

# St Mary of Charity

## The Benefice of Faversham

### First Sunday in Lent

### 1 March 2020

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;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the bereaved;
- those elected to represent us in local councils or parliament;
- 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 volunteer their time to help others;
- 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) with hymns**  
10.30 am All Age Worship  
**6 pm Choral Evensong**

**Readings:**

**Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**  
**Romans 5:12-19**  
**Matthew 4:1-11**

**COLLECT:**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days  
in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are,  
yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves  
in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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:**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**Genesis 1:1-4a**  
**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**  
**John 3:1-17**



## 9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

Opening: Be thou my guardian and my guide

Offertory: My spirit longs for thee

Closing: Dear Lord and Father of mankind



## 6 pm Choral Evensong

Introit: Serenity; *Ives*

Responses Smith of Durham

Psalm 119, vv 1-8

Canticles: *Sumison in A*

Anthem Nolo mortem peccatoris; *Morley*

Hymn Dear Lord and Father of mankind



**Be thou my guardian and my guide,**

and hear me when I call;

let not my slippery footsteps slide,

and hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell

around the path I tread;

O save me from the snares of hell,

thou quickener of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin,

and outward things are strong,

do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,

and save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,  
and feel that I am frail;  
that if the tempter cross my way,  
yet he may not prevail.

**My spirit longs for thee**

within my troubled breast,  
though I unworthy be  
of so divine a guest.

Of so divine a guest  
unworthy though I be,  
yet has my heart no rest  
unless it come from thee.

Unless it come from thee,  
in vain I look around;  
in all that I can see  
no rest is to be found.

No rest is to be found  
but in thy blessed love:  
O let my wish be crowned,  
and send it from above!

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,**

    forgive our foolish ways ;  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
    in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
    beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
    rise up and follow thee.

\*O Sabbath rest by Galilee!

    O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
    interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
    till all our strivings cease ;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
    the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
    thy coolness and thy balm ;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire ;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
    O still small voice of calm.



## ***Old Testament***

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they

were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Here ends the Lesson.

***Epistle***

Romans 5:12-19

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of

righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

***Gospel Reading***

Matthew 4:1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

“One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you”,

and “On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

“Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**





# OPEN BENEFICE JOINT PCC

for The Benefice of Faversham  
at 7.30 pm  
on 2 March 2020

at St Mary of Charity Church of  
England Primary School

Jonathan Arnold, Canterbury  
Diocese's new Communities and  
Partnerships Director will join us.

This is open to all members of The Benefice congregations.  
Please see posters at the back of the church for details.

**Puppet Training Day  
at St Mary of Charity Church  
of England Primary School**

**Saturday, 14 March 2020**

**10 am - 4.30 pm**

A practical day of opportunities to develop your skills, find resources and be inspired with new ideas.

*Please see posters for information.*

**Leading Prayers  
at St Mary of Charity Church  
of England Primary School**

**Saturday, 21 March 2020**

**10 am - 12:30 pm**

An inspiring, informative, interactive training session for anyone leading intercessions in church services, or interested in doing so.

*Please see the monthly notice sheets for details.*



**VE DAY**

**Flower Festival - 8, 9 and 10 May**

**Volunteer welcomers will be needed  
for the flower festival.**

**If anyone can help for a couple of  
hours, please contact Victor Frith on  
(01795) 590588 or  
[victor.frith@btinternet.com](mailto:victor.frith@btinternet.com).**

**No knowledge of the history of the  
church is needed.**

## 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 Steel*

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

<b>First Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (CW with hymns)	10.30 am	All Age Worship <i>Family-friendly service</i>	6 pm	Choral Evensong
<b>Second Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
<b>Third Sunday</b>	9 am	Matins	10.30 am	Family Eucharist <i>Family-friendly service</i>		
<b>Fourth Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
<b>Fifth Sunday (if applicable)</b>	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 for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by  
Wednesday, 25 March, very latest!**

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