

# St Mary of Charity

## Parish Church Faversham

### Fifth Sunday in Trinity

### 1 July 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 Benefice of Faversham clergy team and lay ministry and all whose ministry is in Faversham and the Osprunge Deanery;
- those who work for and helped create the NHS which has cared for us for decades;
- those affected by 'natural disasters' and extreme weather in the world;
- those affected by political unrest;
- those who strive for reconciliation;
- 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 Eucharist (CW) said**  
10.30 am Civic Service celebrating  
70 years of the NHS

**6 pm Choral Evensong**

**Readings:**

**2 Corinthians 8:7-15**

**Mark 5:21-43**

COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body  
of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer  
for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

**Next Sunday:**

**Sixth Sunday in Trinity**

**2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

**Mark 6:1-13**



## 6 pm Choral Evensong

Introit:	O Lord, increase our faith; <i>Loosemore</i>
Responses	Shepherd
Psalm and Setting	130, Ireland in F
Anthem	Glorious and Powerful God; <i>Stanford</i>
Hymn	There's a wideness in God's mercy



### **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.



## **First Reading**

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

You excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something – now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,  
‘The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum,' which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**





A message from the Foodbank:

*We are now feeding almost exactly 50% more people this year than we were last. The town continues to be generous and we are very grateful but the amount of stock coming in at the supermarket collection points is not keeping pace with the amount of food going out. We are very short of pretty much everything except for pasta and baked beans and we will soon have to consider drawing on our reserves of cash in order to buy more stock.*

*If you are able to support us, please donate in the bins in Tesco, Sainsbury and Morrison, at St Mary of Charity or drop off at the Gospel Mission. We can collect if that would help anyone. Many thanks.*

*Please continue to pray for all those who help in the foodbank and for those who need us.*

In an effort to reduce copying and paper waste, we will be producing 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 will be for individual Sundays and will give information relevant to services (readings, hymns, etc).

*Please don't forget to take your July Notice Sheet home with you!*

**Notices for August notice sheet to Catriona by  
Wednesday, 25 July latest!**

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