



# St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham

## DECEMBER NOTICE SHEET



### December Services and Events:

<b>Saturday, 1 December</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Early Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday, 2 December</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>Eucharist (CW) with hymns</b>
<b>First Sunday in Advent</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>All Age Worship with Christingle</b>
	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>Advent Carol Service</b>
<b>Monday, 3 December</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Contemplating Christmas; responding to God's gift of Jesus</b> <i>Advent reflections for the Benefice AT ST MARY MAGDALENE W ST LAWRENCE, DAVINGTON</i>
<b>Tuesday, 4 December</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Mustard Seed Music</b> <i>exploring singing, music and rhythm in a comfortable environment for children aged one to school age</i>
<b>Wednesday, 5 December</b>	<b>8.15 am</b>	<b>Deanery Chapter</b>
	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>
<b>Thursday, 6 December</b>	<b>10-11.30 am</b>	<b>Little Fishes</b> <i>Angels</i>
<b>Friday, 7 December</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Prayers in the Trinity Chapel</b>
<b>Saturday, 8 December</b>	<b>8 - 9 am</b>	<b>Early Morning Prayer</b>
	<b>10 am - 1 pm</b>	<b>Church Café</b>
	<b>10 am - 1 pm</b>	<b>St Mary of Charity Table Top Sale part 2!</b> <i>Please see inside/posters for details – do join us if you are able</i>
	<b>2 pm onwards</b>	<b>Rehearsal for Concert</b>
	<b>7 pm for 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Christmas is Coming, with Faversham Choral Society and voices from Hernhill Junior School</b> <i>Please see posters for details</i>
<b>Sunday, 9 December</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>Eucharist (BCP)</b>
<b>Second Sunday in Advent</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
<b>Monday, 10 December</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Contemplating Christmas; responding to God's gift of Jesus</b> <i>Advent reflections for the Benefice AT ST MARY MAGDALENE W ST LAWRENCE, DAVINGTON</i>

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<b>Tuesday, 11 December</b>	<b>10 am</b> <b>10 am – 3 pm</b>	<b>Mustard Seed Music</b> <b>Rehearsals for Christmas Carol</b> <b>Service</b> <i>Lorenden School</i>
<b>Wednesday, 12 December</b>	<b>8.15 am</b> <b>10.30 am</b> <b>12 noon</b> <b>3 pm</b>	<b>Deanery Chapter</b> <b>Eucharist</b> <i>followed by</i> <b>Parish Christmas Lunch</b> <b>Christmas Carol Service</b> <i>Lorenden School</i>
<b>Thursday, 13 December</b>	<b>10-11.30 am</b>	<b>Little Fishes</b> <i>Nativity and Christmas Party. Little Fishes will be back on 10 January 2019.</i>
<b>Friday, 14 December</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Prayers in the Trinity Chapel</b>
<b>Saturday, 15 December</b>	<b>8 am</b> <b>From 9 am</b>	<b>Early Morning Prayer</b> <b>Decorate the church / Christmas tree goes up!</b>
<b>Sunday, 16 December</b> <b>Third in Advent</b>	<b>9 am</b> <b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Family Eucharist</b>
<b>Monday, 17 December</b>	<b>9 am</b>  <b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Ethelbert Road Junior School</b> <b>Christmas Carol Service</b> <b>Contemplating Christmas; responding to God's gift of Jesus</b> <i>Advent reflections for the Benefice at ST MARY MAGDALENE W ST LAWRENCE, DAVINGTON</i>
<b>Tuesday, 18 December</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Queen Elizabeth II School rehearsals and Christmas Carol Services</b>
<b>Wednesday, 19 December</b>	<b>8.15 am</b> <b>9 am</b>  <b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Deanery Chapter</b> <b>St Mary of Charity Primary School</b> <b>Christmas Carol Service</b> <b>Eucharist</b>
<b>Friday, 21 December</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Prayers in the Trinity Chapel</b>
<b>Saturday, 22 December</b>	<b>8 am</b> <b>10-noon</b>	<b>Early Morning Prayer</b> <b>Church Café</b>
<b>Sunday, 23 December</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Advent</b>	<b>9 am</b> <b>10.30 am</b>  <b>6 pm</b>	<b>Eucharist (BCP)</b> <b>Parish Eucharist</b> <b>A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols</b> <i>A beautiful service of readings, carols and music from the choir, followed by mince pies and mulled wine (soft drinks available)</i>

<b>Monday, 24 December</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>Crib Service</b>
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>11.30 pm</b>	<b>Midnight Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday, 25 December</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Christmas Day Family Eucharist</b>
<b>Sunday, 30 December</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Joint Benefice Service at St Catherine's, Preston-next-Faversham</b>
<b>First Sunday in Christmas</b>		



**Tuesday Group - 2018**

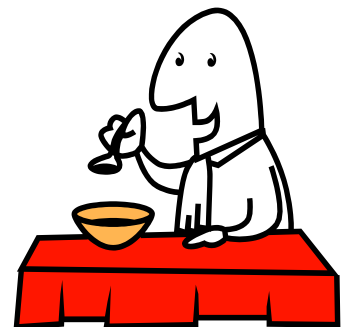
11 December: Advent Service at St Mary of Charity at 7 pm, followed by coffee and mince pies

In the New Year, the Tuesday Group will start on 22 January 2019 with music from *Forged Steal* at the Age UK premises.

*For further information about the Tuesday Group, please speak to Jane Shipman.*

**The Parish Christmas Lunch will be on the  
second Wednesday of the month -  
12 December!**

*All are welcome to enjoy good, home-cooked food and fellowship - the sign-up sheet is at the back of the church !*



St Mary of Charity will be holding the second of its table top sales to coincide with the Church Cafe on **Saturday, 8 December** starting at 10 am and finishing at 1 pm.

We have a selection of stalls to tempt even the pickiest buyer!

**If you are able to make anything for the Church's cake or craft stalls (cakes, savouries, biscuits, preserves, etc) or provide quality items for the Tombola please speak to Val Tyler.**

Church Cafe will run between 10 am and noon ish at the West End of the church as per usual.

There will also be a gift-wrapping stand, if you would like to bring any gifts in to be wrapped (members of the congregation can also bring items in to be wrapped during the week until Christmas)

We hope you are able to join us!

CONTEMPLATING CHRISTMAS  
RESPONDING TO GOD'S GIFT OF JESUS



*Spend an hour this Advent  
with reflections, silence & music*

**At Ss. Mary Magdalene & Lawrence**

**DAVINGTON**

**Mondays 26<sup>th</sup> November and  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm**



*#FollowTheStar:*

*A journey through the 12 days of Christmas*

invites everyone to travel in the footsteps of the Wise Men to meet Jesus. Offering fourteen daily reflections – beginning on Christmas Eve and finishing on the Epiphany (6 January) – the *#FollowTheStar* booklet is ideal for sharing with those attending Advent and Christmas services and events. *FollowTheStar* booklets will be available in church (for those who would like them) to read through from 24 December onwards.

Throughout Advent you will find silver and gold stars in church, either in pews or at the back. Everyone will be invited to write a Christmas 'hope, wish or prayer' on a star and to put it into the box provided. In the same way that the wise men must have been filled with hope at the following of the star, everyone will be invited to write a Christmas 'hope, wish or prayer' on a star and to put it into the box provided. The stars will be collected and will hang in the church for the duration of the follow the star campaign, immediately after Christmas Day and up to Epiphany.

In addition there will be two meetings for the opportunity to share and reflect on our journeys with one another. One will be part way through the fourteen days and the other at the end - details to follow. You can participate in 'Follow the Star' with the booklets provided or by receiving the daily reflections via email by visiting [www.churchofengland.org/followthestar](http://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar).

Help decorate the church to celebrate the  
birth of our Saviour!

From 9 am to noon on Saturday,  
15 December - bring yourself, secateurs  
or strong scissors, greenery (if you have  
it) and some enthusiasm  
(for decorating and then tidying your area).

If anyone has any greenery  
they would be happy to donate,  
this would be very welcome.

No experience or expertise is required!

Please speak to Val Tyler if you are  
interested.

There will be an additional 'spruce & tidy'  
from 9 am on Saturday, 22 December  
following all the school services.

# Foodbank Fundraising



On Thursday 29, Friday 30 November and Saturday, 1 December Faversham Foodbank will be in Tesco (thank you Tesco) collecting both money and food. If you are able to spare a little something yourself, please do consider adding a little 'seasonal' something to the Foodbank box, along with the usual items (including toiletries and laundry detergent). Thank you!

## **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!

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.



# Faversham Choral Presents Christmas is Coming

featuring Hernhill School Choir

Music including...

Britten's **Rejoice in the Lamb**  
Extracts from **Handel's Messiah**  
Audience Carols

**Conductor**  
James Brown

**Supporting**  
Heart of Kent Hospice



## Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

### St Mary of Charity, Faversham

7pm (Drinks) for 7.30pm (Performance)

**Tickets** £10 • Students £5 • Under 16 Free

Available on the door • from Carter's Newsagents • [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com)



# Faversham and Villages Refugee Solidarity Group

thanks congregation members for  
contributions to our load of winter supplies  
for refugees, going to Calais before  
Christmas.

Can we gather another load by New Year?  
Details of current appeal on our notice  
board, mainly:

**Men/boys' warm coats, rain  
ponchos, jeans or jogging  
bottoms, hats, gloves, underwear,  
walking boots; sleeping bags,  
tarpaulins.**

Please bring donations to our stalls:  
1st December in marketplace  
8th December in Church  
or phone 538571 for collection.

## **Christmas Trees 2018**

Thank you for your support last year by raising a marvellous record £11,503 for 230 trees.

As last year, as in previous years, donations were given to some 50 local parishes and nearly 25 charities.

Due to our dry summer and the heavy demand last Christmas, there will be fewer trees available this year.

As before, the arrangement is for you to make a donation for your tree; half is returned to your parish church with the balance going to the 25 charities. This is a great chance for you to raise funds for improved facilities at your parish church (ie, WC and kitchenette at St Mary of Charity) and some deserving charities at the same time. The traditional Norwegian Spruce and the softer slimmer blue tinge Serbian Spruce are growing and will stay in the ground until collected so they stay fresher for longer.

Please phone or email us to fix a time and date, preferably at weekends, to visit to select prior to collection nearer Christmas.

Trees will be available for selection from

**SATURDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2018**

**PLEASE CONTACT US TO TELL US WHEN YOU'D  
LIKE TO COME!**

Alison and Peter Howard, Nashs Farmhouse,  
Luddenham, Faversham, Kent ME13 0TQ.

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

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

**St Mary of Charity regular pattern of services**

<b>First Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (CW with hymns)	10.30 am	All Age Worship <i>Family-friendly service</i>	6 pm	Choral Evensong
<b>Second Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
<b>Third Sunday</b>	9 am	Matins	10.30 am	Family Eucharist <i>Family-friendly service</i>		
<b>Fourth Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
<b>Fifth Sunday (if applicable)</b>	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 January Sheet by  
Wednesday, 19 December latest!**

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