

**St Mary of Charity  
Parish Church Faversham  
Fourth in Lent  
Mothering Sunday  
11 March 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 St Mary of Charity clergy team and lay ministry and all whose ministry is in Faversham and the Ospringe Deanery;
- those whose baptisms take place today;
- those affected by 'natural disasters' and extreme weather in the world;
- the Rohingya seeking safety;
- 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 (BCP)**  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist (CW)  
1 pm Baptism: MANKTELOW

**Readings:**

**2 Corinthians 1:3-7**

**Luke 2:33-35**

**COLLECT:**

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole  
human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
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:**

**Fifth in Lent**

**Hebrews 5:5-10**

**John 12:20-33**



## ***Epistle***

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ***Gospel***

Luke 2:33-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. 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.'

At the end the reader will say:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



## **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) ...**

will take place on Tuesday, 17 April 2018 - 7 pm for 7.30 pm  
St Mary of Charity School.

Each year the **Churchwardens** stand down from their post, at which time they **may** make themselves available for re-election. **If anyone feels led to stand as Churchwarden** please talk to Rev Simon. If you feel you would like to be a Deputy Warden and shadow the Wardens for the future please come and talk to us.

**PCC** is very important to St Mary of Charity in enabling the running of the church and the growing of the Kingdom. At present there are **seven PCC vacancies** due to retirement, resignation and co-option (this year's retirees and those previously co-opted are eligible to re-stand alongside others).

**Please consider standing for election; if you are interested it would be helpful if you could chat with the vicar or Churchwardens by the end of March.**

**PCC are looking to fill four three-year vacancies, two two-year vacancies and one one-year vacancy.**

**Deanery Synod** members were elected for three years and are in post for a further two years, there is one resignation at this point leaving a **vacancy for two years.**

**We shall also be updating the Electoral Roll, please let us know of anyone to come off or anyone who would like to be added. Forms can be found on the low cupboard backing on to the ramp by the south porch.**

There are further notices and nomination forms to complete for these positions together with a current electoral roll.

**Please prayerfully consider these vacancies: we really need you.**

*We look forward to joining together on Tuesday, 17 April  
for drinks, nibbles and "Agenda"*

*Alison Swinney and Miranda Ford, Churchwardens*



## Holy Week Services at St Mary of Charity:

<b>Monday, 26 March</b>	7.30 pm	Holy Week Eucharist
<b>Tuesday, 27 March</b>	9 am	St Mary of Charity Primary Easter Service
	7.30 pm	Holy Week Eucharist
<b>Wednesday, 28 March</b>	10.30 am	Eucharist
	7.30 pm	Holy Week Eucharist
<b>Thursday, 29 March</b>	10 am	Little Fishes Easter Egg Hunt and parade
	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service with stripping of the altar
<b>Friday, 30 March</b>	10 am	Walk of Witness from United Church, Preston St, followed by a service in Market Place
	2 pm	Stations of the Cross
	7.30 pm	Stainer's Crucifixion: <i>come and sing!</i> <i>Please speak to James Brown if you would like to join this as a singer.</i>
<b>Saturday, 31 March</b>	7.30 pm	Service of Light
<b>Sunday, 1 April</b>	9 am	Eucharist (CW) with hymns
	10.30 am	All Age Eucharist
	12 noon	The Great St Mary of Charity Easter Egg hunt in the churchyard (indoors if inclement)

*Tweet 7 of 10*

*The spiritual self is capable of constant reflection and going deeper in the inner journey. It enables us to accept that there is more to each of us than that which is visible. We quickly understand that there are no quick fixes for anyone. Every path that we follow will be emotional and painful. Growth often entails breaking old habits in order to forge new relationships and have new creative connections that are healing.*

# Quiz 'n' Chips

A huge 'thank you' to Martin and Victoria for organising the Quiz 'n' Chips evening on Saturday, 24 February, and all those involved in helping to set up, run and clear afterwards. Thank you also to all those who attended and took part.

The evening raised £454 for St Mary of Charity.

## **Lent Lunches**

Thank you to everyone who helped with hosting St Mary of Charity's Lent Lunch this year, and for braving the weather to get there!

The dates for the remaining Lent Lunches are:

16 March

23 March

Lunches are between 12 noon and 1.45 - 2 pm at the Baptist Church Hall (the rear entrance - Institute Road) and the minimum donation is £3.00. The lunches are a wonderful expression of fellowship with our fellow Christians (and non-Christians!)

# Faversham Choral Society Spring Concert



HAYDN  
NELSON MASS

GOODALL  
ETERNAL LIGHT

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**7.30pm**

**Faversham Parish Church**

**Tickets**

Adults - £12 • Students - £5 • Under 16s - Free

[www.favchoral.org](http://www.favchoral.org)

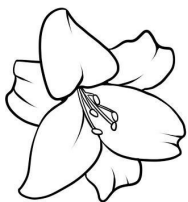


Fancy a breath of fresh air after all that snow? We have just the thing ...



Churches Together in Faversham have produced an Easter card giving the message of hope that Easter brings us. If you would like to take a pack to distribute, they are on the low cabinet by the ramp, using the same street allocation as the CTiF Christmas cards (so you may not be able to do your own street). We need to try to get all of the cards delivered before Palm Sunday (25 March)!

*This is part of Churches Together in Faversham's  
Hope2018 initiative.*



## **Come and decorate the church for Easter!**

Easter Saturday between 9 am and noon on Saturday, 31 March;  
bring your own flowers and foliage.

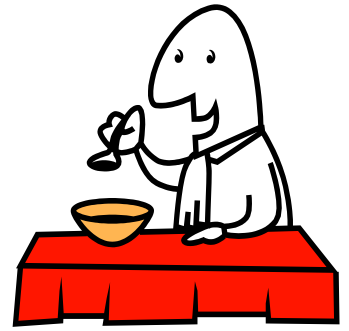
*If anyone can provide extra greenery this would be appreciated.*

If you would like a lily in the sanctuary in remembrance of a loved one, please speak to Val or Keith Tyler. There is a £5 donation towards the cost, and they will need the name of the person it commemorates.



The next Parish Lunch will be on the third  
Wednesday of the month - **21 March!**

*All* are welcome to enjoy good, home-cooked food  
and fellowship - the sign-up sheet is at the back  
of the church!



## **Taizé Youth Pilgrimage**

Young people aged between 17 and 29 are invited to join a pilgrimage to Taizé, France organised by young Christians from churches in Faversham. Saturday, 28 July – Monday, 30 July 2018. For more information speak to Andrew Tapsell: [andrew.tapsell1189@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.tapsell1189@gmail.com) or catch him at the end of a 10.30 am service.

**Do you regularly drive to church? Are you able to offer a lift to members of the congregation who don't drive or would find it difficult to walk?**

If the answer is 'yes' then please either speak to Miranda or add your name to the list for '*Lifters*' on the screen at the back of the church.

And *thank you* for helping those who wouldn't otherwise be able to come to a regular Sunday service...



# A Pilgrimage through Lent

7.30 pm on Mondays in Lent beginning  
Monday, 19 February (approx 1 hour)

St Mary of Charity,

Please journey with us!

Sharran Ireland



Once again we will be offering people the opportunity to buy a Fairtrade Real Easter Egg, through The Meaningful Chocolate Company or Divine Chocolate for this Easter.

Sign up forms are at the church.

Please do think about getting a Real Easter Egg which focuses on the true meaning of Easter!

Cash donations for  
The Great St Mary of Charity Easter Egg Hunt  
on Sunday, 1 April after the 10.30 am service  
can also be given to Alison.

Speak to Alison Swinney for details.

The Tuesday Group's next open meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 27 March, at the Age UK premises, with the chance to hear Bernie Pinner of Mission Aviation Fellowship speak about his organisation.

This meeting is open to anyone who would like to come along and share fellowship.

Catriona Cuthbert has signed up to take part in Cancer Research's Walk All Over Cancer campaign, doing a minimum of 10,000 steps every day during March (*she's allowed to make up the difference if the total falls short on an individual day*). If anyone would like to sponsor Catriona, please find her and ask for the form or go into <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/catriona-walks-all-over-cancer-10> (link on the SMC facebook page!)

**Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!**

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## The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

### Wednesday, 14 March 2018

10.30 am Eucharist

### Thursday, 15 March 2018

10-11.30 am Little Fishes *Planting seeds*

### Friday, 16 March 2018

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel

12 noon Lent Lunch in the Baptist Church Hall (Institute Road)

### Saturday, 17 March 2018

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer

10 am Benefice Wedding Couples' Morning (South Transept)

### Sunday, 18 March 2018; Fifth in Lent

9 am Matins

10.30 am Family Eucharist



## 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>		