

# St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham

## First in Lent

### 18 February 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 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;
- the Rohingya seeking safety;
- 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;
- 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 Matins**

10.30 am Family Eucharist (CW)  
1 pm Baptism: LADD

**Readings:**

**Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**

**Romans 5:12-19**

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 in Lent**  
**1 Peter 3:18-22**  
**Mark 1:9-15**



## 9 am Matins

Responses	Ferial
Psalm	25 v 1 - 9
Canticles	Venite & Jubilate
Anthem	Almighty and everlasting God; <i>Gibbons</i>
Opening	On Jordan's bank
Offertory	Lord thy word abideth



### **On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry**

announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent sets thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

**Lord, thy word abideth,**  
and our footsteps guideth;  
who its truth believeth  
light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,  
then thy word doth cheer us,  
word of consolation,  
message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,  
and dark clouds before us,  
then its light directeth,  
and our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,  
who recount the treasure  
by thy word imparted  
to the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving  
succour to the living;  
word of life, supplying  
comfort to the dying.

O that we discerning  
its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear thee,  
evermore be near thee!



*Tweet 4 of 10*

Reflection is about focusing on the truth inside of us. Looking at actions, interactions, words, thoughts, negativity and being open to being wrong will all enhance inner truth and reveal our vulnerability and weaknesses. If acknowledged inwardly this reflection will add depth to our relationships, integrity, honesty and strength of character.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***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.**

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\* The Tuesday Group's next open meeting will  
\* be held at 7.30 pm on 27 February, at the Age UK  
\* premises, with 'Keep Calm and Colour'.  
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\* This meeting is open to anyone who would like to  
\* come along and share fellowship.  
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**Once again we will be offering people the opportunity to buy a Fairtrade Real Easter Egg, through The Meaningful Chocolate Company for this Easter. Sign up forms will be in the church after this week.**

**Please do think about getting a Real Easter Egg which focuses on the true meaning of Easter!**

**Speak to Alison Swinney for details.**

## **CALAIS CHILDREN: A CASE TO ANSWER**

Showing at - St Mary of Charity Parish Church, Faversham,

On - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018, at - 7.30pm

Admission £5 on the door, all money raised for Sue Clayton's campaign. Sue will be with us for a Q & A session. Refreshments will be available.



**A new film by Sue Clayton (UK 60 min)**

## **CALAIS CHILDREN: A CASE TO ANSWER**

The award-winning documentary film by Sue Clayton (UK 62 min, 2017) will be shown in this church on Thursday 22 February, at 7.30pm.

Sue is funding legal representation for the unaccompanied children abandoned by the UK Government in Calais, many of whom have a legal right to enter Britain.

Sue will join us for a Q & A session after the film.

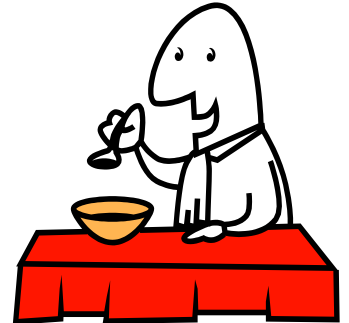
Money raised when the film is shown will go to her campaign.

Tickets £5 on the door. Light refreshments available.

The Parish Lunch will be on the third  
Wednesday of the month

**21 February 2018**

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



## **Lent Lunches**

St Mary of Charity will be hosting the Lent Lunch at the Baptist Church on Friday, 2 March. If anyone is able to help with preparation, serving or setting up/clearing away, please speak to Val Tyler.

The dates for the Lent Lunches are:

23 February

2 March

9 March

16 March

23 March

Lunches are between 12 noon and 1.45 - 2 pm at the Baptist Church Hall (the rear entrance - Institute Road) and the minimum donation is £3.00.

The lunches are a wonderful expression of fellowship with our fellow Christians (and non-Christians!)



## **Essential work on the North Transept buttresses starts in March!**

Thank you everyone who came in yesterday to help with clearing the north transept prior to the scaffolding being erected. Once the scaffold is up, the north side of the transept will be completely blocked off and inaccessible.

And thanks to everyone who gives their time during the week to help keep our beautiful church dusted, vacuumed and polished.

## *A Pilgrimage through Lent*

*7.30 pm on Mondays in Lent beginning  
Monday, 19 February (approx 1 hour)*

*St Mary of Charity,*

*Please journey with us!*

*Simon Young and Sharran Ireland*



Raising funds for St Mary of Charity Parish Church

# Quiz 'n' ? Chips

**SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY**

At St Mary of Charity Primary School

**Maximum 8 people per table**

**£7 per person includes sausage & chip supper.**

**Doors open at 7pm for a prompt 7.30 start**

**Please bring your own drinks / Raffle on the night**

**To book place please contact Martin or Victoria**

**01795 530421 [marttyler@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:marttyler@tiscali.co.uk)**

**All profits from this evening will go to St Mary of Charity Parish Church**

## **Who's missing?**

**Have you noticed one of our church family who you normally see on Sundays is no longer attending church?**

**Is there someone you know who has had to stop coming to church because of ill health but would like to remain in contact?**

**We have a group of volunteers who can visit people in their homes to be a link to the church and provide spiritual support. Home Communion can also be given.**

**If there is someone you think would benefit from such a visit please contact the Pastoral Visitors' Co-ordinator Kevin Swinney ([kevin.swinney@outlook.com](mailto:kevin.swinney@outlook.com)) or a member of the Clergy team.**

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

**01795 530553**

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# The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

## Wednesday, 21 February 2018

10.30 am Eucharist *followed by*  
12 noon Parish Lunch

## Thursday, 22 February 2018

10-11.30 am Little Fishes *Play Dough!*  
7.30 pm Film - **Calais Children: A Case to Answer**. See *inside/posters for details*

## Friday, 23 February 2018

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel  
12 noon Lent Lunch in the Baptist Church Hall (Institute Road)

## Saturday, 24 February 2018

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer  
7 pm Quiz 'n' Chips at *St Mary of Charity Primary School*

## Sunday, 25 February 2018; Second in Lent

9 am Eucharist (BCP)  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist (CW) with baptism (EHOHO)  
1 pm Baptism: (QUINNELL)



## The St Mary of Charity usual monthly pattern of services:

<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>		