

# Parish Church of St Mary of Charity, Faversham

## First of Advent

### 27 November 2016

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;
- those involved in the Indore-Patna express train crash, Uttar Pradesh;
- those who were in The Jungle and those who work with them;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the family and friends of Jo Cox, MP;
- those who are receiving medical treatment and those who care for them;
- the people of New Zealand following their earthquake;
- the people of Fukushima following their earthquake;
- those experiencing financial hardship;
- the people of Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

All services for the Ospringe Deanery are suspended for a special Day with the Archbishop at West Faversham Community Centre

#### Readings:

**Romans 13:11-14**  
**Matthew 24:36-44**

#### COLLECT:

Almighty God,  
as Your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to  
the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet You  
in our Lord and Saviour,  
Jesus Christ.  
Amen

**Next Sunday:**  
**Second of Advent**  
**Romans 15:4-13**  
**Matthew 3:1-12**



**Churches Together in Faversham's Christmas cards** for Faversham giving details of the services at all the churches in town are now at the back of the church, divided into roads, for us to deliver. If you are able to take a street (or two!) to deliver this would be very much appreciated! We need to try to have all cards to our streets delivered by 10 December at the latest.

Thank you



## *Christingle*

*5 pm  
Sunday, 11 December 2016  
followed by tea and cake for all!*

Help decorate the church to celebrate the birth of our Saviour! From 9 am to noon on Saturday, 17 December - bring yourself, secateurs or strong scissors, greenery (if you have it) and some enthusiasm (for decorating and then tidying your area). No experience or expertise is required! Please speak to Val Tyler if you are interested.

# **Christmas Fair @ St Mary of Charity**

**10 am – 1 pm, 10 December 2016**

**in the church**

**We are looking for the following:**

- \* Bottles for a bottle stall;**
- \* toiletries;**
- \* cakes;**
- \* pickles and jams;**
- \* homemade sweets;**
- \* homemade craft;**
- \* jewellery;**
- \* Christmas gifts; and**
- \* good quality raffle prizes with a Christmas theme.**



**There will be a box in the back of church for donations.**

**\*\*We will also need volunteers to help run stalls,  
there is a sign up list in church\*\***

**In addition to church stalls, if you would like to have  
your own stall, these will be available for a £20  
donation to the church.**

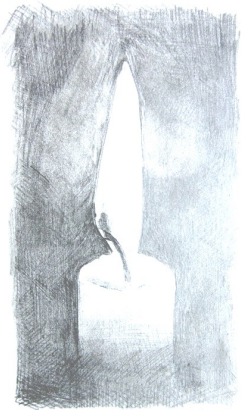
**All proceeds will be given to the sound system fund.**

**If you can help or are interested in a stall on the  
day, please contact Gail on  
**01795 532592** or  
**[gail@rowlandsfamily.co.uk](mailto:gail@rowlandsfamily.co.uk)****

# Contemplating Christmas!

Join us for an hour of reflection during Advent on the meaning of Christmas through the eyes of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

From 7.30 pm on Mondays: 28 November and 5, 12 and 19 December at St Mary of Charity, Faversham



Rev Sharran Ireland

## **Carols in the Marketplace 23 December 2016**

Churches Together in Faversham is asking each church in Faversham to provide two marshals for this event, otherwise it might yet fall at the last hurdle!

If you are able to volunteer for this could you please let Jan Negus have your name and contact details ASAP ([janet.negus@gmail.com](mailto:janet.negus@gmail.com)).

Stewards will need to be available from 6.30 pm - 8.15 pm (latest!), singing starts at 7 pm.

Thank you for your generous donations over the past few years; the foodbank is very low on the following:



Long life milk (whole, semi and skimmed)

Long life fruit juice

Tinned rice pudding

Sugar

Toilet rolls

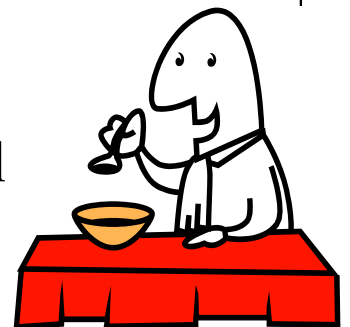
**If you are able to donate toiletries (especially shower gel/shampoo) and any feminine hygiene products, this would also be greatly appreciated.**

**And any seasonal items you are able to provide would also be very welcome.**

**Thank you**

December's Christmas Parish Lunch will be  
on **Wednesday, 7 December!**

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





# Carols with the Choral

Faversham Choral Society

Conductor: Dom del Nevo

Hernhill Primary School Choir

Faversham Mission Brass



**Saturday, 10 December 2016**

**7.30 pm**

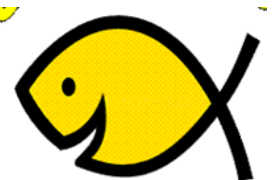
Tickets £10 ★ under 10s free ★ students £5

Mulled wine and mince pies

Tickets from Carter's Newsagents, Market Place and  
[wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com)

Little Fishes will be holding their annual 'Very Mini Christmas Craft Fayre' on **Thursday, 8 December** from 10.15 am to 11 am; if you'd like to pop in to the South Transept and have a look to see if you can find some early and unique stocking fillers, please do come along.

All profits to Little Fishes.



**Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!**

**[admin@stmaryofcharity.org](mailto:admin@stmaryofcharity.org)**

**01795 530553**

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# The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

## Monday, 28 November 2016

10-10.45 am Mustard Seed Music *Please note change of day!*  
 7.30 pm Contemplating Christmas *North Transept*

## Wednesday, 30 November 2016

8.15 am Deanery Chapter  
 10.30 am Eucharist (BCP)

## Thursday, 1 December 2016

10-11.30 am Little Fishes - *Music with Mary Kemp*

## Friday, 2 December 2016

10.30 am Prayers in The Trinity Chapel

## Saturday, 3 December 2016

8-9 am Early Morning Prayers in the Trinity Chapel *(followed by coffee)*  
 afternoon Rehearsal for Faversham Voices  
 7 pm Faversham Voices: The isle is full of Noises *(see inside for details)*

## Sunday, 4 December 2016, Second of Advent

9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns  
 10.30 am Morning Praise  
 6 pm Choral Evensong



<b>First Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (CW with hymns)	10.30 am	Morning Praise <i>Family-friendly</i>	6 pm	Choral Evensong
<b>Second Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist CW		
<b>Third Sunday</b>	9 am	Matins	10.30 am	Family Eucharist CW <i>Family-friendly service</i>		
<b>Fourth Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist CW		
<b>Fifth Sunday (if applicable)</b>	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>		