

St Mary of Charity

Parish Church Faversham

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

24 September 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 St Mary of Charity clergy team and lay ministry and all whose ministry is in Faversham and the Ospringe Deanery;
- those affected by the Mexican earthquakes;
- those affected by the floods in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh;
- those affected by hurricanes in the Caribbean and USA;
- the Rohingya seeking safety;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire;
- 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)

10.30am Parish Eucharist

1 pm Baptism: Damon RALPH

2 pm Baptism: Ruby-Rose GODDEN

Readings:

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

COLLECT:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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:

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:38-32



Epistle

Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Thank you to our Harvest Festival decorators!

Rev Simon Rowlands has asked for this notice to be put in to thank everyone who gave their time and enthusiasm (and those who gave flowers, fruit and foliage) to help decorate the church for the Harvest Festival Service.



And thanks especially to Val and her team for organising everything so that the church looks so lovely

Macmillan World's Greatest Coffee Morning

10 am to 11.30 am

Friday, 29 September 2017

19 The Leas

Nearest bus stop: Bysing Wood Road (The Leas)

110 yards. Service 3X, 3B, 3C or 333

With Daphne and Antony Millett



Macmillan World's Greatest Coffee Morning II

10 am - noon

30 September 2017

St Mary of Charity

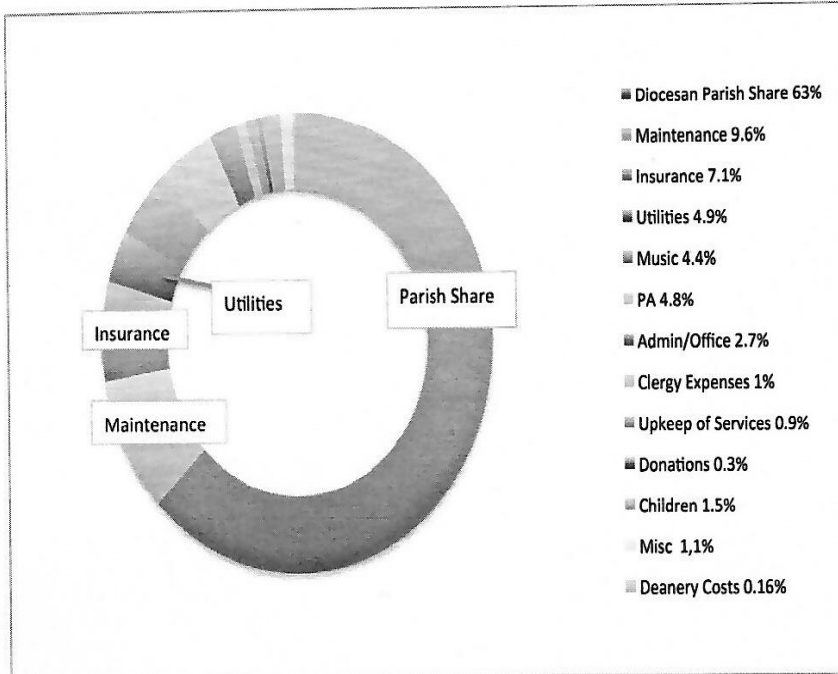
Teas, coffees, homemade cakes and savouries.



Can you help reduce the deficit?

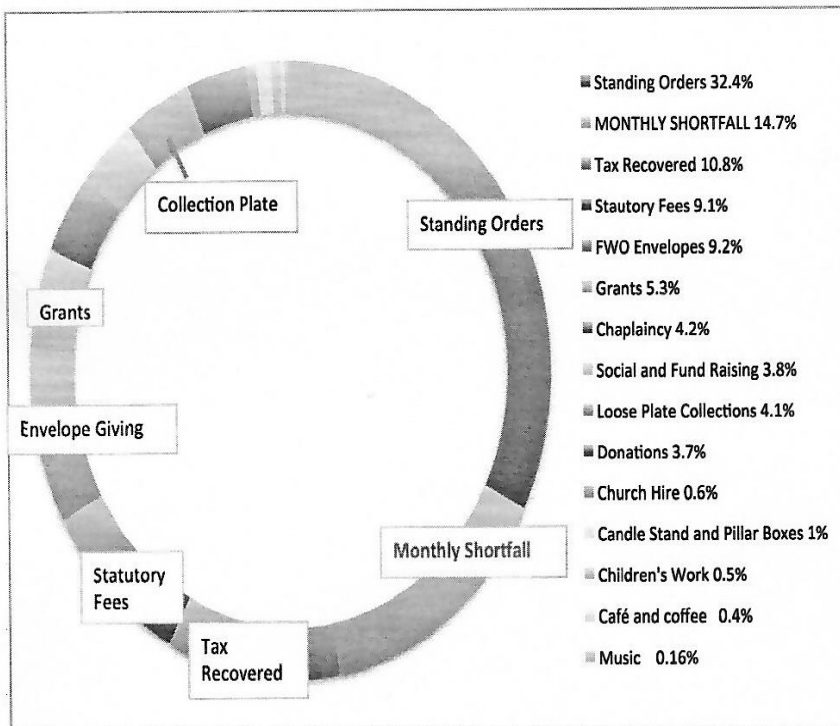
Details of the average monthly income and expenditure for January 1st to 31st August 2017

Expenditure per Month



	<u>Expenditure per month</u>
Diocesan Parish Share 63%	£6,284
Maintenance 9.6%	£957
Insurance 7.1%	£708
Utilities 4.9%	£371
Music 4.4%	£490
PA 4.8%	£476
Admin/Office 2.7%	£214
Clergy Expenses 1%	£101
Upkeep of Services 0.9%	£90
Donations 0.3%	£35
Children 1.5%	£151
Misc 1.1%	£110
Deanery Costs 0.16%	£16
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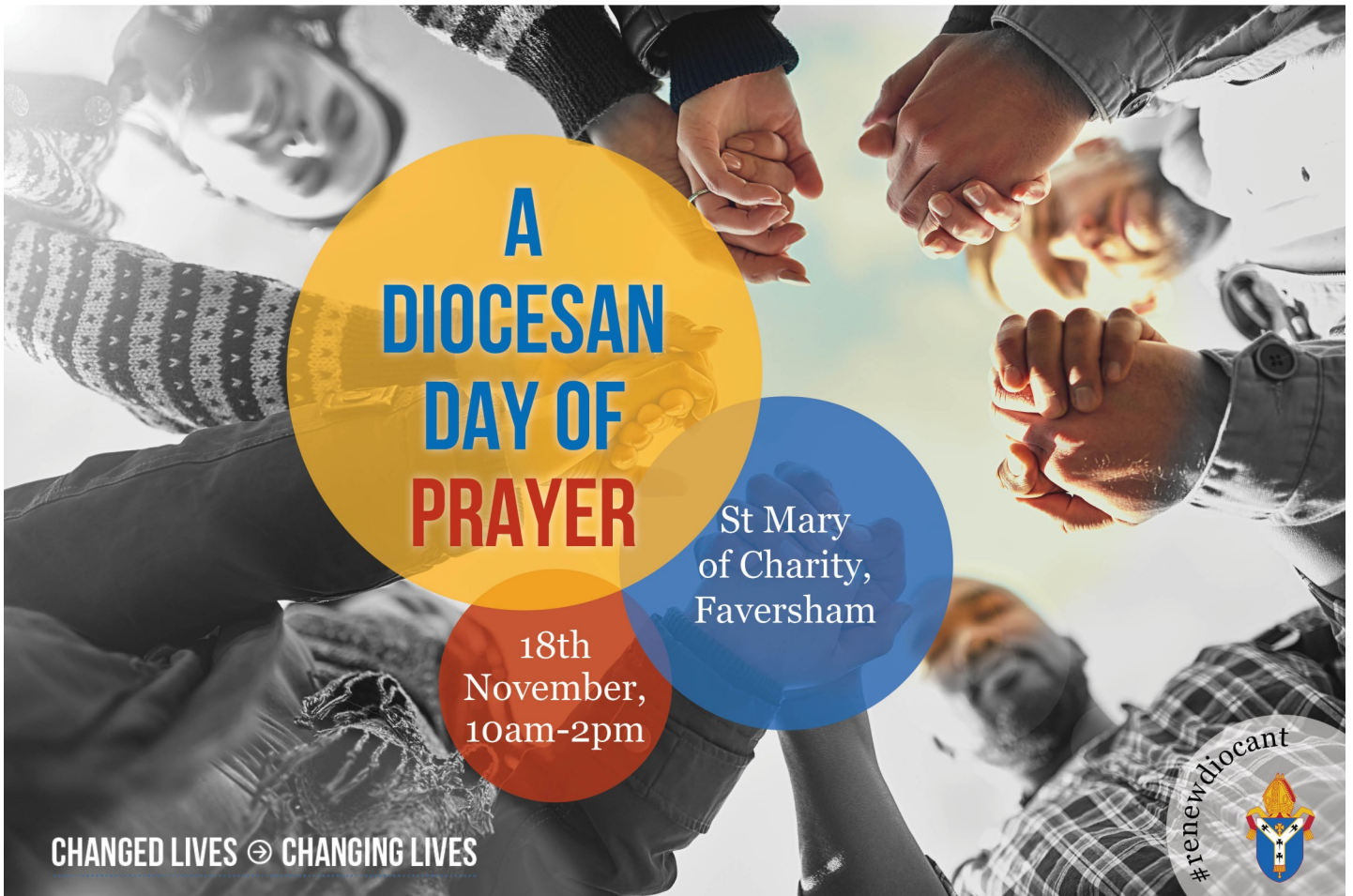
Income per Month showing monthly shortfall



	<u>Income per month</u>
Standing Orders 32.4%	£3,278
MONTHLY SHORTFALL 14.7%	£1,486
Tax Recovered 10.8%	£1,087
Statutory Fees 9.1%	£921
FWO Envelopes 9.2%	£930
Grants 5.3%	£538
Chaplaincy 4.2%	£422
Social and Fund Raising 3.8%	£380
Loose Plate Collections 4.1%	£418
Donations 3.7%	£377
Church Hire 0.6%	£58
Candle Stand and Pillar Boxes 1%	£102
Children's Work 0.5%	£50
Café and coffee 0.4%	£33
Music 0.16%	£6
Home Communion 0.2%	£17
Monthly income received	£8,617
Monthly income needed	£10,003
	<hr/> MONTHLY SHORTFALL £1,486

The monthly short fall has decreased in the last 2 months however it is likely that it will rise when the cost of the utilities e.g. gas will inevitably increase and when quarter payments are made.

A clearer display of these figures can be seen on the coloured version of this on the board at the back of church.



Eight weeks to go ... Diocesan Day of Prayer

It's just eight weeks until the Diocesan-wide Day of Prayer and Fasting and very exciting plans are emerging all over the Diocese. So far, these include a pilgrimage from Ramsgate to Faversham and prayer through the night at The Living Well in Nonington. There is a wealth of information available online (www.canterburydiocese.org/dayofprayer), including a resource offering guidance for fasting - and they're not just talking about food, and there is some information at the back of this church - which will be updated regularly. Please share this with others you think may be interested in attending.

Anyone wishing to attend needs to book a place; if you are not 'online' yourself, please speak to Catriona who will help you out!

Cleanliness is next to Godliness

as they used to say ...

Come along and help 'bottom out' the church
between 9.30 and 11.30 am
on Saturday, 14 October 2017
and help us in the battle against cobwebs
and old toot!

All ages and abilities welcomed!

**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...**



Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Tuesday, 26 September 2017

10–10.45 am Mustard Seed Music *exploring singing, music and rhythm in a comfortable environment for children aged one to school age*

Wednesday, 27 September 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist (BCP)

Thursday, 28 September 2017

10-11.30 am Little Fishes: *Play Dough*

Friday, 29 September 2017

10.30 am Prayers in the Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 30 September 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Praise

10 am-12 noon Macmillan World's Greatest Coffee Morning

1 pm Baptism

Sunday, 1 October 2017

9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

10.30 am All Age Worship

1 pm Baptism

6 pm Choral Evensong

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>		