

**St Mary of Charity  
Parish Church Faversham  
First in Advent  
2 December 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 Ospringe Deanery;
- all visitors to our church and town;
- those affected by 'natural disasters' and extreme weather in the world;
- those affected by political unrest;
- those who strive for reconciliation;
- the bereaved;
- 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) with hymns**

10.30 am All Age Worship with  
Christingle

6 pm Advent Carol Service

**Readings:**

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

**Luke 21:25-36**

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  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6**



## 9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

Opening: O come, O come, Emmanuel  
Offertory: The Lord will come and not be slow  
Closing: Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding



**O come, O come, Emmanuel,**  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave:

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery:

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,  
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe:

**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.

**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.



St Mary of Charity will be holding the second of the  
table top sales to coincide with the Church Cafe on  
**Saturday, 8 December.**

**If you are able to make anything for the  
Church's cake or craft stalls (cakes,  
savouries, biscuits, preserves, etc) or  
have good quality items for the Tombola  
and Bottle Stall  
please speak to Val Tyler.**

CONTEMPLATING CHRISTMAS  
RESPONDING TO GOD'S GIFT OF JESUS



*Spend an hour this Advent*

*with reflections, silence & music*

**At Ss. Mary Magdalene & Lawrence**

**DAVINGTON**

**Mondays 26<sup>th</sup> November and**

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm**

## **Epistle**

*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 21:25-36*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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



St Mary of Charity (along with the rest of The Benefice of Faversham) will be using the *#FollowTheStar* books from Christmas Eve until Epiphany.

Please see the December Notice Booklet for further information.

# St Mary of Charity

## Table-top Sale!

Saturday, 8 December 2018

10 am 'til 1 pm

- ★ Church Cafe ★ Hand made crafts for Christmas ★
- ★ Prayer tags for the church Christmas tree ★
- ★ Tombola ★ And much, much more ★

In an effort to reduce copying and paper waste, we produce a monthly notice sheet for you to take home and keep which shows all coming services and events in the church, plus any notices. Pew sheets are for individual Sundays and give information relevant to services (readings, hymns, etc).

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

**Notices for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by  
Friday, 21 December latest!**

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