

St Mary of Charity

Parish Church Faversham

Fifth in Lent

18 March 2018

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 'natural disasters' and extreme weather in the world;
- the Rohingya seeking safety;
- 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 Matins

10.30 am Family Eucharist (CW)

Readings:

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

COLLECT:

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him
who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power
of his victory;
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:

Palm Sunday

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 15:1-39(40-47)



9 am Matins

Responses	Ferial
Psalm	51 v 1-13
Canticles	Venite & Jubilate
Anthem	Nolo mortem peccatoris; <i>Morley</i>
Opening	I cannot tell why he
Offertory	There's a wideness in God's mercy



I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Bethl'em's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.
I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.
I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when every heart with love and joy is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer,
'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

There's a wideness in God's mercy

like the wideness of the sea ;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven ;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own ;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he would not own.

There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that has been shed ;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this ;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word ;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Epistle

Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,
‘You are my Son,
today I have begotten you’;
as he says also in another place,
‘You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.’

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 12:20-33

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come

for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ¹Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die

At the end the reader will say:

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



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D. Hammarskjold wrote that someone once said when you stand before yourself you stand before God. We are interior people who go inside to find ourselves and indeed others. But it's not easy. The longest journey is the journey inwards.

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) ...
will take place on Tuesday, 17 April 2018 - 7 pm for 7.30 pm
St Mary of Charity School.**

Each year the **Churchwardens** stand down from their post, at which time they **may** make themselves available for re-election. **If anyone feels led to stand as Churchwarden** please talk to Rev Simon. If you feel you would like to be a Deputy Warden and shadow the Wardens for the future please come and talk to us.

PCC is very important to St Mary of Charity in enabling the running of the church and the growing of the Kingdom. At present there are **seven PCC vacancies** due to retirement, resignation and co-option (this year's retirees and those previously co-opted are eligible to re-stand alongside others).

Please consider standing for election; if you are interested it would be helpful if you could chat with the vicar or Churchwardens by the end of March.

PCC are looking to fill four three-year vacancies, two two-year vacancies and one one-year vacancy.

Deanery Synod members were elected for three years and are in post for a further two years, there is one resignation at this point leaving **a vacancy for two years.**

We shall also be updating the Electoral Roll, please let us know of anyone to come off or anyone who would like to be added. Forms can be found on the low cupboard backing on to the ramp by the south porch.

There are further notices and nomination forms to complete for these positions together with a current electoral roll.

Please prayerfully consider these vacancies: we really need you.

***We look forward to joining together on Tuesday, 17 April
for drinks, nibbles and "Agenda"***

Alison Swinney and Miranda Ford, Churchwardens



Faversham Choral Society Spring Concert



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ETERNAL LIGHT

Saturday 24th March

7.30pm

Faversham Parish Church

Tickets

Adults - £12 • Students - £5 • Under 16s - Free

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Churches Together in Faversham have produced an Easter card giving the message of hope that Easter brings us. If you would like to take a pack to distribute, they are at the back of the church, using the same street allocation as the CTiF Christmas cards (so you may not be able to do your own street). We need to try to get all of the cards delivered before Palm Sunday (25 March)!

This is part of Churches Together in Faversham's Hope 2018 initiative.

Holy Week Services at St Mary of Charity:

Monday, 26 March	7.30 pm	Holy Week Eucharist
Tuesday, 27 March	9 am	St Mary of Charity Primary Easter Service
	7.30 pm	Holy Week Eucharist
Wednesday, 28 March	10.30 am	Eucharist
	7.30 pm	Holy Week Eucharist
Thursday, 29 March	10 am	Little Fishes Easter Egg Hunt and parade
	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service with stripping of the altar
Friday, 30 March	10 am	Walk of Witness from United Church, Preston St, followed by a service in Market Place
	2 pm	Reflections at the foot of the Cross
	7.30 pm	Stainer's Crucifixion: <i>come and sing!</i> <i>Please speak to James Brown if you would like to join this as a singer.</i>
Saturday, 31 March	7.30 pm	Service of Light
Sunday, 1 April	9 am	Eucharist (CW) with hymns
	10.30 am	All Age Eucharist
	12 noon	The Great St Mary of Charity Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard (indoors if inclement)

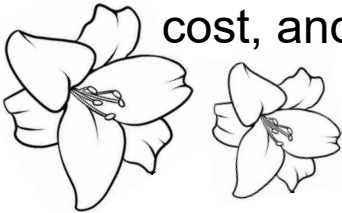
Come and decorate the church for Easter!

Easter Saturday between 9 am and noon on
Saturday, 31 March;

bring your own flowers and foliage.

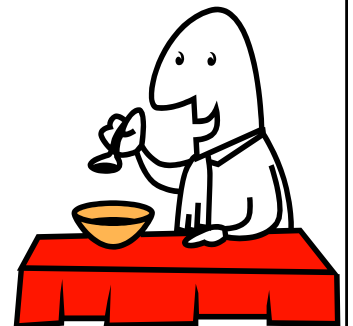
*If anyone can provide extra greenery
this would be appreciated.*

If you would like a lily in the sanctuary in
remembrance of a loved one, please speak to Val or
Keith Tyler. There is a £5 donation towards the
cost, and they will need the name of the person it
commemorates.



The next Parish Lunch will be on the third
Wednesday of the month - **21 March!**

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



Lent Lunches

The date for the remaining Lent Lunch is 23 March.

Lunch is between 12 noon and 1.45 - 2 pm at the
Baptist Church Hall (the rear entrance - Institute
Road) and the minimum donation is £3.00.

The lunches have been a wonderful expression of
fellowship with our fellow Christians (and non-
Christians!)

A Pilgrimage through Lent

7.30 pm on Mondays in Lent beginning
Monday, 19 February (approx 1 hour)

St Mary of Charity,

Please journey with us!

Sharran Ireland



Once again we will be offering people the opportunity to buy a Fairtrade Real Easter Egg, through The Meaningful Chocolate Company or Divine Chocolate for this Easter.

Sign up forms are at the church.

Please do think about getting a Real Easter Egg which focuses on the true meaning of Easter!

Cash donations for
The Great St Mary of Charity Easter Egg Hunt
on Sunday, 1 April after the 10.30 am service
can also be given to Alison.

Speak to Alison Swinney for details.

The Tuesday Group's next open meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 27 March, at the Age UK premises, with the chance to hear Bernie Pinner of Mission Aviation Fellowship speak about his organisation.

This meeting is open to anyone who would like to come along and share fellowship.

Calais Children : a Case to Answer

Faversham and Villages Refugee Solidarity Group thanks everyone who helped us to present Sue Clayton's film in church on Thursday, 22 February, and everyone in the audience. The evening raised over £500 in support of Sue's campaign to provide legal representation for unaccompanied children abandoned by the UK Government in Calais.

We are delighted that our MP came, and offered to help Sue deliver the film to the Home Office for Amber Rudd's comments.

Catriona Cuthbert has signed up to take part in Cancer Research's Walk All Over Cancer campaign, doing a minimum of 10,000 steps every day during March (*she's allowed to make up the difference if the total falls short on an individual day*). If anyone would like to sponsor Catriona, please find her and ask for the form or go into <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/catriona-walks-all-over-cancer-10> (link on the SMC facebook page!)

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Monday, 19 March 2018

7.30 pm A pilgrimage through Lent; *Lent Reflections*

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

10.30 am Eucharist

Thursday, 22 March 2018

10-11.30 am Little Fishes *Making Easter hats and bonnets, plus Sport Relief cake stall (bring pocket money!)*

Friday, 23 March 2018

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel

12 noon Lent Lunch in the Baptist Church Hall (Institute Road)

Saturday, 24 March 2018

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer

10-noon Church Cafe

2 pm Faversham Choral Rehearsal/set up

7.30 pm Faversham Choral Society Spring Concert *Please see posters for details*

Sunday, 25 March 2018; Palm Sunday

9 am Eucharist (BCP)

10.30 am Parish Eucharist with Baptism



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>		