

St Mary of Charity
Parish Church Faversham
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Festival
17 September 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 and the Ospringe Deanery;
- those who grow and harvest our food;
- those affected by the floods in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh;
- the people of Sierra Leone;
- those affected by hurricanes in the Caribbean and USA;
- the Rohingya seeking safety;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire;
- 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 (BCP)
10.30am All Age Eucharist with
Harvest Thanksgiving

Readings:

Micah 4:1-5

Luke 12:16-31

COLLECT:

Eternal God,
you crown the year with
your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth
in their season:
grant that we may use them
to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and
for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Next Sunday:

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16



Old Testament

Micah 4:1-5

In the last days
the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established
as the highest of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills,
and peoples will stream to it.
Many nations will come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths."
The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He will judge between many peoples
and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide.
They will beat their swords into ploughshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.
Everyone will sit under their own vine
and under their own fig tree,
and no one will make them afraid,
for the Lord Almighty has spoken.
All the nations may walk
in the name of their gods,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord
our God for ever and ever.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:16-31

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke **Glory to you, O Lord.**

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you - you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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

Thank you to our Harvest Festival decorators!

We'd like to thank everyone who gave their time and enthusiasm and those who gave flowers, fruit and foliage and to help decorate the church for the Harvest Festival Service.

And thanks especially to Val and her team for organising everything so that the church looks so lovely today



Macmillan World's Greatest Coffee Morning

10 am to 11.30 am

Friday, 29 September 2017

19 The Leas

Nearest bus stop: Bysing Wood Road (The Leas)

110 yards. Service 3X, 3B, 3C or 333

With Daphne and Antony Millett



Macmillan World's Greatest Coffee Morning II

10 am - noon

30 September 2017

St Mary of Charity

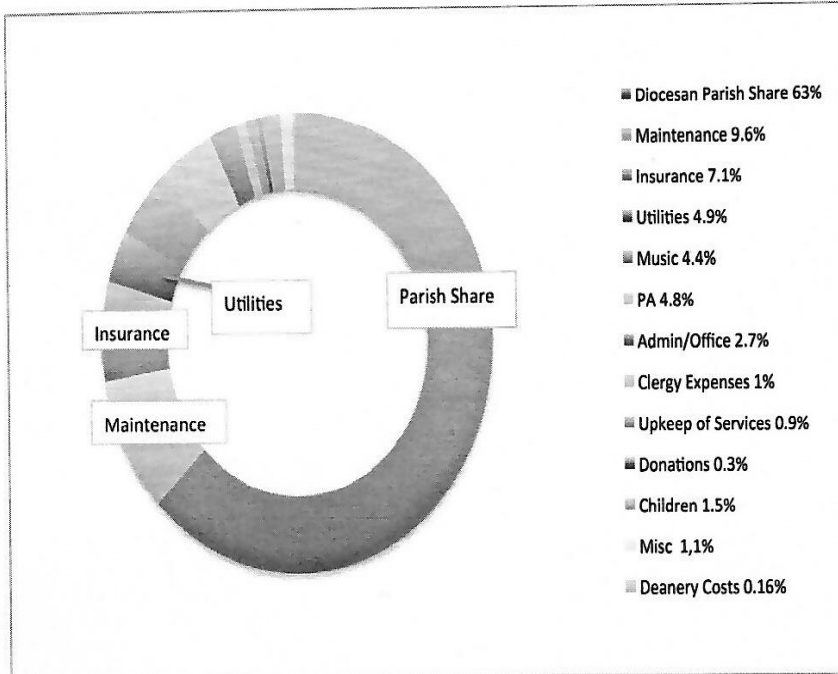
Teas, coffees, homemade cakes and savouries.



Can you help reduce the deficit?

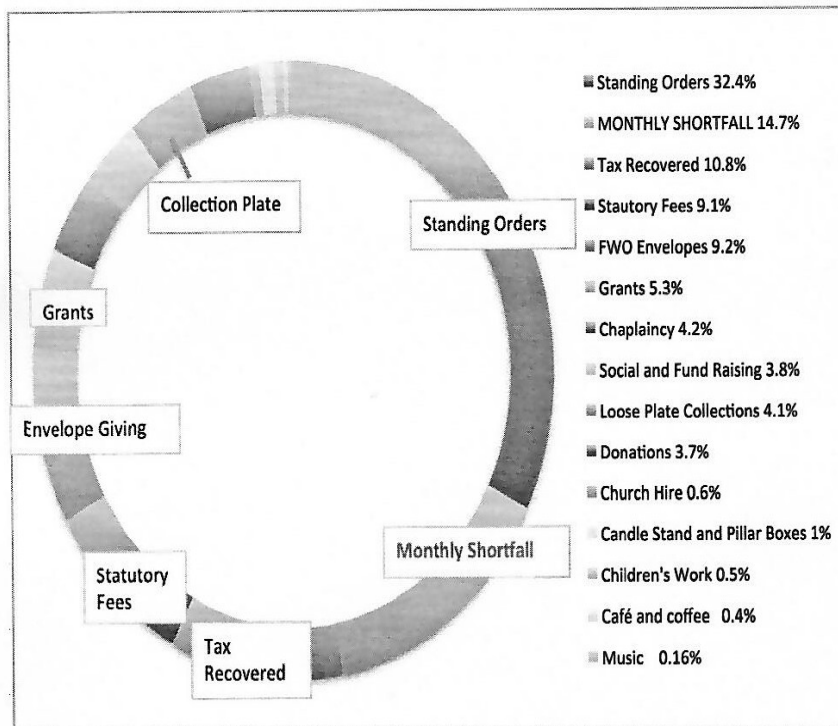
Details of the average monthly income and expenditure for January 1st to 31st August 2017

Expenditure per Month



	<u>Expenditure per month</u>
Diocesan Parish Share 63%	£6,284
Maintenance 9.6%	£957
Insurance 7.1%	£708
Utilities 4.9%	£371
Music 4.4%	£490
PA 4.8%	£476
Admin/Office 2.7%	£214
Clergy Expenses 1%	£101
Upkeep of Services 0.9%	£90
Donations 0.3%	£35
Children 1.5%	£151
Misc 1.1%	£110
Deanery Costs 0.16%	£16
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Income per Month showing monthly shortfall



	<u>Income per month</u>
Standing Orders 32.4%	£3,278
MONTHLY SHORTFALL 14.7%	£1,486
Tax Recovered 10.8%	£1,087
Statutory Fees 9.1%	£921
FWO Envelopes 9.2%	£930
Grants 5.3%	£538
Chaplaincy 4.2%	£422
Social and Fund Raising 3.8%	£380
Loose Plate Collections 4.1%	£418
Donations 3.7%	£377
Church Hire 0.6%	£58
Candle Stand and Pillar Boxes 1%	£102
Children's Work 0.5%	£50
Café and coffee 0.4%	£33
Music 0.16%	£6
Home Communion 0.2%	£17
Monthly income received	£8,617
Monthly income needed	£10,003
	<hr/> MONTHLY SHORTFALL
	<hr/> £1,486

The monthly short fall has decreased in the last 2 months however it is likely that it will rise when the cost of the utilities e.g. gas will inevitably increase and when quarter payments are made.

A clearer display of these figures can be seen on the coloured version of this on the board at the back of church.

Stella Fryer, who was a regular at our Wednesday Eucharist services, died on Sunday, 3rd September 2017 at Hamilton Care Home, Sturry.

Stella's funeral service will take place on Tuesday, 26th September, 12.30 pm at Ospringle Church followed by a 2 pm committal at Charing crematorium. Rev Penny Fenton will take the service.

St Mary Magdalene with St Lawrence and The Brents, Davington, is holding a Coffee Morning with a Table Top Sale on Saturday, 23 September 2017; 10.30 am start.

Anyone wishing to hire a table is asked to pay £5.

Davington are asking people to donate *quality items* to sell at reasonable rates. For more information please contact

the Davington Churchwardens:

Elizabeth lillibet.walsh@btinternet.com or

Nigel nigel.edwards@londonlibrary.co.uk

A plea for help re premises

From 18 September 2017 Faversham Assistance Centre (FACE) will be homeless!

We really need some support; permanent and temporary suggestions would be welcome, please.

We need space for two people: an L-shaped desk for two people, two small cabinets and two computers (with printer etc). We are house-trained and don't make much noise or take up much space.

**Thank you - Miranda
(trigpointx@gmail.com)**



Faversham's Foodbank provides a vital service in the town. If you are able to donate, items currently needed urgently include:

UHT Milk
Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Fruit
Breakfast Cereal
Long Life Fruit Juice
Tinned Sponge Puddings
Squash
Chocolate Bars
Shampoo
Cooking Oil



**We are putting the church mice
on a diet! and you have to help!**

***Please enjoy biscuits or cake at the west end of
the church, and, if you do have food with you in
the pews, take the remains away
for your own mice!***

**There are dustpans and brushes
available to sweep up any debris...**



Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Tuesday, 19 September 2017

10–10.45 am Mustard Seed Music *exploring singing, music and rhythm in a comfortable environment for children aged one to school age*

Wednesday, 20 September 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist (BCP) followed by

12 noon Parish Lunch

Thursday, 21 September 2017

10-11.30 am Little Fishes: *Harvest potato prints*

Friday, 22 September 2017

10.30 am Prayers in the Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 23 September 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Praise

10 am-12 noon Church Cafe

Sunday, 24 September 2017

9 am Eucharist (BCP)

10.30 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

1 pm Baptism

2 pm Baptism

The St Mary of Charity usual 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)	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>		