



St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham

FEBRUARY NOTICE SHEET



Saturday, 2 February	8 - 9 am	Early Morning Prayer
Sunday, 3 February	9 am	Eucharist (CW) with hymns
Presentation of Christ in the Temple	10.30 am	All Age Worship
	6 pm	Choral Evensong
Tuesday, 5 February	10 am	Mustard Seed Music <i>exploring singing, music and rhythm in a comfortable environment for children aged one to school age</i>
Wednesday, 6 February	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist (<i>with Dedication of Hassock</i>)
Thursday, 7 February	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes <i>Chinese New Year – watch out for the dragons!</i>
Friday, 8 February	10.30 am	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel
Saturday, 9 February	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
	10-noon	Church Café
Sunday, 10 February	9 am	Eucharist (BCP)
Fourth before Lent	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
Tuesday, 12 February	10 am	Mustard Seed Music
Wednesday, 13 February	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist
Thursday, 14 February	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes <i>Valentine's Cards for someone you love</i>
Friday, 15 February	10.30 am	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel
Saturday, 16 February	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
	10 am	Benefice Wedding Couples' Morning

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Sunday, 17 February	9 am	Matins
Third before Lent	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
Tuesday, 19 February	10 am	Mustard Seed Music
Wednesday, 20 February	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist <i>followed by</i>
	12 noon	Parish Lunch
Thursday, 21 February		<i>NO LITTLE FISHES – HALF TERM</i>
Friday, 22 February	10.30 am	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel
Saturday, 23 February	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
	10-noon	Church Café
	7 pm	Magnificat – Benefit Concert for St Mary of Charity Choir and the Canterbury & District Branch of the RSPCA. <i>Please see posters or page 9 for details</i>
Sunday, 24 February	9 am	Eucharist (BCP)
Second before Lent	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist (CW)
Tuesday, 26 February	10 am	Mustard Seed Music
Wednesday, 27 February	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist
Thursday, 28 February	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes <i>Pancake Races.</i> <i>Shrove Tuesday is 5 March this year.</i>



Tuesday Group - 2019

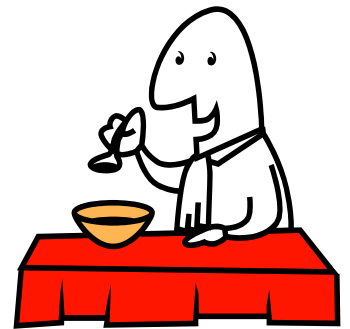
12 March Fun Quiz at Age UK premises.

9 April Speaker - Patti Hicks-Whaley
at Age UK premises.

*For further information about the Tuesday Group, please speak
to Jane Shipman.*

**The Parish Lunch will be on the
Third Wednesday of the month -
20 February 2019!**

*All are welcome to enjoy good, home-cooked food
and fellowship
the sign-up sheet is at the back of the church !*



Christian healing day taking place at
The Seasalter Christian Centre, Faversham Road,
on Saturday, 2 March 2019. The theme is
“Forgiveness as a Journey of Healing”.
The day will be led by Rev Canon Sarah Chapman,
Chaplain to The Living Well and Diocesan Advisor
in Healing and Wholeness.

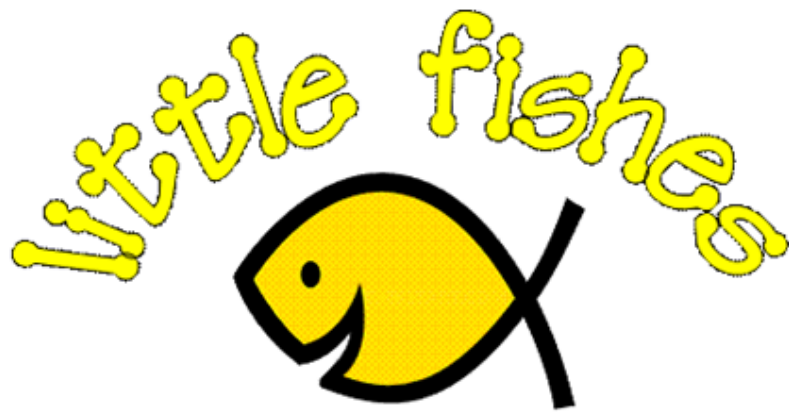
Entry is by donation with the day starting at 10 am
and finishing at 4 pm. Tea/coffee and lunch will be
provided. If you would like any more information or
to book a place please contact Diana High
on 01227 262495.

The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott, the Bishop of Dover in Canterbury, will retire in May 2019. **We are happy to be able to confirm that Bishop Trevor will join us at St Mary of Charity at our Choral Evensong at 6 pm on Sunday, 3 March 2019.** Please do come along to the service and say goodbye to our Bishop.

His final service as Bishop will be at Canterbury Cathedral on 12 May 2019, although he will also attend Evensong service at the Cathedral at 3.15 pm on Saturday, 11 May which will be followed by hospitality.

Do you like to read - do you feel confident reading aloud? Would you like to help lead prayers in services? If the answer is 'yes', please speak to Catriona about joining our rota of volunteers at the 10.30 am services.

We are also looking for people to help with welcoming, 'sides' and refreshments following the services.

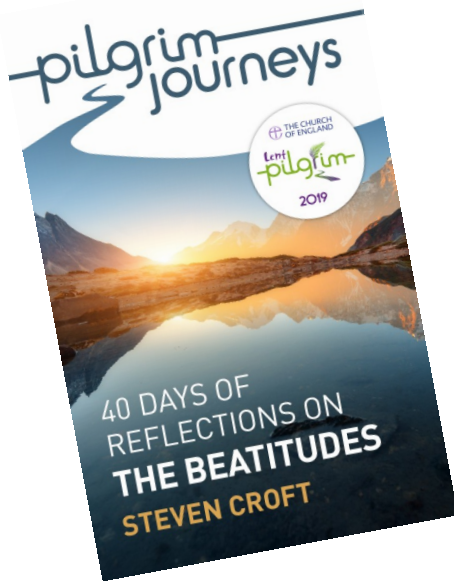


We're back, every Thursday morning from 10 am until 11.30 am, our amazing pre-school group has resumed in the South Transept for play, craft, snacks, stories, songs and a prayer. However, this is where YOU come in. Little Fishes is run by volunteers and we need to ensure that we have enough helpers available for each session. (See fliers for dates and activities)

Chatting with parents, carers, childminders and the children is also part of the morning (but obviously this isn't a chore - not that *any* of the rest is!)

So, can you help us? Do you know someone who could? *Do you know someone with spare time on a Thursday morning who can play a musical instrument?*

Please speak to Dennis, Val T or Catriona if you would like to know more...



St Mary of Charity and the other churches in the Benefice of Faversham plan to run a Lent Course this year featuring the book by the Rt Rev Dr Stephen Croft, the Bishop of Oxford.

Pilgrim Journeys: The Beatitudes is ideal for anyone to use daily in Lent – starting from Ash Wednesday (6 March 2019) and finishing 40 days later on Palm Sunday – but it can be used at any time of year. The 40 daily reflections on The Beatitudes are grouped in eight chapters of five days on each beatitude. Each day offers:

- * A theme linked to the beatitude
- * A suggested short Bible reading that explores that theme
- * An invitation to reflect
- * A suggestion of how to pray
- * A prompt to act.

Across each group of five days we will explore what each beatitude tells us about Jesus, what it tells us about a vision for human life and the life of the Church. At the end, you will find some possible next steps for you on your discipleship journey as well as some further resources including other Pilgrim materials for you to explore.



Churches Together in Faversham
weekly Unity Prayers for February
will be held in
Faversham Baptist Church
(St Mary's Road)
on Saturdays between 9 am and 10 am.



Open 3 days a week from
4th January 2019

Faversham
Umbrella

10 am to 3pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

The re-launched Umbrella is now open three days a week. Please do go along to chat, socialise or join in any of the many events which run during the week.

The Umbrella Centre is in Court Street; walk away from the West Doors and turn left at the top of the hill.

Can you help?

Why, yes - you can!

Exciting opportunities to volunteer your time and services in St Mary of Charity have arisen.

Would you like to help with the fortnightly cleaning rota? This is less arduous and miserable than it sounds, our cleaning teams are a lovely, sociable group who are very welcoming to new members! And it would only be cleaning for an hour or so, once a month.

There are also spaces on the Flower Rota if you would like to try your hand at arranging - if you are new to this, you *will* get support and advice! **If you would like to help with the *organisation* side of the flower arranging team, please speak to Val Tyler.**

This is an equal opportunities church - all of these openings are suitable for men *as well as* women... please speak to Catriona or Simon Rowlands if you would like to join in.



Magnificat

Members and friends of the St Mary of Charity
Choir present a special benefit concert of
music and poetry dedicated to the cat.

Music of all types for all ages, including Rossini,
Britten, Faure, Copland, ragtime, slide shows,
and featuring a special guest appearance of
Henry Dagg's famous Catastrophony

Saturday, 23 February 2019, 7pm,
at St Mary of Charity Church, Faversham



Free, with retiring collection for the Canterbury
and District Branch of the RSPCA, and
the church choir fund.

Contact magnificat@stmaryofcharity.org
for further information.





Churches Together in Faversham

LENT LUNCHESES 2019

Each Friday of Lent
(8 March – 12 April)

Baptist Church Hall

12 – 2pm

Soup, bread and cheese

Suggested donation £3

Proceeds to CTiF Charity of the Year:

Faversham Umbrella

St Mary of Charity's Lent Lunch is 5 April 2019. If you would be able to help in any way with the cooking, setting up, serving, washing up or clearing up please speak to Val Tyler. Thank you.

REFUGEES! Do you wonder what the refugee situation is all about? Do you feel concerned but don't know what you can do about it? Do you feel uneasy about the genuine need of these people? No-one leaves their home, culture and family unless they are desperate and those who come with families do so because they are running from persecution and war. Have you wanted to give but feel that charities can waste a lot of money on organisation and workers salaries and do you wonder how much of your money really reaches needy individuals?

For the last three years I have become personally involved with refugees in various parts of the world as the result of reaching out to a desperate Syrian refugee who is displaced and starving in Jordan. I answered his post and together with a small group of people began to finance him and fight for him to get resettlement. Whilst doing this, my eyes were opened to the immense need and suffering of people throughout the world who have been displaced by war and for whom there is very little hope.

From time to time I have responded to various desperate messages from refugees and have been able to network with people all over the world who have the means, skills and finance to alleviate suffering in some of these cases.

For instance, I was able to rescue an Afghan refugee threatened by the Taliban, to get away from abusive employment by the Mafia in Italy and find him a home and employment with a fellow sympathiser in another part of the country where he was able to recover. I have been able to get a wheelchair and nappies for a child suffering from cerebral palsy, whose family are in hiding from the Syrian government. This, through networking with charities with the medical skills and the appropriate provision to help, I was able to help another family who lost a child to a Syrian bomb and who were desperate to flee from Aleppo at the height of the bombing with their other children. I have been able to organise on the spot finance for a great many desperate and needy families who have reached out for help in situations where there is little food and heating in the cruel winters of the Middle East.

If you have felt that you would like to share in this humanitarian work but it has seemed too vast to think about I would be very happy to receive any contribution to these causes and I will vouch safe to get every penny to the real need. I often say that even giving the price of a Costa Coffee can make a big difference to a starving child and we wouldn't even notice that we had given.

Maureen Turton

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 February Notice Sheet home with you!

St Mary of Charity regular 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>		

**Notices to Catriona for the March Sheet by
Wednesday, 27 February latest!**

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