

**St Mary of Charity
Parish Church, Faversham
Last Sunday after Trinity
St Crispin
23 October 2016**

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;
- the people of Haiti and the Caribbean following Hurricane Matthew;
- those who help with Mission within the Church;
- those who are receiving medical treatment and those who care for them;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those who work for the emergency services;
- the people of Madagascar, experiencing extreme drought;
- the people of Aberfan;
- 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)
12.30 pm Baptism
1.30 pm Baptism

Readings:

**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14**

COLLECT:

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and
uncertainty,
that trusting in Your word
and obeying Your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Next Sunday:

**Fourth before Advent
Benefice Service at
St Catherine's
Ephesians 1:11-end
Luke 6:20-31**



Epistle:**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:**Luke 18:9-14**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people - robbers, evildoers, adulterers - or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

"CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH"



Are you able to commit to one Sunday a month to be an extra pair of hands to support parents and children in our 'gated community'?

This would involve setting up (we will tell you what needs doing) and generally keeping an eye open, helping with any activity provided and refreshments.

If you feel this is something you would like to discuss further ... or even just volunteer please contact Gail on

gail@rowlandsfamily.co.uk.

Contemplating Christmas! Join us for an hour of reflection during Advent on the meaning of Christmas through the eyes of, Mary, the mother of Jesus, from 7.30 pm on Mondays 28 November and 5,12 and 19 December at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

This month's fifth Sunday will see the joint benefice service at St Catherine's, Preston-next-Faversham at 10.30 am. This will be the only service of the day; there is no 9 am service on Sunday 30 October.

The Tuesday Group's next open meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 25 October, at the Age UK premises, with political journalist Tim Shipman as speaker.

This meeting is open to anyone who would like to come along and share fellowship *and* hear an interesting talk on a fascinating subject.

Christmas Fair @ St Mary of Charity

10 am – 1 pm, 10 December 2016 in the church

We are looking for the following:

- * **Bottles for a bottle stall;**
- * **toiletries;**
- * **cakes;**
- * **pickles and jams;**
- * **homemade sweets;**
- * **homemade craft;**
- * **jewellery;**
- * **Christmas gifts; and**
- * **good quality raffle prizes with a Christmas theme.**

There will be a box in the back of church for donations.

****We will also need volunteers to help run stalls,
there will be a sign up list in church****

In addition to church stalls, if you would like to have your own stall, these will be available for a £20 donation to the church.

All proceeds will be given to the sound system fund.

**If you can help or are interested in a stall on the day,
please contact Gail on 01795 532592 or
gail@rowlandsfamily.co.uk**



A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

'Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth' Psalm 86.11

Whether you have been a Christian for five minutes or fifty years 'Pilgrim' will have something for you.

'Pilgrim' is designed to help you discover the Christian way of life. It unpacks the basic message and teaching of the Christian faith and also shows you how to pray and how to live like Jesus. It does this in a way that is reflective and conversational. No one will force the pace. But 'Pilgrim' will change the perspective of your life; it might also change its direction.

Following our churches positive response to 'Deepening Discipleship' we are pleased to be offering 'Pilgrim' which comprises eight short courses, each with a booklet covering six sessions.

Materials are designed to be flexible, adaptable and are offered in two stages: 'Follow' and 'Grow'.

'Follow' introduces the Christian faith, while 'Grow' aims to develop a deeper level of discipleship.

'Follow' is structured around the four key texts:

- Baptism
- the Lord's Prayer
- the Commandments
- the Beatitudes.

'Grow' is structured around major themes in Christian life:

- the Creeds
- the Sacraments
- the Scriptures
- living in God's Church and world.

Please sign up on the 'Pilgrim' notice board at the back of church or contact Marianne - mariannehambrook@aol.com or 01795 535696

Initial groups will run as follows but will allow for flexibility:

Group 1 starting Wednesday, 2 November, fortnightly, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm.
Venue: 19 Nobel Court, Faversham

Group 2 starting Thursday, 27 October, weekly, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm.
Venue: St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Group 3 starting Monday, 7 November, fortnightly, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm.
Venue: 16 Newton Road, Faversham.

Further information can be found at www.pilgrimcourse.org

We look forward to travelling with you.

Marianne Hambrook

Peter Howard's wonderful Christmas trees will be available for selection from SATURDAY, 5 NOVEMBER.

Please contact Peter to let him know when you'd like to visit and see poster (by the north door) for details!

This is a great chance for you to raise funds for your parish church, and some deserving charities at the same time.

Alison and Peter Howard, Nash's Farmhouse, Luddenham, Faversham, Kent ME13 0TQ.

Tel 01795 532596 email: nashsfarmhouse@btinternet.com

The St Mary of Charity All Saints Day Memorial Service will take place at 3 pm on Sunday, 6 November.

Friends and families of people whose funerals have been conducted by clergy connected to this parish have been invited to attend to commemorate the lives of their loved ones.

If you would like to have the name of a friend or family member read during the service please do add it to the list at the back of the church, or speak to Catriona (or email her on admin@stmaryofcharity.org).

The service is open to *everyone* and *all* are welcome to attend.

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

admin@stmaryofcharity.org

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Monday, 24 October 2016

10-10.45 am Mustard Seed Music *Please note change of day!*

Wednesday, 26 October 2016

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist (BCP)

Thursday, 27 October 2016

No Little Fishes - half term

Friday, 28 October 2016

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 29 October 2016

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

Sunday, 30 October 2016, Fourth before Advent

NO 9 AM EUCHARIST

10.30 am Parish Eucharist at St Catherine's, Preston-next-Faversham



The St Mary of Charity NEW 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>		