

St Mary of Charity

Parish Church Faversham

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity / Harvest

22 September 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 volunteer their time to help others;
- 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)
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
2.30 pm Baptism

Readings:

Deuteronomy 8
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 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:

Fifteenth after Trinity / Michaelmas

10 am Benefice service at
St Mary Magdalene with
St Lawrence, Davington and
The Brents

Genesis 28:10-17
Revelation 12:7-12
John 1:47-51



This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. The clothes on your back did not wear out and your feet did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the Lord your God disciplines you. Therefore keep the commandments of the Lord your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your

fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to

your ancestors, as he is doing today. If you do forget the Lord your God and follow other gods to serve and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the Lord is destroying before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

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 Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will

they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

He 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 clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?’

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows

that you need them. Instead, strive for 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 everyone who helped
decorate the church for our harvest
celebrations.**



And many thanks to Val and Keith Tyler for their hard work organising, arranging and encouraging.

Most of the donations received will be divided between the Faversham Foodbank and Catching Lives, with fresh produce going to the Faversham Umbrella Centre.

Tuesday Group, 7.30 pm on 24 September 2019
Age UK Premises, Crescent Road, Faversham

Please come along for a talk from one of the
volunteers from the Kent Surrey Sussex Air
Ambulance Service, which promises to be an
interesting and inspiring meeting.

MacMillan Coffee Morning: 10 am-noon,
Friday, 27 September 2019
Park View, Whitstable Road

**Memorial Service for Joan Tovey
at St Peter and St Paul, Ospringe
2.45 pm, Friday, 27 September 2019**

All are welcome to join to give thanks for the
life of this former Mayoress of Faversham.

Sir Roger Moate

**Memorial and celebration of a life
2.45 pm, Tuesday, 15 October 2019**

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Please join us to give thanks for the life of
Sir Roger, who gave his time freely in
Faversham and for this church.

**Please see notices in the church regarding the
Licensing service for the new
Community and Mission Priest for
The Benefice of Faversham,
Rev Dan Corcoran,
on Saturday, 28 September 2019.**

**Rev Dan's first service in the Benefice will be
at the joint service at Davington at 10 am
on Sunday, 30 September 2019.**

Thank you to everyone who cooked,
baked, served, cleared, washed and
helped in any way with the
Church Cafe and Pudding Club
on 14 September
(or if you had a stall in the market).

And thank you to everyone who attended
and shared the love!

**Notices for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by
Wednesday, 25 September, very latest!**

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