

St Mary of Charity

Parish Church Faversham

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

20 October 2019

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 'natural disasters' and extreme weather in the world;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the bereaved;
- those elected to represent us in local councils or parliament;
- 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 volunteer their time to help others;
- 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

10.30 am Family Eucharist

Readings:

Jeremiah 31:27-34

2 Tim 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

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:

Last Sunday after Trinity

Joel 2:23-32

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14



9 am Matins

Responses	Ferial
Psalm	121
Canticles	Venite & Jubilate
Anthem	God is our hope and strength; <i>Bach</i>
Opening	Awake my soul and with the sun
Offertory	Lord, for the years



Awake, my soul, and with the sun

thy daily stage of duty run ;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
to pay thy morning sacrifice.

Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past,
and live this day as if thy last ;
improve thy talent with due care ;
for the great day thyself prepare.

Let all thy converse be sincere,
thy conscience as the noon-day clear ;
think how all-seeing God thy ways
and all thy secret thoughts surveys.

Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,
and with the angels bear thy part,
who all night long unwearied sing,
high praise to the eternal King.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, angelic host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care ;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world ; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain ;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves ; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne ;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say:

‘The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’
But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them

to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Here ends the Lesson.

Epistle

2 Timothy 3:8-15

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth

and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will

quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.



Please do join us for an
All Souls’ Memorial Service
on Sunday, 3 November 2019
at 3 pm

This service is open to any who wish to remember loved ones. Families and friends of those whose funeral services have been taken by this parish in the past year will be remembered during the service.

If you would like a name read out, please speak to Catriona.

There will be refreshments plus an opportunity to speak to members of the clergy following the service.

Thank you, everyone who was involved ‘behind the scenes’ with the Thanksgiving and Memorial Service for Sir Roger Moate. Your help was invaluable, and meant that we were able to give a fitting tribute to someone who had given a lot of time and expertise to this church.

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 October Notice Sheet home with you!

St Mary of Charity will be the location for a Churches Together in Faversham event at 7 - 9 pm on Thursday, 31 October 2019.

A Time of Prayer for the Nation

Prayers for the United Kingdom;

for healing and unity.

This is not a political meeting!

**Notices for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by
Wednesday, 30 October, very latest!**

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