

St Mary of Charity

Parish Church Faversham

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

11 August 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;
- all those involved in the Benefice's Holiday Club;
- 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 are receiving medical treatment;
- 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

Readings:

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

COLLECT:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify
and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your
commandments;
that through your most mighty
protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved
in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever
Amen

Next Sunday:
Ninth after Trinity
Isaiah 5:1-7
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56



Old Testament

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!
Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;
I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more;
bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.
New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation –
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.
Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.
If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;
but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken

Here ends the Lesson.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it

clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-40

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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



The Brown Family:
James, Esme, Reuben and Leah
would like to say a big thank you to
everyone at St Mary of Charity for
making their time so special here, and
for the lovely gifts they received at
their last service on 28 July 2019.
Best wishes for the future!

The St Mary of Charity Choir Tour 2019 is in
Guildford Cathedral this weekend.

Please keep our choir in your prayers for a safe
journey and a successful tour.

Rev Dan Corcoran

Introduction to the Benefice Churches

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Rev Dan Corcoran to the position of Community and Mission Priest to The Benefice of Faversham; the appointment as always is subject to enhanced DBS. His licensing will be Saturday, 28 September 2019, during the afternoon and evening across the benefice churches. The family will make their home in the Benefice House in Priory Road, Davington.

Dan is married to Rev Jenny who is Bishop's Chaplain in the Diocese of Canterbury. They have two young children, Cara and Bradley, whom they are very pleased to say have just been accepted at Davington School.

Dan says that he, Jenny, Cara and Bradley are very excited about getting to know all the wonderful Saints in the Benefice.

Since July 2017, Dan has been a full time father, with Bishop's PTO, fulfilling many responsibilities in the wider church, including running Sing along Canterbury. Among his creative gifts he includes song writing and playing the piano and trumpet.

Dan is a pastoral evangelist, having spent time working with young people in Manchester, Croydon and Nottingham, he has a heart for everyone of every age in the community as a whole and in creatively connecting people with Jesus.

We are blessed indeed by Dan's appointment and give thanks to our Lord for him and his family, we look forward to welcoming them into our midst, may we remember them and the Benefice in our prayers, as we all prepare for this new journey.



THE BENEFICE OF FAVERSHAM - HOLIDAY CLUB 2019

This year's Holiday Club starts tomorrow: Monday, 12 August.

As always there is a *small* WISH LIST of bits we need to collect to use during the week and this year we currently need:

Cardboard tubes from tin foil

Wool

(white and any other colour)

Fabric ribbon

(any length and colour)

Plastic trays from sausages etc

Green fabric

Cereal boxes

Gift wrap

Gift ribbon

Squash

Biscuits

If you can contribute in any way please leave bits at the back of the church or speak to Martin. It would be really helpful if you could remind people to get their registration form back to Martin ASAP at 4 Ivory Close.

**You are all welcome to
join us for**



Tea & Cake

**Wednesday, 14 August
in the church**

12.30pm to 2.30pm

**Donations of cakes
etc welcome.**

**Please also keep
Holiday Club
in your prayers**

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 August Notice Sheet home with you!

We are looking for people to help with
The Great St Mary of Charity Pudding Club
during the Faversham Food Festival
on 14 September 2019.

If you are able to help by cooking or setting up, clearing up, washing up or serving, please do speak to Miranda for details, and see the sign-up sheets at the back of the church.

**Notices for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by
Wednesday, 28 August, very latest!**

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