

**St Mary of Charity  
Parish Church Faversham  
All Souls  
Fourth Sunday before Advent  
5 November 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 have married in the Faversham Benefice this year;
- those affected by the shootings in Las Vegas;
- those affected by the natural disasters in the world;
- 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 (CW) with hymns**  
10.30am All Age Worship  
3 pm Joint Benefice All Souls Service

**Readings:**

**1 John 1:1-3**  
**Matthew 5:5-12**

**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

Opening: The Church's one foundation  
Offertory: For all the saints who from their labours rest  
Closing: Alleluia sing to Jesus



### **The church's one foundation**

is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy Bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses  
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore opprest,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distrest;  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore ;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won :  
O happy ones and holy !  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

**For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.**

*Alleluia. Alleluia*

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might ;  
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight ;  
thou, in the darkness, still their one true light.

*Alleluia. Alleluia*

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

*Alleluia. Alleluia*

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

*Alleluia. Alleluia*

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

*Alleluia. Alleluia*

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

*Alleluia. Alleluia*

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:  
the King of glory passes on his way.

*Alleluia. Alleluia*

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Alleluia. Alleluia*

### **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.

## ***Epistle***

*1 John 1:1-3*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure..

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***Gospel Reading***

*Matthew 5:5-12*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and  
falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice  
and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the  
same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” .

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



**During the week commencing Monday, 6 November, the church's  
new sound system will be installed.** This will mean that at times  
some areas of the church will be blocked off. Although Mustard Seed  
Music and Little Fishes have been cancelled next week, the  
Wednesday Eucharist will still go ahead as planned.

Please be aware of the restricted access, and don't try to go into areas  
where works are taking place! Anyone visiting the church will be doing  
so at their own risk.

### **Dates for your diaries:**

**The Foodbank AGM** will be held on Wednesday 15 November 2017, 6.30  
pm for refreshments with a 7 pm meeting start, at Faversham Gospel  
Mission Church, Tanners Street. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

**There will be an evening of 'talks' at St Mary of Charity at 7.30 pm on  
Tuesday, 28 November 2017**, organised by the Faversham Society and  
the PCC. The speakers are:

**Lord Boyce, Admiral of the Fleet:** Cinque Ports - Cradle of the Royal  
Navy and the Royal Navy Today

**John Blackford:** The King's Port from the medieval origins to the 18th  
Century

**William Palin, Director of Conservation at the Old Royal Naval  
College, Greenwich:** The Maritime and Naval Connections between  
Greenwich, Chatham, Sheerness and Dover.

Please see posters for details.

# All Souls Memorial Service

A joint Service for the Benefice  
will be held at St Mary of Charity,  
Faversham  
3 pm this afternoon  
followed by refreshments.

This service 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.

Do you struggle to get to St Mary of Charity's Sunday services - or do you know of someone who would like to come but has problems with transport?

**Do you - or could you - drive to church and can you offer a lift? We have people who would like to come but are seeking people to bring them ...**

Please put your\* details on the list at the back of the church if you would like a lift - or if you are able to offer one. Or speak to Miranda or Catriona!

*Thank you!*

*\*or the appropriate name and details ...*





*Musique Cordiale in Kent presents:*

## **Handel's Messiah**

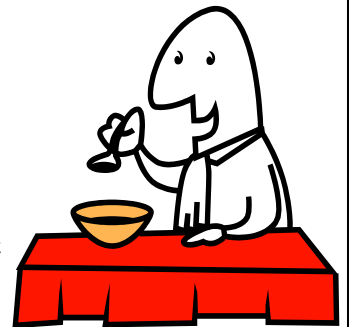
Musique Cordiale Festival Orchestra & Choir with soloists:  
Louise Kemény, Kate Howden, Julian Gregory, Jonny Herford  
and Conductor Graham Ross.

Saturday, 25 November 2017 at 7.30 pm

Entrance £10/£15 including a glass of wine (Children under 12 free). Tickets available at the door.

Please see posters for details

The next Parish Lunch will be on the third  
Wednesday of the month - **15 November!**  
*All* are welcome to enjoy good, home-cooked  
food and fellowship - the sign-up sheet is at the  
back of the church!



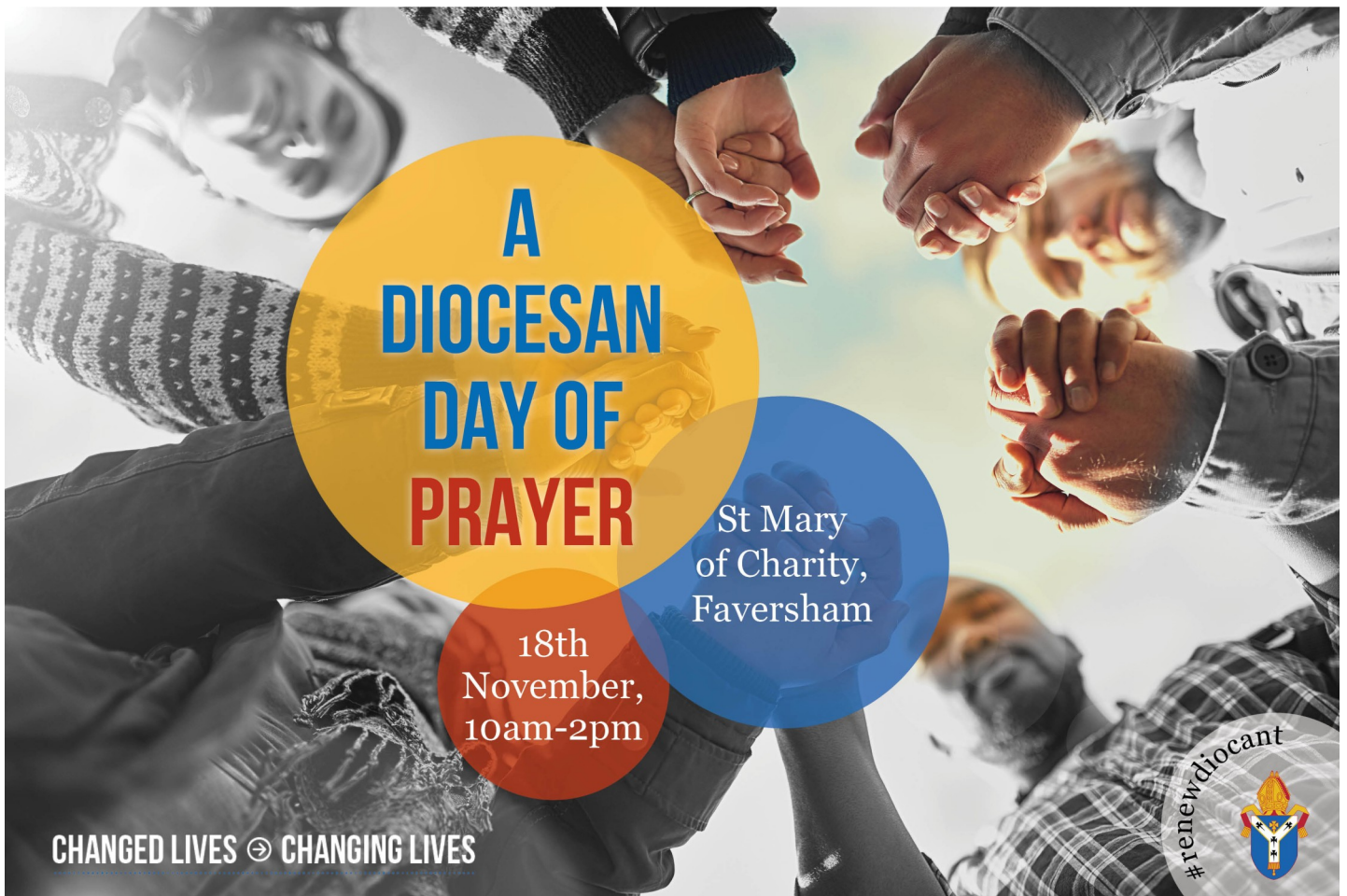
## **Who's missing?**

**Have you noticed one of our church family who you normally see on Sundays is no longer attending church?**

**Is there someone you know who has had to stop coming to church because of ill health but would like to remain in contact?**

**We have a group of volunteers who can visit people in their homes to be a link to the church and provide spiritual support. Home Communion can also be given.**

**If there is someone you think would benefit from such a visit please contact the Pastoral Visitors' Co-ordinator Kevin Swinney ([kevin.swinney@outlook.com](mailto:kevin.swinney@outlook.com)) or a member of the Clergy team.**



## Two weeks to go ... Diocesan Day of Prayer

It's just two weeks until the Diocesan-wide Day of Prayer and Fasting and very exciting plans are emerging all over the Diocese. So far, these include a pilgrimage from Ramsgate to Faversham and prayer through the night at The Living Well in Nonington. There is a wealth of information available online ([www.canterburydiocese.org/dayofprayer](http://www.canterburydiocese.org/dayofprayer) –**this is also the link to book**), including a resource offering guidance for fasting - and they're not just talking about food, and there is some information at the back of this church - which will be updated regularly. Please share this with others you think may be interested in attending.

**Anyone wishing to attend needs to book a place; if you are not 'online' yourself, please speak to Catriona who will help you out!**

There is *no charge* for this event, tickets are to monitor numbers and ensure they are able to cater for everyone.

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\* The Tuesday Group's next open meeting will be held at \*  
\* 7.30 pm on 14 November, at the Age UK premises, with \*  
\* Catriona Cuthbert giving a demonstration of decorated \*  
\* gingerbread. \*  
\* This meeting is open to anyone who would like to come along \*  
\* and share fellowship. There will be an opportunity to have a go \*  
\* yourself, so bring clean hands! \*  
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**Advent Reflections**

Rev Sharran Ireland and Rev Simon Young  
7.30 pm, on Monday, 27 November,  
Monday, 4, 11, 18 December

At St Mary Magdalene with St Lawrence,  
Davington



**Advent Quiet Day**

10 am - 4 pm  
on Friday, 8 December 2017  
at The Living Well.

Led by Roz Graham.  
Cost £20.00 which includes lunch and tea.  
Book with Clare on 01304 842847. For further  
details, speak to Roz.

**Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!**  
**01795 530553**  
**admin@stmaryofcharity.org**  
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# The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Monday to Friday - New Sound System being installed in church

## Tuesday, 7 November 2017

Morning **No Mustard Seed Music** - *Sound System being installed*

## Wednesday, 8 November 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist (BCP)

## Thursday, 9 November 2017

Morning **No Little Fishes** - *Sound System being installed.*

## Friday, 10 November 2017

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel

## Saturday, 11 November 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer

10 am-noon Church Cafe

## Sunday, 12 November 2017; Remembrance Sunday

9 am No Early Service at any Benefice Church

10.55 am A Short Act of Remembrance

11.30 am Remembrance Day Service



## The St Mary of Charity usual monthly pattern of services:

<b>First Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (CW with hymns)	10.30 am	All Age Worship <i>Family-friendly service</i>	6 pm	Choral Evensong
<b>Second Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
<b>Third Sunday</b>	9 am	Matins	10.30 am	Family Eucharist <i>Family-friendly service</i>		
<b>Fourth Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
<b>Fifth Sunday (if applicable)</b>	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>		