

**Parish Church of
St Mary of Charity, Faversham
Eleventh Sunday in Trinity
27 August 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 benefice clergy team and lay ministry and all whose ministry is in the Faversham area
- all those involved in the Barcelona attacks, their friends and families;
- the Coptic Christians of Egypt;
- help us to focus on the things we have in common, not our differences;
- those elected to government that they act with honesty and transparency;
- the people of Sierra Leone;
- those receiving medical treatment and those who care for them;
- the bereaved;
- those experiencing financial hardship;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the women of El Salvador;
- the people of Nigeria, Somalia, Yemen and South Sudan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

**9 am Eucharist (BCP)
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
1 pm Baptism: SHEPHERD-WEBB**

Readings:

**Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20**

COLLECT:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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:
Twelfth Sunday in Trinity
Hop Festival
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28**



Epistle

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

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

Glory to you, O Lord

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



St Mary of Charity's assistant organist,
Patti Whaley, will be giving an organ recital at
the Faversham Almshouses on
Thursday, 14 September at 7.30 pm.
The programme will include works by Sark,
Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, and Denis
Bedard's delightful *Cat Suite*.
Admission is free, with retiring collection for the
Almshouses. All are warmly invited.



A plea for help re premises

**From 18 September 2017 Faversham
Assistance Centre (FACE) will be homeless!**

**We really need some support; permanent and
temporary suggestions would be welcome,
please.**

**We need space for two people: an L-shaped
desk for two people, two small cabinets and
two computers (with printer etc). We are
house-trained and don't make much noise or
take up much space.**

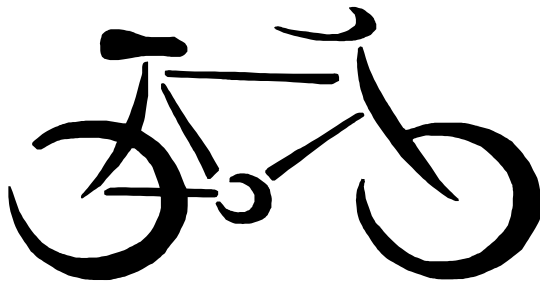
**Thank you - Miranda
(trigpointx@gmail.com)**



This year's Blessing of the Hops will take place during the 10.30 am service on Sunday, 3 September 2017 and the service will be led by The Venerable Stephen Taylor, Archdeacon of Maidstone.

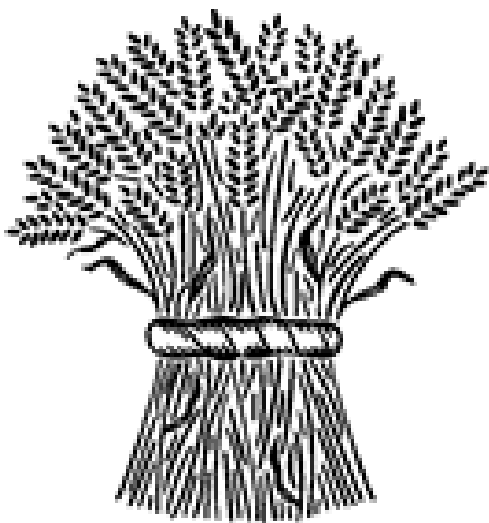


The Friends of Kent Churches annual Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday, 9 September 2017.



If anyone would like to ride, stride or *help with signing visitors in at this church*, please speak to Catriona.

Last year's Ride and Stride raised £137,000 which was used to help churches throughout Kent.



Faversham's Food Festival will be running this year from 16 to 17 September. St Mary of Charity's Harvest Festival will be at **10.30 am on Sunday, 17 September 2017** as part of the Food Festival.



**You are invited to a CAP Sunday event at
Sittingbourne Baptist Church
High Street Sittingbourne ME10 4AQ**

Sunday, 10 September 2017 at 6.30 pm come to worship and hear about the work of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) in Swale, through CAP Money Course, CAP Release and the wider vision of a CAP Debt Help Centre, together with CAP's National vision for 1000 services by 2021.

Meet the team and ask your questions and decide how you can get involved with this life changing ministry that *Serves the poor, Saves the lost, Through the church, Across the nation.*

Everyone is welcome. I look forward to seeing you there ... for more information, please do contact

Ruth Wiseman, tel: 07495324199, tel: 01795 420990 (Church Office), email: ruthwiseman@capmoneycourse.org, www.capuk.org

**We are putting the church mice
on a diet! and you have to help!**

***Please enjoy biscuits or cake at the west end of
the church, and, if you do have food with you in
the pews, take the remains away
for your own mice!***

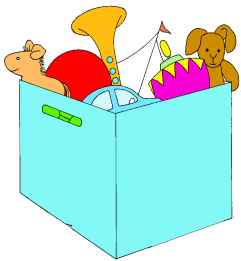
**There are dustpans and brushes
available to sweep up any debris...**



Thank you to all for helping raise £250 at the Faversham Safari. Many people contributed to the success. Firstly the weather helped! But about six people gave a huge amount of time and effort getting the stuff out of my basement and then setting up and the most important bit was flogging it! Not only did Julia Frith and Jennifer help for hours, but there were people who helped from outside of the church family and I was so tremendously grateful for everyone's support and generosity both providing stuff and giving of their time so very willingly. Thank you to all the helpers for making it such a profitable and enjoyable day, and all the donors.

Margy Perkins

Can you offer ten minutes after the end of the 9 am service on the second and fourth Sundays of the month? Or before the services on the first and third Sundays (especially the first since it's a south transept service)?



We are looking for volunteers who could set out some mats and toys to provide a welcome for our families at the 10.30 am service. With the first Sunday, we need help putting the chairs in rows for the All Age Worship service.

Everything needed is within easy reach in the south transept.

If you can help, please sign up at the back of church.

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

There are no mid-week services at St Mary of Charity during August
 There is no Parish Lunch in August
 August is a low month for the choir

Wednesday, 30 August 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

Saturday, 2 September 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Prayers in the Trinity Chapel

Sunday, 3 September 2017, Eleventh Sunday in Trinity, Hop Festival

9 am Eucharist (BCP)

10.30 am Parish Eucharist with Blessing of the Hops, led by The Venerable Stephen Taylor, MBE

6 pm Evensong (Said)



The St Mary of Charity usual monthly pattern of services:

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>		