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 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:**  
**Revelation 1:4b-8**  
**John 18:33-37**

COLLECT:

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended  
to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things  
as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the  
unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order  
to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

**Next Sunday:**  
**First in Advent**  
**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**  
**Luke 21:25-36**



## ***Epistle***

*Revelation 1:4b-8*

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***Gospel Reading***

*John 18:33-37*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



***'Tis the season ...***

The church has received its annual delivery of Churches Together in Faversham Christmas cards. These have been sorted into our allocated streets ready for distribution before the end of next week. If anyone has the time (and energy) to take a street or two, the vicar and churchwardens would be very grateful! The cards are by the ramp at the back of the church.

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## Table-top Sale!

Saturday, 8 December 2018

10 am 'til 1 pm

- ★ Church Cafe ★ Hand made crafts for Christmas ★
- ★ Prayer tags for the church Christmas tree ★
- ★ Tombola ★ And much, much more ★

In an effort to reduce copying and paper waste, we produce a monthly notice sheet for you to take home and keep which shows all coming services and events in the church, plus any notices. Pew sheets are for individual Sundays and give information relevant to services (readings, hymns, etc).

*Please don't forget to take your  
November Notice Sheet home with you!*

**Notices for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by  
Wednesday, 28 November latest!**

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