

**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 story**

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 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**

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**

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

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