

Parish Church of St Mary of Charity, Faversham Fifth Sunday in Lent 2 April 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;
- those who help with Mission within the Church worldwide;
- help us to focus on the things we have in common, not our differences;
- those receiving medical treatment and those who care for them;
- the friends and family of PC Keith Palmer, Aysha Frade, Kurt Cochran, Leslie Rhodes and those who were injured in the Westminster attack, the emergency services and all caught up in the events;
- the family of Violet-Grace Youens;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the homeless;
- those experiencing financial hardship;
- the people of Nigeria, Somalia, Yemen and South Sudan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns
10.30 am All Age Worship
6 pm Choral Evensong

Readings:

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

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

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66



9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

Opening: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Offertory: Breathe on me, breath of God
Closing: Stand up, stand up for Jesus



6 pm Choral Evensong

Introit: O Lord, increase our faith; Loosemore
Responses Aylward
Psalm: 130
Canticles: Plainsong
Anthem Verily, I say unto you; Tallis
Hymn Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim



***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:

Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell:

From farthest regions let them homage bring,
and on his cross adore their Saviour King:

Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:

For thy blest cross which doth for all atone
creation's praises rise before thy throne:

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,

ye soldiers of the cross!

Lift high his royal banner,

it must not suffer loss.

From victory unto victory

his army he shall lead,

till every foe is vanquished,

and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,

the solemn watchword hear;

if while ye sleep he suffers,

away with shame and fear.

Where'er ye meet with evil,

within you or without,

charge for the God of battles,

and put the foe to rout.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,

stand in his strength alone;

the arm of flesh will fail you,

ye dare not trust your own.

Put on the gospel armour,

each piece put on with prayer;

when duty calls or danger

be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,

the strife will not be long;

this day the noise of battle,

the next the victor's song.

To him that overcometh

a crown of life shall be;

he with the King of glory

shall reign eternally.

Epistle:**Romans 8:6-11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:**John 11:1-45**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light

of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So

the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ



Lent Lunches 2017

Baptist Church, Institute Road Car Park entrance.

Fridays in Lent - 12 noon to 2 pm

Last lunch this Friday, 7 April 2017

Soup, bread and cheese, followed by tea or coffee.

Suggested minimum donation £3.

All proceeds to CTiF charity of the year:

Faversham Food Bank

Lent talks - our clergy team have planned a series of Lent talks in the church for the Mondays in Lent up to Holy Week.

Last talk - 7.30 pm on Monday
3 April 2017.

Stations of the Cross:

Barabbas - The Cross and Liberty

Archbishop Justin will be giving Holy Week Lectures on British Values in the nave of Canterbury Cathedral from 7.30 pm on Monday, 10 April, Tuesday, 11 April and Wednesday, 12 April. Each lecture will be followed by a service of music, scripture and prayer for holy week sung by the Cathedral Choir. See posters for details.

(St Mary of Charity will have a Compline service on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week from 7.30 pm)

Church Electoral Roll:

This is the time of year when the roll is revised. If anyone would like their name added please pick up a church membership pack from the back of church. This contains an electoral roll application form (return this to Mary Wimlett or one of the churchwardens) and details of the planned giving scheme (see Brian Wimlett). Electoral roll forms need to be returned by Tuesday, 4 April, please.

A list of the names already on the roll is pinned up on a notice board at the back of the church.

APCM

**St Mary of Charity's Annual Parochial
Church Meeting will be at St Mary of
Charity Primary School on
Tuesday, 25 April 2017**

**Refreshments on arrival at 7 pm
for a 7.30 pm start**

The following positions will be voted in at the APCM:

Two churchwardens

Three deanery synod representatives

Two PCC members

Real Easter Egg NEW 2017 Range



Sharing Box
(RRP £30)

Special Edition
(RRP £8.50)

Original
(RRP £3.00)

**New! Dark Eggs
Easter story**

Dark
(RRP £5.50) **Egg Hunt**
(RRP £5.00)

A 24 page Easter story-activity book
Illustrated by Alida Massari

The egg that shares the Easter story

The new look Real Easter Egg 2017 range has been launched and churches are being asked to encourage people to support this unique way of sharing the story of Easter.

This year a 24 page Easter story-activity book illustrated by Alida Massari is included in the Original, Egg Hunt and Dark eggs. The Special Edition has an Easter traditions booklet inside. The Sharing box, with 30 eggs, comes with colour-in posters.

Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and makes a donation to charity from sales.

The Real Easter Egg was launched in 2010 but the supermarkets turned down the idea. It was left to churches and church schools to place orders to fund The Meaningful Chocolate Company to make The Real Easter Egg.

To date, more than one million eggs have been sold with 750,000 of these sent through the post directly to churches and schools. The rest have been sold through independent retailers and supermarkets.

The success of The Real Easter Egg has meant that the production of Fairtrade chocolate has moved to the UK. Over £250,000 has been raised from sales for charitable causes.

Where to buy

The whole range can be ordered online at www.realeasteregg.co.uk or from Traidcraft, Eden.co.uk, TLM trading.com, Embrace the Middle East. Christian bookshops and some cathedrals also have stock.

You can also buy the blue Original egg from Tesco, Waitrose, Morrisons.

**See the full shop list or order
at www.realeasteregg.co.uk**

Order forms are at the back of the church -
don't delay, Real Eggs sell out every year!

Easter Eggs: *Now is the time to catch a churchwarden or Richard Shipman to give a donation (monetary only please) towards The Great St Mary of Charity Easter Egg Hunt which will follow the 10.30 am service on Easter Sunday.*

*Come and decorate the church for
Easter*

*Easter Saturday between 9 am and noon
on Saturday, 15 April; 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.*

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Monday, 3 April 2017

7.30 pm Lent Talk: Barabbas - The Cross and Liberty

Wednesday, 5 April 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist

Friday, 7 April 2017

10.30 am Prayers in The Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 8 April 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Prayers in the Trinity Chapel *(followed by coffee)*

1 pm Wedding: Jack SPENCER/Amanda DOBSON

all church family are invited to join Jack and Amanda for the service.

Sunday, 9 April 2017, Palm Sunday

9 am Eucharist

10.30 am Parish Eucharist



The St Mary of Charity 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)	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Benefice Eucharist CW <i>Please check for details on which church this will be held at</i>		