

Parish Church of St Mary of Charity, Faversham First Sunday Lent 5 March 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;
- those who help with Mission within the Church worldwide;
- help us to focus on the things we have in common, not our differences;
- those receiving medical treatment and those who care for them;
- those affected by violence;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the people of Britain and Europe experiencing extreme weather;
- the homeless;
- those who are grieving;
- those experiencing financial hardship;
- the people of Nigeria, Somalia, Yemen and South Sudan; 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:

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 in Lent
Romans 4:1-513-17
John 3:1-17



9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

Opening: Forty days and forty nights
Offertory: Jesu, lover of my soul
Closing: Be Thou my guardian and my guide



6 pm Choral Evensong

Introit: Purge me, O Lord; Tallis
Responses Ayleward
Psalm: 32
Canticles: Moore, Third Service
Anthem Jesu, grant me this, I pray; Whitlock
Hymn Forty days and forty nights



Forty days and forty nights

thou wast fasting in the wild ;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled :
Sunbeams scorching all the day ;
chilly dew-drops nightly shed ;
prowling beasts about thy way ;
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Shall not we thy sorrows share,
and from earthly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
glad with thee to suffer pain ?

And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
thou, his vanquisher before,
grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine ;
holier gladness ours shall be ;
round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side ;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high :
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past ;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee ;
leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring ;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
more than all in thee I find;
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art:
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

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.



Lent Lunches 2017

Baptist Church, Institute Road Car Park entrance.

Fridays in Lent - 12 noon to 2 pm

10, 17, 24, 31 March and 7 April 2017

Soup, bread and cheese, followed by tea or coffee.

Suggested minimum donation £3.

All proceeds to CTiF charity of the year:

Faversham Food Bank

St Mary of Charity is on a 'rest' this year, but if anyone would like to help with Davington or Ospringe's lunches, please let Val Tyler know
(01795 536082)

Epistle:

Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, 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 judgment 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 one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man'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
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 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

Lent talks - our clergy team have planned a series of Lent talks in the church for the Mondays in Lent up to Holy Week.

7.30 pm on Monday

6, 13, 20, 27 March and 6 April 2017.

Stations of the Cross:

Peter - The Cross and Discipleship

Judas - The Cross and Betrayal

High Priest - The Cross and Religion

Pilate - The Cross and Worldly Power

Barabbas - The Cross and Liberty



Enjoying God

A quiet day led by Roz Graham.

10.00 am - 3.30 pm

Thursday, 16 March 2017

All Saints, Graveney

Booking Roz Graham 01795 538079

or Rev Gill Read 01795 534059

£5.00

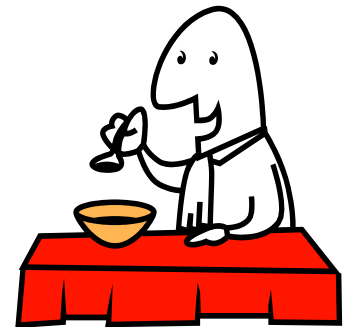
Bring your own lunch. Beverages provided.

Open to all

March's Parish Lunch will be on

Wednesday, 15 March!

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



If you are offered supermarket *vouchers for schools* and aren't sure whether to take them or not ... please *do* take them and put them in the collection here; we will pass them on to St Mary of Charity Primary School.

Cathedral Passes: if you'd like a form for a Cathedral Pass (which allows the holder free access to the Cathedral and the Precincts), please see Catriona.

Passes are available to all who are on the electoral roll of a church in the Canterbury Diocese, work in the old city or live within four miles of Bell Harry Tower.

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) or a member of the Clergy team.

Bishop Trevor invites us in Renewing our life together in prayer

Saturday, 11 March 2017, 9.30 am – 12.45

John Wallis Academy, Millbank Road, Ashford

As the Diocese moves towards a strategy for renewal where being 'rooted in prayer' is a key component, synod will take time to explore our prayer life together.

Following our themes of conversations at synod we will be able to listen in to the thoughts of Sonia Beranger (Sub Prior of the Community of St Anselm's at Lambeth Palace) as she talks about prayer. We will also hear witness stories that will encourage us to be a praying community and to help us prepare for a Diocesan Day of Prayer on Saturday, 18 November 2017.

Places for visitors are limited and although members' places are guaranteed, it is essential that members and visitors wishing to attend book in. Book through Canterbury Diocese or via

www.canterburydiocese.org/events/diocesan-open-march2017

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

admin@stmaryofcharity.org

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Monday, 6 March 2017

7.30 pm Lent Talk: Peter - The Cross and Discipleship

Tuesday, 7 March 2017

10-10.45 am Mustard Seed Music *with Naomi Smith*

Wednesday, 8 March 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist

Thursday, 9 March 2017

10-11.30 Little Fishes - *planting sunflower seeds*

Friday, 10 March 2017

10.30 am Prayers in The Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 11 March 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Prayers in the Trinity Chapel *(followed by coffee)*

3 pm Wedding: Connor MURPHY/Samantha PILCHER

Sunday, 12 March 2017, First in Lent

9 am Eucharist

10.30 am Parish Eucharist



The St Mary of Charity monthly pattern of services:

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)	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>		