



St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham

DECEMBER NOTICE SHEET



PLEASE CALL 01795 530553 (PARISH OFFICE) IF YOU WISH TO ORGANISE A BAPTISM, A WEDDING OR BOOK THE CHURCH
PLEASE NOTE BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND MARCH THE CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD WILL CLOSE AT 3 PM ON WEEKDAYS.

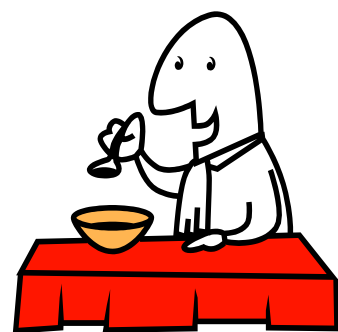
Sunday, 1 December	9 am	Eucharist (CW) with hymns
First in Advent	10.30 am	All Age Worship with Christingle
	6 pm	Advent Carol Service
Tuesday, 3 December	10 am	Mustard Seed Music <i>exploring singing, music and rhythm in a comfortable environment for children aged one to school age</i>
Wednesday, 4 December	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist
	1.15 pm	Funeral: Margaret Brown
Thursday, 5 December	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes <i>Mini Christmas Fair</i>
	6-8 pm	Singalong Christmas rehearsal
Friday, 6 December	10.30 am	Contemplating Christmas <i>weekly in the Trinity Chapel until 20 December</i>
Saturday, 7 December	8 - 9 am	Early Morning Prayer
	10-12 noon	Singalong Christmas rehearsal
	3 pm	Wedding
Sunday, 8 December	9 am	Eucharist (BCP)
Second in Advent	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
Tuesday, 10 December	10 am	Mustard Seed Music
Wednesday, 11 December	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist <i>followed by</i>
	12 noon	Parish Christmas Lunch
Thursday, 12 December	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes <i>Nativity and Christmas Party</i>
	1 pm	Rehearsals for school service
	6-8 pm	Singalong Christmas Rehearsal
Friday, 13 December	10.30 am	Contemplating Christmas <i>weekly in the Trinity Chapel until 20 December</i>
	1.30 pm	Lorenden Preparatory School Christmas Service – <i>church closed to the public during the service</i>

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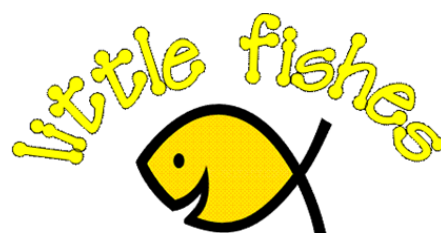
Saturday, 14 December	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
	During the day	Rehearsals for concert
	5.30 pm	Faversham Choral Carol Concert with Hernhill Junior School choir - <i>please see posters for details</i>
Sunday, 15 December	9 am	Matins
Third in Advent	10.30 am	Family Eucharist
Monday, 16 December	All Day	QE School Service – <i>church closed to the public all day</i>
Tuesday, 17 December	9.30 am	St Mary of Charity C of E Primary School Christmas Service – <i>church closed to the public during the service</i>
	10.20 am	Mustard Seed Music
	1.30 pm	West Side Pre School Nativity – <i>church closed to the public during the service</i>
	2.15 pm	Rehearsal for school service – <i>church closed to the public</i>
Wednesday, 18 December	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist
	11.30 am	QE School Christmas Services – <i>church closed to the public all day</i>
Thursday, 19 December	6-8 pm	Singalong Christmas Rehearsal
Friday, 20 December	10.30 am	Contemplating Christmas <i>in the Trinity Chapel</i>
Saturday, 21 December	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
	9 am	Decorating the church for Christmas
	10-12 noon	Singalong Christmas rehearsal
Sunday, 22 December	9 am	Eucharist (BCP)
Fourth in Advent	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
	6 pm	A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Monday, 23 December	3.30 pm	Dress rehearsal for Singalong Christmas
	11.15 am	Funeral
	6 pm	Singalong Christmas
Tuesday, 24 December	5 pm	Crib Service
	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
Wednesday, 25 December	10.30 am	Christmas Day Eucharist
Thursday, 26 December	All Day	Church closed
Sunday, 30 December	10 am	Benefice service at St Peter & St Paul, Ospringe
Holy Innocents		

**The next Parish Lunch will be on the
Second Wednesday of December:
11 December 2019!**

All are welcome to join us for good food and fellowship



**We're here on Thursdays
at 10 am!**



Come and join us if you'd like! We have a full and exciting programme of activities up until 12 December! Please see the Little Fishes leaflets for our activities this year, and to see when we are running!



**Churches Together in Faversham
weekly Unity Prayers for December
will be held at The Baptist Church
St Mary's Road on Saturday mornings
between 9 and 10 am.**

CONTEMPLATING CHRISTMAS

The Christmas Story through the eyes of St Luke



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

**At St Mary Magdalene with St Lawrence,
Davington and The Brents on
Thursdays: 28 November and
5, 12 and 19 December at 7 pm**

or

**At St Mary of Charity, Faversham on
Fridays: 29 November and
6, 13 and 20 December at 10.30 am**

Join in this year's Singalong sensation!

Singalong CHRISTMAS

It's the spectacular, big-screen, live-action/animated Christmas story told through recent hits and parodies, silhouetted mime, dance, puppets, lights and lots and lots of audience participation.



Rehearsals*

Mondays	5.30-7.30	St Catherine's Church School Room, Preston Ln, Faversham, ME13 8LG
Thursdays	5.30-7.30	St Mary of Charity Church, Church Rd, Faversham, ME13 8GZ
Saturdays	10.00-12.00	St Mary of Charity Church, Church Rd, Faversham, ME13 8GZ (except 14th Dec - we'll be at the Umbrella Centre, Court St, Faversham, ME13 7AT)
Saturdays	4.00-6.00	All Saints Church, Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1PA

Dress rehearsal: Saturday 21 December (3.30-6.30)

Performance: Monday 23 December (6.00-8.00)

**Come to the rehearsal that works best for you!*

All ages welcome. Children/young people: please bring an adult with you.

Details may change so please check [singalongkent's Facebook page](#).

For more information:

Facebook: @singalongkent | www.youarecrucial.org | singalongkent@gmail.com

It's the story of the tiny baby who shows us we're hugely loved.

Singalong Christmas performance Monday, 23 December 6 pm

CHRISTMAS TREES 2019

Thank you for your great support last year by raising £10,465 for 200 trees.

As last year, as previously listed, donations are being given to some 44 local parishes and nearly 20 charities.

Because of the more difficult growing conditions we have all had this year there are likely to be fewer trees available.

As before, the arrangement is for you to make a donation for your tree; over half will be returned to your parish church with the balance going to the 20 charities. This is a great chance for you to raise funds for your parish church and some deserving charities at the same time.

As all the trees are growing they will remain in the ground until collected.

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

Trees will be available this year for selection from:
**SATURDAY, 16 NOVEMBER. PLEASE CONTACT US TO TELL US
WHEN YOU'D LIKE TO COME!**

Alison and Peter Howard, Nash's Farmhouse, Luddenham,
Faversham, Kent ME13 0TQ.

Tel 01795 532596 email: nashsfarmhouse@btinternet.com.



Date for your diaries:

There will be a Carol Service in the Day Room of
Faversham Cottage Hospital
on Monday, 16 December at 2.30pm.

Anyone who is available to sing/take part is welcome
to join us, no matter their denomination or ability to
carry a tune!

School and Children's Christmas Services at St Mary of Charity

Date	Time	School/Group
Thursday, 12 December	10 -11.30 am	Little Fishes Nativity
Thursday, 12 December	12 pm	Lorenden Preparatory School rehearsal
Friday, 13 December	1.30 pm	Lorenden Preparatory School Christmas Service
Monday, 16 December	All day <i>Church closed to visitors</i>	Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School rehearsals and Prize Giving
Tuesday, 17 December	9.30 am	St Mary of Charity Church of England Primary School Christmas Service
Tuesday, 17 December	1.30 pm	West Side Pre-School Nativity
Tuesday, 17 December	2.15 pm	Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School rehearsals
Wednesday, 18 December	11.15 am <i>Church closed to visitors after the morning Eucharist</i>	Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Christmas Services

Carol Concert

Conductor – James Brown

with

Hernhill C of E Primary School

5.00pm

Saturday 14th December

St Mary of Charity Faversham

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Tickets £5 on the door, from Carter's
Newsagents and wegottickets.com

Under 12's free

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.

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.

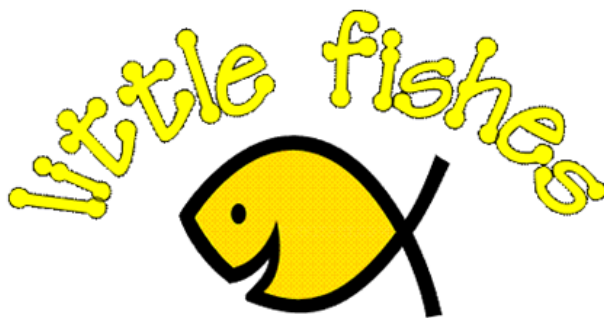
There are also spaces on the Flower Rota if you would like to try your hand at arranging - if you are new to this, you *will* get support and advice!

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 one of the Churchwardens if you would like to join in.



Congratulations to Reverend Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin, former Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons. Rev Hudson-Wilkin was installed as Bishop of Dover at Canterbury Cathedral on 30 November 2019.



Little Fishes will be back after the Christmas and New Year break on Thursday, 16 January.

Mustard Seed Music will be back on Tuesday, 7 January.

We look forward to seeing you next year!

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 January Sheet by Friday, 20 December latest!

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