

St Mary of Charity

Parish Church Faversham

First in Trinity

23 June 2019

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;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the bereaved;
- those elected to represent us in local councils or parliament;
- 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 Eucharist (BCP)
10.30 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

Readings:

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Psalm 43

Luke 8:26-39

COLLECT:

O God,
the strength of all those
who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness
of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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 Trinity

**Joint Deanery service at
St Mary of Charity at 10 am**

2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62



Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.'

Here ends the Lesson.

Psalm 43

We say together

Give judgement for me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly people;
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

For you are the God of my refuge;
why have you cast me from you,
and why go I so heavily, while the enemy
oppresses me?

O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling,

That I may go to the altar of God,
to the God of my joy and gladness;
and on the lyre I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

*Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,
and why are you so disquieted within me?*

*O put your trust in God;
for I will yet give him thanks,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 8:26-39

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' – for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He

said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



THE BENEFICE OF FAVERSHAM

St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham



HOLIDAY CLUB

12 to 16 August

10 am to 12.30 pm

**SONGS—TEACHING—FUN—GAMES
CRAFT—CREAM TEA—BBQ**

To book a place either contact Martin on
01795 530421 or youth@stmaryofcharity.org
or download the registration form from
www.stmaryofcharity.org/HolidayClub

Copies also available at the back of the church.

Join us at **10 am on Sunday, 30 June**
for a joint Ospringe Deanery Service led
by Archdeacon Stephen
and with our brothers and sisters
in Christ throughout the Deanery.

There are no other church services that
morning in the Deanery.

The service will be followed by a cake stall
raising money for this year's
Benefice Holiday Club
Kingdom Keepers.

Holiday Club runs from 12 to 16 August.

If anyone would like to make cakes,
savouries or biscuits for
the Holiday Club cake stall
on 30 June,
please let Martin Tyler know.

Thank you.

**REV SIMON ROWLANDS IS ON A
SABBATICAL UNTIL 31 JULY 2019.
DURING JUNE IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO
A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY
ON A PASTORAL MATTER,
PLEASE CALL 01795 537232 AND ASK
FOR REV SHARRAN IRELAND.**

Please do try to remain aware at all times of where your valuables are while you are in the building and do not leave bags, or any items you wouldn't want to lose, unattended during services or hospitality.

Unfortunately, this includes Eucharist; although we have Churchwardens and Sidespeople, they cannot be everywhere.

**Notices for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by
Wednesday, 26 June, very latest!**

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