

# St Mary of Charity

## Parish Church Faversham

### Fourteenth Sunday in Trinity

### 2 September 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 Benefice of Faversham 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;
- those affected by political unrest;
- those who strive for reconciliation;
- 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;
- the people of Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

**9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns**

11 am Hop Festival Service with  
Blessing of the Hops  
6 pm Evensong (said)

**Readings:**

**James 1:17-27**

**Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**

COLLECT:

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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 Sunday in Trinity**

**James 2:1-17**

**Mark 7:24-31**



## 9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

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**Teach me, my God and King,**  
in all things thee to see ;  
and what I do in anything  
to do it as for thee.

A man that looks on glass,  
on it may stay his eye ;  
or, if he pleaseth, through it pass,  
and then the heaven espy.

All may of thee partake ;  
nothing can be so mean  
which, with this tincture, *For thy sake,*  
will not grow bright and clean.

A servant with this clause  
makes drudgery divine ;  
who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,  
makes that and the action fine.

This is the famous stone  
that turneth all to gold ;  
for that which God doth touch and own  
cannot for less be told.

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,**  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure;  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine;  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God:  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

**O Jesus, I have promised**  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;

O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;

O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:

O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.



Joan Bradley's Burial of Ashes will take place at  
10 am on Thursday, 6 September.

John Pettett's Burial of Ashes will take place at  
4 pm on Friday, 7 September.

***PLEASE NOTE THE WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTIC  
SERVICES START ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2018***

## **Epistle**

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

# Gospel

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ He said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honours me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**





A message from the Foodbank:

*We are now feeding almost exactly 50% more people this year than we were last. The town continues to be generous and we are very grateful but the amount of stock coming in at the supermarket collection points is not keeping pace with the amount of food going out. We are very short of pretty much everything except for pasta and baked beans and we will soon have to consider drawing on our reserves of cash in order to buy more stock.*

*If you are able to support us, please donate in the bins in Tesco, Sainsbury and Morrison, at St Mary of Charity or drop off at the Gospel Mission. We can collect if that would help anyone. Many thanks.*

*Please continue to pray for all those who help in the foodbank and for those who need us.*

In an effort to reduce copying and paper waste, we produce a monthly notice sheet for you to take home and keep which shows all coming services and events in the church, plus any notices. Pew sheets are for individual Sundays and give information relevant to services (readings, hymns, etc).

*Please don't forget to take your September Notice Sheet home with you!*

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

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