

**Parish Church of  
St Mary of Charity, Faversham  
Mothering Sunday  
Fourth Sunday Lent  
26 March 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 worldwide;
- help us to focus on the things we have in common, not our differences;
- those who marry at St Mary of Charity;
- those receiving medical treatment and those who care for them;
- the friends and family of PC Keith Palmer, Aysha Frade, Kurt Cochran, Leslie Rhodes and those who were injured in the Westminster attack, the emergency services and all caught up in the events;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the homeless;
- those experiencing financial hardship;
- the people of Nigeria, Somalia, Yemen and South Sudan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

**9 am Eucharist (BCP)  
10.30 am Family Eucharist**

**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  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45**



**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 Reading:****Luke 2:33-35**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord**

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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**



# Real Easter Egg NEW 2017 Range



**Sharing Box**  
(RRP £30)

**Special Edition**  
(RRP £8.50)

**Original**  
(RRP £3.00)

**New Darker  
Easter egg**

**Dark**  
(RRP £5.50) **Egg Hunt**  
(RRP £5.00)

A 24 page Easter story-activity book  
illustrated by Alida Massari.

## The egg that shares the Easter story

The new look Real Easter Egg 2017 range has been launched and churches are being asked to encourage people to support this unique way of sharing the story of Easter.

This year a 24 page Easter story-activity book illustrated by Alida Massari is included in the Original, Egg Hunt and Dark eggs. The Special Edition has an Easter traditions booklet inside. The Sharing box, with 30 eggs, comes with colour-in posters.

Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and makes a donation to charity from sales.

The Real Easter Egg was launched in 2010 but the supermarkets turned down the idea. It was left to churches and church schools to place orders to fund The Meaningful Chocolate Company to make The Real Easter Egg.

To date, more than one million eggs have been sold with 750,000 of these sent through the post directly to churches and schools. The rest have been sold through independent retailers and supermarkets.

The success of The Real Easter Egg has meant that the production of Fairtrade chocolate has moved to the UK. Over £250,000 has been raised from sales for charitable causes.

### Where to buy

The whole range can be ordered online at [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk) or from Traidcraft, Eden.co.uk, TLM trading.com, Embrace the Middle East. Christian bookshops and some cathedrals also have stock.

You can also buy the blue Original egg from Tesco, Waitrose, Morrisons.

**See the full shop list or order at [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk)**

Order forms are at the back of the church - don't delay, Real Eggs sell out every year!

Lent talks - our clergy team have planned a series of Lent talks in the church for the Mondays in Lent up to Holy Week.

7.30 pm on Monday

27 March and 3 April 2017.

Stations of the Cross:

Pilate - The Cross and Worldly Power

Barabbas - The Cross and Liberty

**Archbishop Justin** will be giving Holy Week Lectures on British Values in the nave of Canterbury Cathedral from 7.30 pm on Monday, 10 April, Tuesday, 11 April and Wednesday, 12 April. Each lecture will be followed by a service of music, scripture and prayer for holy week sung by the Cathedral Choir. See posters for details.

(St Mary of Charity will have a Compline service on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week from 7.30 pm)

## **Church Electoral Roll:**

This is the time of year when the roll is revised. If anyone would like their name added please pick up a church membership pack from the back of church. This contains an electoral roll application form (return this to Mary Wimlett or one of the churchwardens) and details of the planned giving scheme (see Brian Wimlett). Electoral roll forms need to be returned by 4 April, please.

A list of the names already on the roll is pinned up on a notice board at the back of the church.

## **APCM**

**St Mary of Charity's Annual Parochial  
Church Meeting will be at St Mary of  
Charity Primary School on  
Tuesday, 25 April 2017**

**Refreshments on arrival at 7 pm  
for a 7.30 pm start**

**The following positions will be voted in at the APCM:**

**Two churchwardens**

**Three deanery synod representatives**

**Two PCC members**



## *Come and decorate the church for Easter*

*Easter Saturday between 9 am and noon  
on Saturday, 15 April; 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.*



Faversham Choral Society Presents:

## **O for the Wings of a Dove ...**

Conductor: Dom del Nevo  
Organ: Benjamin Scott  
Soprano: Angela Banbery  
Tenor: Nils Greenhow  
Bass: Kieran Seymour

**7.30 pm, Saturday, 1 April 2017**

**at St Mary of Charity Parish Church, Faversham**

**Tickets: £12; Under 16s Free; Students: £5**

**Available: on the door; Carter's Newsagents or  
[www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)**

**Easter Eggs:** *Now* is the time to catch a churchwarden or Richard Shipman to give a donation (*monetary only please*) towards The Great St Mary of Charity Easter Egg Hunt which will follow the 10.30 am service on Easter Sunday.

## **Lent Lunches 2017**

Baptist Church, Institute Road Car Park entrance.

Fridays in Lent - 12 noon to 2 pm

31 March and 7 April 2017

Soup, bread and cheese, followed by tea or coffee.

Suggested minimum donation £3.

All proceeds to CTiF charity of the year:

Faversham Food Bank

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

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# The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

## Monday, 27 March 2017

7.30 pm Lent Talk: Pilate: The Cross and Worldly Power

## Tuesday, 28 March 2017

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

## Wednesday, 29 March 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist

## Thursday, 30 March 2017

10-11.30 Little Fishes - *Easter Party and Egg Hunt (back on 27 April after Easter Holidays)*

## Friday, 31 March 2017

10.30 am Prayers in The Trinity Chapel

## Saturday, 1 April 2017

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

2 pm Rehearsal: Faversham Choral

7.30 pm Faversham Choral: O for the Wings of a Dove

## Sunday, 2 April 2017, Fifth in Lent

9 am Eucharist

10.30 am All Age Service

6 pm Choral Evensong

<b>First Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (CW with hymns)	10.30 am	All Age Worship Family-friendly service	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 Family-friendly service		
<b>Fourth Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist *		
<b>Fifth Sunday (if applicable)</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Benefice Eucharist CW Please check for details on which church this will be held at		