

**Parish Church of
St Mary of Charity, Faversham
Fourth Sunday in Epiphany
Presentation of Christ in the Temple
29 January 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;
- those who help with Mission within the Church;
- those receiving medical treatment and those who care for them;
- the people of Aleppo and surrounding areas;
- those affected by violence;
- the people of Santa Olga in Chile;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the people of Europe experiencing extreme weather;
- the homeless;
- those who are grieving;
- those experiencing financial hardship;
- the people of The Gambia, Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

9 am Eucharist (BCP)
10.30 am Churches Together in
Faversham Unity Service

Readings: 9 am only

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:14-18

COLLECT:

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son
was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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:
Fourth before Lent
1 Cor 1:1-12(13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20**



Epistle:**Hebrews 2:14-18**

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:**Luke 2:22-40**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in

the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all
peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him. .

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

In February Gemma will be participating in an outreach with the Sports Ministry of Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Perth, to the capital of the Philippines, Manila.

Manila is YWAM Perth's next Megacity. For 2017 all outreach teams will be sent here. Many modern cities have lost their way with little acknowledgement of God; but God designed cities as gathering places for His people where they could glorify Him and disciple surrounding nations to do the same.

Manila has 12.5 million residents, increasing to around 20 million by day, plus it has the largest homeless population of any city in the world.

Gemma's team will be one of the first teams to go, and primarily this trip will be used to:

- * research the area;
- * meet with contacts and build relationships;
- * evangelise through sports;
- * visit churches and schools; and
- * organise tournaments/games with locals.

Please consider partnering with her in prayer and finances for a four week outreach to Manila. She is trusting for £600 for this outreach. Donations can be made through her website... www.gemmahambrook.com/donate-contact/

If you want to find out more please don't hesitate to contact her, either through Facebook or email (gemmaehambrook@aol.com).

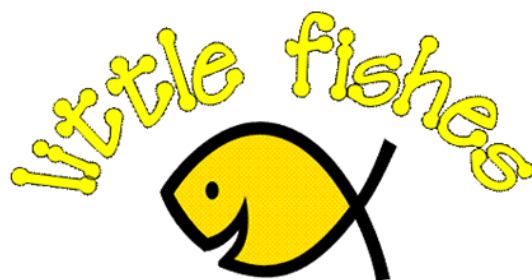


Little Fishes is back in action again;
singing and praying, laughing and playing ...
in the south transept on Thursday mornings.
If you are able to spare up to two and a half
hours on a Thursday morning in term time,
would you be happy to join us? We need
people to help set up, organise snacks, ensure
a steady supply of hot water for tea and
coffee, help with the crafts, help clear up,
chat with big and little fishes, help sing *and*
do the actions, help clear away at the end.
Please speak to Dennis Parrett, Val Tyler or
Catriona Cuthbert if you are interested.

Any volunteers will need to have a DBS
check (which is done by the Diocese, free of
charge!)

If you have pre-school children and would
like to join us, you are very welcome to come
along between 10 and 11.30 am.

We have a *whale* of a time!



At 12.30 pm on 18 February St Mary of Charity will have a visit from the Mayor of Poole, High Sheriff of Poole and the Pirates of Poole along with the Mayor of Faversham to unveil the new Harry Paye facsimile brass.

Please join us! Dressing as a pirate (any era) and swaggering are optional *but* encouraged.

Harry Paye was a 'privateer' in the 14th century (born around 1360), originally from Poole in Dorset, who once 'acquired' enough wine from captured French ships to keep the town of Poole drunk for a week! Harry married the daughter of Seman Tang, a local businessman, and ended his days in Faversham as a commander in the Cinque Port fleet.



Who's missing?

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

Women's World Day of Prayer

(International and Interdenominational)

Faversham Baptist Church

2 pm, Friday, 3 March 2017

followed by tea and biscuits



On Women's World Day of Prayer this year over 5,000 services will be held in the British Isles on the theme of 'Am I being unfair to you?' The Christian women of the Philippines wrote the service and it has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects to be used through the whole world on 3 March from sunrise over Samoa to sunset off the coast of American Samoa.

The Day of Prayer is not just for women - everyone is welcome to attend.

Swap Shop in aid of Faversham Foodbank

9.30 am – 12 noon

Saturday, 25 February 2017

United Church, Preston Street, Faversham

Please see poster by the Foodbank collection box for details!

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

10-10.45 am Mustard Seed Music *with Naomi Smith*

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist

Thursday, 2 February 2017

10-11.30 am Little Fishes - *Candlemas*

Friday, 3 February 2017

10.30 am Prayers in The Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 4 February 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Prayers in the Trinity Chapel *(followed by coffee)*

7 for 7.15 pm Candlemas Supper in the West Faversham Community Centre

Sunday, 5 February 2017, Fourth before Lent

9 am Eucharist

10.30 am Morning Praise

6 pm Choral Evensong.



The St Mary of Charity monthly pattern of services:

First Sunday	9 am	Eucharist (CW with hymns)	10.30 am	Morning Praise <i>Family-friendly service</i>	6 pm	Choral Evensong
Second Sunday	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist CW		
Third Sunday	9 am	Matins	10.30 am	Family Eucharist CW <i>Family-friendly service</i>		
Fourth Sunday	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist CW		
Fifth Sunday (if applicable)	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Benefice Eucharist CW <i>Please check for details on which church this will be held at</i>		