

St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham First Sunday in Advent 3 December 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 Bir al-Abed attack;
- those affected by the natural disasters in the world;
- the Rohingya seeking safety;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire;
- those who are experiencing financial hardship;
- those who work for the emergency services;
- those who are receiving medical treatment;
- those who volunteer their time for the good of others;
- the people of Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns
10.30am All Age Worship with
Christingle
6 pm Advent Carol Service

Readings:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

COLLECT:

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away
the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again
in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive
and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Next Sunday:
Second in Advent
2 Peter 3:8-15
Mark 1:1-8



9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

Opening: Hark a thrilling voice is sounding
Offertory: Awake, awake: fling off the night!
Closing: The lord will come and not be slow



Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;

'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day.'

Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

That when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

Awake, awake : fling off the night!

For God has sent his glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.

Awake and rise, with love renewed,
and with the Spirit's power endued.
The light of life in us must glow,
and fruits of truth and goodness show.

Let in the light: all sin expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before his cross for guidance kneel;
his light will judge and, judging, heal.

Awake, and rise up from the dead,
and Christ his light on you will shed.
Its power will wrong desires destroy,
and your whole nature fill with joy.

Then sing for joy, and use each day;
give thanks for everything always.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord will come and not be slow,

his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress ;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.

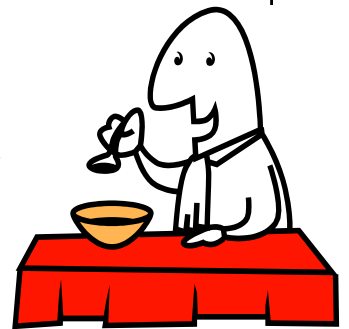
The nations all whom thou hast made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done :
thou in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.



The Christmas Parish Lunch will be on the second
Wednesday of the month - **13 December!**

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



Help decorate the church to celebrate the birth of our
Saviour! From 9 am to noon on Saturday,
16 December - bring yourself, secateurs or strong
scissors, greenery (if you have it) and some
enthusiasm (for decorating and then tidying your
area). If anyone has any greenery they would be
happy to donate, this would be very welcome. No
experience or expertise is required!

Please speak to Val Tyler if you are interested.



St Mary of Charity
Christmas Craft Fayre

10 am to 1 pm

Saturday, 9 December 2017

This week is the last chance to bring in your donations for the Christmas Fayre. We still need your bottles, chocolate, cakes and gifts.

There is still room for more stalls so if you know anyone who would like a stall then please let us know.

**Come and Sing Carols
at Faversham Cottage Hospital
on Tuesday, 19 December at 2pm
in the Dayroom**

Carol Sheets will be provided.

This short Carol Service is being conducted by St Mary of Charity, Faversham Parish Church.
Any queries to Ros Parrett 01795 530380

St Mary of Charity special services and events for Advent and Christmas 2017

**Sunday morning services follow the usual pattern unless
indicated otherwise**

Saturday, 9 December 2017

10 am to 1 pm Christmas Craft Fayre

Tuesday, 12 December 2017

7 pm Tuesday Group Advent Service *all are welcome*

Wednesday, 13 December 2017

12 noon Parish Christmas Lunch

2.15 pm Lorenden School Christmas Service

Saturday, 16 December 2017

7 pm Faversham Choral - Christmas with the Choral

Sunday, 17 December 2017

6 pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Monday, 18 December 2017

All Day - Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Christmas Services

Wednesday, 20 December 2017

9 am Ethelbert Road School Christmas Service

1.30 pm St Mary of Charity Primary School Christmas Service

Sunday, 24 December 2017

5 pm Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Monday, 25 December 2017 - Christmas Day

10.30 am Family Eucharist (no 9 am service)

Sunday, 31 December 2017 - First Sunday in Christmas

10 am Benefice Family Eucharist only (no 9 am service) *at Davington*

**There is no Wednesday Eucharist on
27 December 2017 or 3 January 2018**

Struan Dunn is now out of hospital and at home. He would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind messages and support during the past few months, which have been of great comfort to him and Sylvia.

Advent Reflections

Rev Sharran Ireland and Rev Simon Young

7.30 pm, on Monday, 4, 11, 18 December

At St Mary Magdalene

with St Lawrence, Davington



Advent Quiet Day

10 am - 4 pm

on Friday, 8 December 2017

at The Living Well.

Led by Roz Graham.

Cost £20.00 which includes lunch and tea.

Book with Clare on 01304 842847.

For further details, speak to Roz.

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Monday, 4 December 2017

7.30 pm Advent Reflection at St Mary Magdalene with St Lawrence, Davington

Tuesday, 5 December 2017

Morning Mustard Seed Music

Wednesday, 6 December 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter
10.30 am Eucharist (BCP)

Thursday, 7 December 2017

Morning Little Fishes - *Mary Kemp Music*

Friday, 8 December 2017

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 9 December 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer
10 am-noon Church Cafe
10 am-1 pm St Mary of Charity Christmas Craft Fayre

Sunday, 10 December 2017; Second in Advent

9 am Eucharist (BCP)
10.30 am Parish Eucharist (CW)



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>		