

St Mary of Charity
Faversham's parish church
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
25 September 2016

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;
- those who are called by the Lord;
- those who clean and care for the fabric of this church;
- those who are receiving medical treatment;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those who work for the emergency services;
- those who work for the UN with relief aid;
- 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
1.30 pm Baptism

Readings:

1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

COLLECT:

God, our judge and saviour
teach us to be open to Your truth
and to trust in Your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation
which is given through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Next Sunday:
Nineteenth Sunday after
Trinity
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10



Epistle:

1 Timothy 6:6-19

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time - God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might forever. Amen.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life .

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 16:19-31

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ



For the past year the St Mary of Charity Church Café has been serving delicious coffees, teas and cakes on the second and fourth Saturdays in the month, from 10 am to 12 noon.

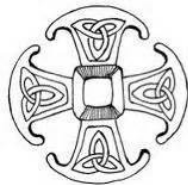
We are considering buying all of our tea and coffee from Kingdom Coffee, a company that specialises in providing ethically sourced products, and we'd like your help in making this decision.

During the refreshments after both morning services next Sunday, 2 October, we will host a tasting of a number of Kingdom Coffee samples.

We'd love to know what you think of the coffee – please come along and try it!



*Kevin Swinney will be
licensed as a Reader in the
Canterbury Diocese
this evening
at 6.30 pm in
Canterbury Cathedral.
If anyone wishes to come
and support him he will be
delighted to see them.*



Help needed to welcome those being Baptised on Sunday afternoons into our Church family and to support their families. Are you able to spare some time for this important role? This involves supporting the officiating minister in preparing the church before the service, representing the congregation during and then helping to tidy up afterwards.

There will also be an opportunity for you to join in with the Baptism Family Mornings, discussing what Baptism means to us as Christians!

**If you would be happy to help, please contact
Jayne Bartholomew on 07976 260 544.**

PILGRIM: A Course for the Christian Journey

'Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth' Psalm 86.11

Whether you have been a Christian for five minutes or fifty years 'Pilgrim' will have something for you.

'Pilgrim' is designed to help you discover the Christian way of life. It unpacks the basic message and teaching of the Christian faith and also shows you how to pray and how to live like Jesus. It does this in a way that is reflective and conversational. No one will force the pace. But 'Pilgrim' will change the perspective of your life; it might also change its direction.

Following our churches positive response to 'Deepening Discipleship' we are pleased to be offering 'Pilgrim' which comprises eight short courses, each with a booklet covering six sessions.

Materials are designed to be flexible, adaptable and are offered in two stages: 'Follow' and 'Grow'.

'Follow' introduces the Christian faith, while 'Grow' aims to develop a deeper level of discipleship.

'Follow' is structured around the four key texts:

- Baptism
- the Lord's Prayer
- the Commandments
- the Beatitudes.

'Grow' is structured around major themes in Christian life:

- the Creeds
- the Sacraments
- the Scriptures
- living in God's Church and world.

Please sign up on the 'Pilgrim' notice board at the back of church or contact Marianne - mariannehambrook@aol.com or 01795 535696

Initial groups will run as follows but will allow for flexibility:

Group 1 starting Thursday 20 Oct, fortnightly, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm.
Venue: 19 Nobel Court, Faversham

Group 2 starting Thursday 27 Oct, weekly, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm.
Venue: TBC

Group 3 starting Monday 7 Nov, fortnightly, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm.
Venue: 16 Newton Road, Faversham.

Further information can be found at www.pilgrimcourse.org

We look forward to travelling with you.

Marianne Hambrook

FACE-lift your home: Market Stall

Faversham Assistant Centre - FACE carries out decorating over the winter period for elderly and disabled people helping them to stay in their own homes.

We would really appreciate any donations of new or good second-hand decorating equipment; full tins of paint, new paint brushes, new rollers and new or good second-hand ornaments and decorative items/soft furnishings, etc for a market stall we are holding on Saturday, 22 October 2016 to help raise awareness and funds. Please contact Miranda Ford on 01795 227202 or trigpointx@gmail.com to arrange delivery/collection.

Thank you for your support it is really appreciated.

Miranda

The Faversham Society and St Mary of Charity
have arranged a lecture entitled
Faversham Murals and English Wall Paintings about 1300.

This will be given by the art historian Paul Binski who is Professor of History of Art, Cambridge University and chairman of the Cambridge Academy of Organ studies. He is also an author and broadcaster.

The murals are obscured by the position of the organ and this lecture will launch the campaign to make these available for public viewing. They are considered to be among the finest of their period in England.

The lecture will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, 4 October 2016 in St Mary of Charity Church, Faversham. There will be no charge, but a retiring collection will be made. Wine and canapés will be available from 6.15 pm.

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Tuesday, 27 September 2016

10-10.45 am Mustard Seed Music

Wednesday, 28 September 2016

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist (BCP)

Thursday, 29 September 2016

10-11.30 am Little Fishes. *Play Dough*

Friday, 30 September 2016

10.30 am Prayers in the Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 1 October 2016

8-9 am Early Morning Prayers in the Trinity Chapel *(followed by coffee)*

Sunday, 2 October 2016, Nineteenth after Trinity

9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

10.30 am All Age Worship

12.30 pm Baptism

3/3.30 pm Almshouses Service, Almshouses Chapel, Napleton Rd

6 pm Choral Evensong



The St Mary of Charity NEW monthly pattern of services:

First Sunday	9 am	Eucharist (CW with hymns)	10.30 am	Morning Praise <i>Family-friendly service</i>	6 pm	Choral Evensong
Second Sunday	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist CW		
Third Sunday	9 am	Matins	10.30 am	Family Eucharist CW <i>Family-friendly service</i>		
Fourth Sunday	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist CW		
Fifth Sunday (if applicable)	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Benefice Eucharist CW <i>Please check for details on which church this will be held at</i>		