

St Mary of Charity
Parish Church Faversham
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
15 October 2017

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 and the Ospringe Deanery;
- those affected by the shootings in Las Vegas;
- those affected by the Mexico earthquakes;
- those affected by hurricanes in the Caribbean, Americas and USA;
- the Rohingya seeking safety;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire;
- 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 Matins

10.30am Family Eucharist

1 pm Baptism: RIGDEN

Readings:

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your
commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Next Sunday:

**Nineteenth Sunday after
Trinity**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22



9 am Matins

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| Responses | Ferial |
| Psalm | 106: 1-6 and 19-23 |
| Canticles | Venite & Jubilate |
| Anthem | O Sacrum Convivim; <i>Byrd</i> |
| Opening | Light's abode, celestial Salem |
| Offertory | Praise my soul, the King of heaven |



Light's abode, celestial Salem,
vision whence true peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
alleluia is outpoured;
for unending, for unbroken,
is the feast-day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy
that within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud or passing vapour
dims the brightness of the air;
endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
from the Sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from labour,
for unknown are toil and care.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him ;
ye behold him face to face ;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space :
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.



Struan Dunn would like to thank everyone for the many cards and messages received during his stay in hospital. He is now recovering at home and is receiving a long course of antibiotics to treat a blood infection, but is free to get out and about. It has been so encouraging to know that he has been held up in prayer and he would value continued prayer for a full recovery.

If you'd like to visit Struan, please call first to make sure he isn't overwhelmed!

Epistle

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. .

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Who's missing?

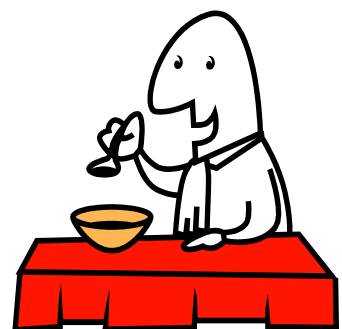
Have you noticed one of our church family who you normally see on Sundays is no longer attending church?

Is there someone you know who has had to stop coming to church because of ill health but would like to remain in contact?

We have a group of volunteers who can visit people in their homes to be a link to the church and provide spiritual support. Home Communion can also be given.

If there is someone you think would benefit from such a visit please contact the Pastoral Visitors' Co-ordinator Kevin Swinney (kevin.swinney@outlook.com) or a member of the Clergy team.

The next Parish Lunch will be on the third
Wednesday of the month - **18 October!**
All are welcome to enjoy good, home-cooked
food and fellowship - the sign-up sheet is at the
back of the church!



Beetle Drive and Bring and Share



Exciting opportunity to join a Beetle Drive *and then* have fellowship with a Bring and Share tea!

Don't know what a Beetle Drive is?
Come along and find out.

**4 pm on Saturday, 4 November 2017
at St Mary of Charity Primary School**

This isn't a fundraiser - it's a social! There's a sign-up sheet at the back of the church so we can plan

Do you struggle to get to St Mary of Charity's Sunday services - or do you know of someone who would like to come but has problems with transport?

Do you - or could you - drive to church and can you offer a lift? We have people who would like to come but are seeking people to bring them ...

Please put your* details on the list at the back of the church if you would like a lift - or if you are able to offer one. Or speak to Miranda or Catriona!

Thank you!

**or the appropriate name and details ...*





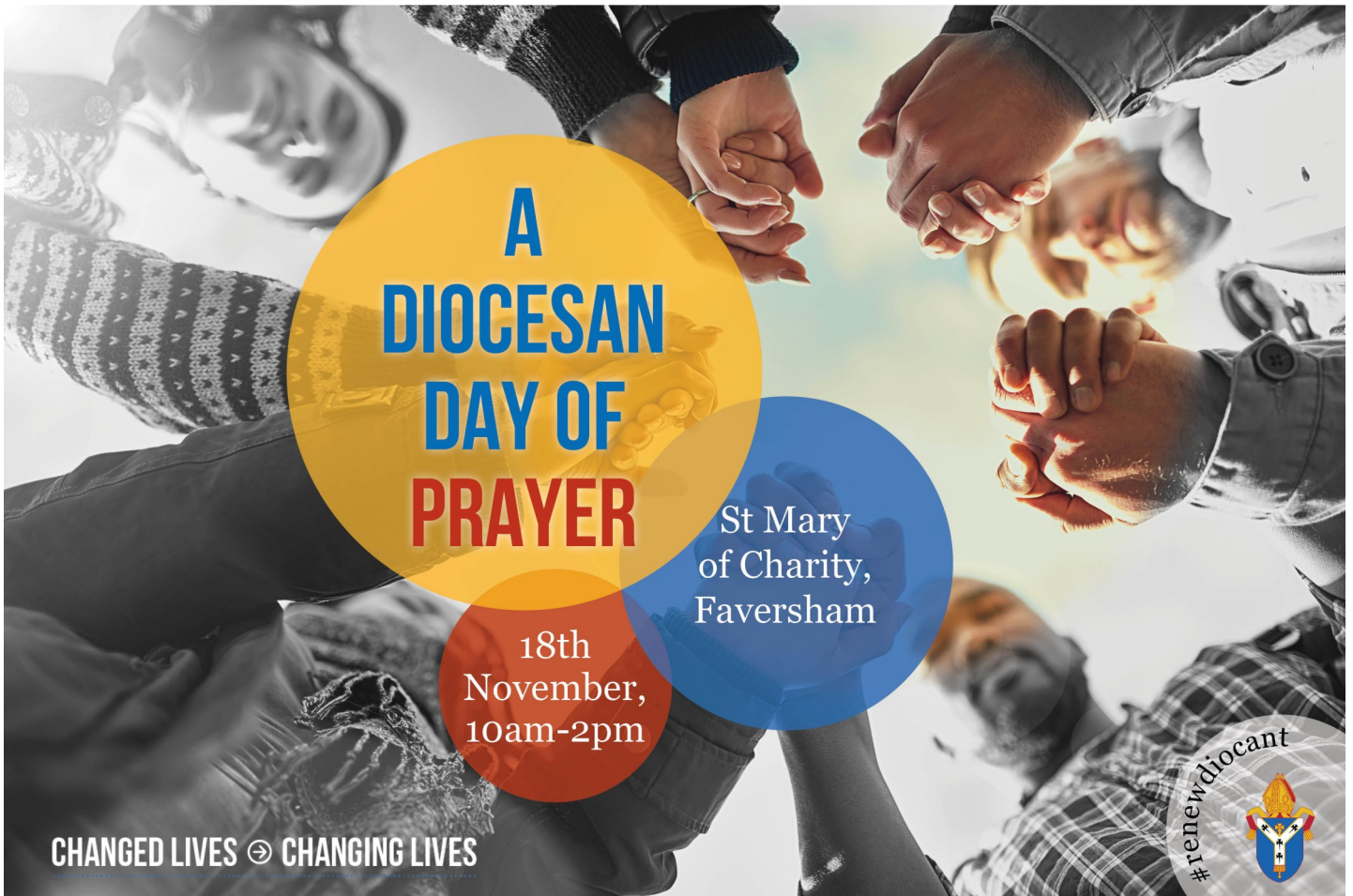
Daphne and Antony Millett would like to thank everyone who came to their Macmillan World's Greatest Coffee Morning on Friday, 29 September 2017. Together you raised £260.

Catriona, Val T and Jennifer would like to thank everyone who supported their Macmillan World's Greatest Coffee Morning on Saturday, 30 September in the church. Not just those who came for coffee, tea and cake but also those who did some extra baking for us.

We raised £551.32, of which £189 was Gift Aided!

Our mini hamper raffle was won by Mary Charter.

It was a great morning and it was lovely to see the church so full! Thank you everyone.



Five weeks to go ... Diocesan Day of Prayer

It's just five weeks until the Diocesan-wide Day of Prayer and Fasting and very exciting plans are emerging all over the Diocese. So far, these include a pilgrimage from Ramsgate to Faversham and prayer through the night at The Living Well in Nonington. There is a wealth of information available online (www.canterburydiocese.org/dayofprayer), including a resource offering guidance for fasting - and they're not just talking about food, and there is some information at the back of this church - which will be updated regularly. Please share this with others you think may be interested in attending.

Anyone wishing to attend needs to book a place; if you are not 'online' yourself, please speak to Catriona who will help you out!

Thank you

to everyone who came along to help tidy and clean the church ready for winter and the Advent season

yesterday - Saturday, 14 October 2017

Your hard work is much appreciated, and the church looks lovely.

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The Tuesday Group's next open meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 24 October 2017 at Age UK with Mike Cosgrove speaking about his Ethiopian Experience.

This meeting is open to anyone who would like to come along and share fellowship *and* hear an interesting talk on a fascinating subject.

Notices to Churchwardens by noon Wednesday, latest! *(No Catriona this week)*

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Tuesday, 17 October 2017

10–10.45 am Mustard Seed Music *exploring singing, music and rhythm in a comfortable environment for children aged one to school age*

Wednesday, 18 October 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist (BCP) *followed by*

12 noon Parish Lunch

Thursday, 19 October 2017

10-11.30am Little Fishes *Autumn Collages.*

Friday, 20 October 2017

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 21 October 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer

Sunday, 22 October 2017

9 am Eucharist (BCP)

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

The St Mary of Charity usual monthly pattern of services:

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| 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> | | |