



St Mary of Charity

The Benefice of Faversham

FEBRUARY NOTICE SHEET



PLEASE CALL 01795 530553 (PARISH OFFICE) IF YOU WISH TO ORGANISE A BAPTISM, A WEDDING OR BOOK THE CHURCH

PLEASE NOTE BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND MARCH THE CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD WILL CLOSE AT 3 PM ON WEEKDAYS.

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|--|
| Saturday, 1 February | 8 - 9 am | Early Morning Prayer |
| | 6-8 pm | Easter Singalong rehearsal |
| Sunday, 2 February | 9 am | Eucharist (CW) with hymns |
| Presentation of Christ | 10.30 am | All Age Worship |
| | 6 pm | Choral Evensong |
| Tuesday, 4 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, 5 February | 8.15 am | Deanery Chapter |
| | 10.30 am | Eucharist |
| Thursday, 6 February | 10-11.30 am | Little Fishes <i>Candlemas craft and procession</i> |
| Friday, 7 February | 10.30 am | Prayers in the Trinity Chapel |
| | 2 pm | Funeral |
| Saturday, 8 February | 8 am | Early Morning Prayer |
| | 10 am | Coffee Morning, cake stall and Bring & Buy table top sale <i>to raise funds and awareness of the St Mary of Charity VE Day Flower Festival in May.</i> |
| | 6-8 pm | Easter Singalong rehearsal |
| Sunday, 9 February | 9 am | Eucharist (BCP) |
| Third Sunday before Lent | 10.30 am | Parish Eucharist (CW) |
| Tuesday, 11 February | 10 am | Mustard Seed Music |
| Wednesday, 12 February | 8.15 am | Deanery Chapter |
| | 10.30 am | Eucharist |
| | 11.45 am | St Mark's Gospel <i>a weekly Bible study in the North Transept</i> |
| Thursday, 13 February | 10-11.30 am | Little Fishes <i>Decorated hearts for someone special</i> |

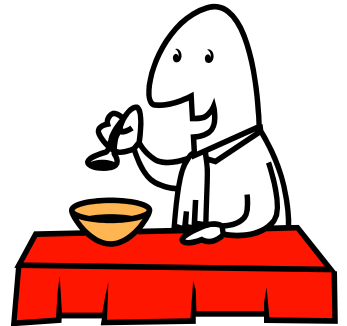
Continued overleaf ...

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Friday, 14 February | 10.30 am | Prayers in the Trinity Chapel |
| | 1.30 pm | Funeral |
| Saturday, 15 February | 8 am | Early Morning Prayer |
| | 10 am | Wedding Couples' Morning |
| | 6-8 pm | Easter Singalong rehearsal |
| Sunday, 16 February | 9 am | Matins |
| Second Sunday before Lent | 10.30 am | Family Eucharist (CW) |
| Tuesday, 18 February | 10 am | Mustard Seed Music |
| Wednesday, 19 February | 8.15 am | Deanery Chapter |
| | 10.30 am | Eucharist <i>followed by</i> |
| | 12 noon | Parish Lunch |
| | 2 pm | St Mark's Gospel <i>a weekly Bible study in the North Transept</i> |
| Thursday, 20 February | | No Little Fishes – Half Term |
| Friday, 21 February | 10.30 am | Prayers in the Trinity Chapel |
| Saturday, 22 February | 8 am | Early Morning Prayer |
| | 6-8 pm | Easter Singalong rehearsal |
| Sunday, 23 February | 9 am | Eucharist (BCP) |
| Sunday next before Lent | 10.30 am | Parish Eucharist (CW) |
| Tuesday, 25 February | 10 am | Mustard Seed Music |
| Wednesday, 26 February | 8.15 am | Deanery Chapter |
| Ash Wednesday | 10.30 am | Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (BCP) |
| | 11.45 am | St Mark's Gospel <i>a weekly Bible study in the North Transept</i> |
| | 7.30 pm | Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (CW) |
| Thursday, 27 February | 10-11.30 am | Little Fishes <i>Pancake Races!</i> |
| Friday, 28 February | 10.30 am | Prayers in the Trinity Chapel |
| | 12-2 pm | Lent Lunch (hosted by St Mary of Charity) <i>at The Baptist Church, St Mary's Road</i> |
| Saturday, 29 February | 8 am | Early Morning Prayer |
| | 7.30 pm | Waterways <i>Please see posters for details</i> |

Church Cafe will be taking a break during winter except for
'special occasions'
(keep an eye on notices and pew sheets).
We hope to be back in spring 2020.

**The next Parish Lunch will be on the
Third Wednesday of February:
19 February 2020!**

All are welcome to join us for good food and fellowship



**VERY IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR ST MARY OF CHARITY,
COMMENCING 1 JANUARY 2020.**

As the Deanery Funeral Administrator's contract ended on 31 December, Catriona will be working 15 hours a week from 1 January. The new hours will be: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 am - 2 pm. We shall endeavour to find suitable voluntary admin support to underpin her with the workload. Ten hours will be for SMC on a full continuing contract and five hours for the Benefice on a three year contract.

Please may we ask that you recognise that Catriona will no longer be available five days a week as we have become used to over the last three years.

If anyone is able to offer much needed voluntary support in this area, please speak with Miranda

**Coffee Morning, Cake Stall and
Bring and Buy table top sale
at St Mary of Charity
10 am, Saturday, 8 February 2020**
raising funds and awareness of the
VE Day Flower Festival in May 2020.



Please speak to Val or Keith if you would like to be involved!

**Advance Notice: Flower Festival
at St Mary of Charity
8, 9 and 10 May 2020**

St Mary of Charity will be holding a flower festival to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. We will be looking for help in many ways leading up to, and over the three days of the festival, and invite you to participate.

So please, set aside these dates in your diaries!

If you feel you are able to be involved in helping with the festival by arranging or sponsoring a display, arranging a fundraising event or in any other way, please speak to Val, Keith or Brian.

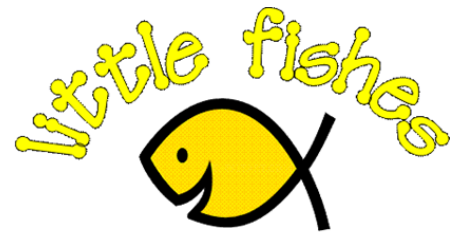
Your help will be much appreciated.

Mustard Seed Music is back - exploring singing, music and rhythm in a comfortable environment for children from one to school age!



Join Naomi at 10 am on a Tuesday morning. Further information is available on the notice boards.

**We're here on Thursdays
between 10 and 11.30 am!**



Come and join us if you'd like! We will have a full and exciting programme of activities for the spring term! Please look out for the Little Fishes leaflets for our activities this year, and to see when we are running; or have a look at our page on the church website. We also have a closed Facebook page, so if you're a regular at Little Fishes, and you haven't already, find us and ask us to add you as a member!

Volunteers to help with crafts, refreshments and tidying, etc, are always welcome - we will have a DBS check run for you (all of our helpers are DBS checked!)

Experience Easter is an exciting, interactive, moving exploration of Holy Week for small groups of school pupils.

We will be touring round all our four churches offering this to all our primary schools between Monday 23 and Friday 27 March.

We need volunteers for each session who will:

- ⇒ lead very simple 10-minute scripted sessions,
- ⇒ or who will be with a small group,
- ⇒ or who will provide hospitality for the staff and parents who come with each class.

The sessions will be roughly:

Monday 23 March: 9.00-12.00 / 1.00-3.30

Tuesday 24 March: 9.00-12.00 / 1.00-3.30

Wednesday 25 March: 9.00-12.00

Thursday 26 March: 1.00-3.30

Friday 27 March: 1.00-3.30

If you're able to help on any of the sessions, please would you contact Dan?



GOSPEL OF ST MARK

At St Mary of Charity - weekly at 11.45 am
from Wednesday, 12 February
(on 19 February this will take place *after* the Parish
Lunch).

This will be held in the North Transept.

St Mary of Charity's Lent Lunch is 28 February 2020!

If you would be able to help in any way with the cooking, setting up, serving, washing up or clearing up please speak to Jennifer Holden. Thank you.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FAVERSHAM

Lent Lunches 2020

Each Friday of Lent

(28 February to 3 April)

12 - 2 pm

Soup, bread and cheese

Suggested donation £3

Proceeds to CTiF charity of the year

Open Doors

(please see posters for details)



Churches Together in Faversham
weekly Unity Prayers for February 2020
will be held at St Peter and St Paul, Ospringe
on Saturday mornings, from 9 to 10 am.

Contemplating Easter will take place on four weeks
this spring:

St Mary Magdalene with St Lawrence, The Brents
and Davington at 7pm
on Thursday evenings 12, 19, 26 March and 2 April
and the following mornings
at **St Catherine's**, Preston-next-Faversham
at 10.30am on Friday 13, 20, 27 March and 3 April.

Leading Prayers

An inspiring, informative, interactive training session for anyone leading intercessions in church services (or interested in doing so), will be taking place at St Mary of Charity Church of England Primary School on Saturday, 21 March from 10 am - 12:30 pm. The training will be provided by Lyndall Bywater and Primrose Northrop (Changing Lives Prayer Network) and will be hosted by the Ospringe Deanery. The event is free of charge and refreshments will be provided.

For more information or to book a place, please email
lbywater@diocant.org and copy in Miranda Ford at
trigpointx@gmail.com

Every third Sunday 6pm to 7pm

ReFresh

at Davington Church

An informal time of worship for all

Followed by refreshments

Sunday 19th January

Talk by Revd Dr Jenny Corcoran

Bishop of Dover's Chaplain

'Rejoicing Together'

Sunday 16th February

Talk by Kate Alexander

Whitstable United

Reform Church

'God's Call to me'

Sunday 15th March

Talk TBC



Next ReFresh is at
St Mary Magdalene
with St Lawrence,
The Brents and
Davington at 6 pm on
Sunday, 16 February
2020.



Every third Sunday of the month

3pm to 4.30pm

at Davington Church



Next Active Church is at
St Mary Magdalene
with St Lawrence,
The Brents and
Davington between
3 and 4.30 pm on
Sunday, 16 February
2020.

Join us on: Sunday 19th January, 16th February, 15th March
For more information contact Martin on 07866388622

WATERWAYS

Saturday, 29 February 2020, 7.30 pm - 10 pm

At St Mary of Charity

Faversham Voices

Cantiana

Mustardseed Singers

Lowering the Tone

Faversham Community Choir

Faversham Choral Society

A unique collaboration bringing together local choirs to explore the unique heritage of the town and its people. Waterways will explore how the small settlement of Faversham grew at the head of a navigable creek and will celebrate how boatbuilding, brewing, brick making and even gunpowder all flourished. A journey of discovery from Faversham's grand Victorian station, through the medieval centre of town to the bleak beauty of the Kent marshes.

TICKET INFORMATION

Full Price Ticket: £16

Under 25s/Students: £8.00

Under 16s: £5

Friends of Faversham Music Club: £12

Tickets available in advance from
treasurer@favershammusicclub.co.uk
or at the door on the night.

Singalong Easter!

*Rehearsals began on 11 January at
St Mary of Charity.*

*Performance planned for Easter Eve -
Saturday, 11 April 2020.*

Watch this space...

The Tuesday Group

The Tuesday Group's next open meetings are:

10 March 2020: Speaker Tom van Soest: Being
a teenager in Arnhem

14 April 2020: Music provided by
Forged Steal

*Both meetings at the Age UK premises
at 7.30 pm; please do come along.*

Please do try to remain aware at all times of where your valuables are while you are in the building, and do not leave bags, or any items you wouldn't want to lose, unattended during services or hospitality.

Unfortunately, this includes Eucharist; although we have Churchwardens and Sidespeople, they cannot be everywhere.

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
Tuesday, 25 February latest!**

01795 530553

admin@stmaryofcharity.org