

St Mary of Charity

Parish Church Faversham

Fourth Sunday in Easter

22 April 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;
- Rev Mark Ham and Rev Jo Richards as they prepare to begin work in their new parishes in Dartford and Canterbury, respectively;
- those affected by 'natural disasters' and extreme weather in the world;
- the Rohingya seeking safety;
- 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

9 am Eucharist (BCP)
10.30 am Benefice Eucharist (CW)
3 pm St George's Day Service

Readings:

Acts 4:5-12

John 10:11-18

COLLECT:

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to
the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things
which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever
Amen

Next Sunday:

Fifth Sunday in Easter
Joint Benefice Service

Acts 8:26-40

John 15:1-8



Epistle

Acts 4:5-12

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.' .

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 10:11-18

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

At the end the reader will say:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.



While the building works are taking place in the North Transept, the church will be open between 10 am and 3 pm, Monday to Friday. It will be open as usual during the weekend.

In an effort to reduce copying and paper waste, we will be producing 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 will be for individual Sundays and will give information relevant to services (readings, hymns, etc).

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

**Notices to Catriona by
Wednesday, 25 April latest!**

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