

St Mary of Charity
Parish Church Faversham
All Souls
Fourth Sunday before Advent
4 November 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;
- all visitors to our church and town;
- the bereaved;
- 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
10.30am All Age Worship
3 pm All Souls Service

Readings:
Revelation 21:1-6
John 11:32-44

COLLECT:
Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your
Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow
your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come
to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those
who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen

Next Sunday:
Remembrance Day
Third Sunday before Advent
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
John 15:9-17



9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

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Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own ;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne :
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest ;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God ;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King ;

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek ;
may ours this blessing be ;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

King of glory, King of peace,

I will love thee ;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.

Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me ;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.

Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee ;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee :
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

All Souls Memorial Service

This service will be held here at
3 pm this afternoon
followed by refreshments.

It is open for anyone
who would like to attend;
if you would like the name of a loved one
read out during the service,
please let Catriona know
*(there is a sheet at the back of the church for you
to add names in her absence).*

Epistle

Revelation 21:1-6

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’ ..

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 11:32-44

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Thank you to everyone who helped in the church for our St Crispin and St Crispinian Festival last weekend.

To everyone who came along; and helped clean, volunteered their time as guides, chatted with visitors, baked, served and tidied afterwards at St Mary of Charity, or hosted visitors.

And especially to our choir and the Chapel Choir of Worcester College, Oxford for their beautiful singing.

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 November Notice Sheet home with you!

**Notices for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by
Wednesday, 22 November latest!**

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