

# Parish Church of St Mary of Charity, Faversham Last Sunday before Lent 26 February 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 receiving medical treatment and those who care for them;
- those affected by violence;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the people of Britain and Europe experiencing extreme weather;
- the homeless;
- those who are grieving;
- those experiencing financial hardship;
- the people of Standing Rock and North Dakota;
- the people of Nigeria, Somalia, Yemen and South Sudan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

**9 am Eucharist**  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

**Readings:**

**2 Peter 1:16-21**  
**Matthew 17:1-9**

COLLECT:

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon  
the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to  
suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness,  
from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

**Next Sunday:**  
**First in Lent**  
**Romans 5:12-19**  
**Matthew 4:1-11**



**Epistle:****2 Peter 1:16-21**

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

## **Gospel Reading:**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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



**Val & Keith would like to thank everyone for helping them to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.**

**Thanks also for all the gifts, cards and best wishes which they received.**

### **Lent Lunches 2017**

Baptist Church, Institute Road Car Park entrance.

Fridays in Lent - 12 noon to 2 pm

3, 10, 17, 24, 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

St Mary of Charity is on a 'rest' this year, but if anyone would like to help with Davington or Ospringe's lunches, please let Val Tyler know (01795 536082)

Lent talks - our clergy team are planning a series of Lent talks in the church for the Mondays in Lent up to Holy Week. Please keep these dates free in your diaries:

6, 13, 20, 27 March and 6 April 2017.

# **Enjoying God**

**A quiet day led by Roz Graham.**

**10.00 am - 3.30 pm**

**Thursday, 16 March 2017**

**All Saints, Graveney**

**Booking Roz Graham 01795 538079**

**or Rev Gill Read 01795 534059**

**£5.00**

**Bring your own lunch. Beverages provided.**

**Open to all**

If you are offered supermarket *vouchers for schools* and aren't sure whether to take them or not ... please *do* take them and put them in the collection here; we will pass them on to St Mary of Charity Primary School.

**Many thanks to all who worked so hard for  
this year's Candlemas Supper.**

The excellent meal was prepared, cooked and served by students from Canterbury College.

Thanks to everyone who participated in every capacity.

Final figures for the fundraising are not yet in, but look to be around £1,000.

The Tuesday Group's next meeting will be at the Age UK premises at 7 pm on Tuesday, 28 February 2017.

Please join us to enjoy Olga Taylor introducing us to Greek Festivities.

This meeting is open to all.

### **Who's missing?**

**Have you noticed 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 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.

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

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# The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

## Tuesday, 28 February 2017

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

## Wednesday, 1 March 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

7.30 pm Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

## Thursday, 2 March 2017

10-11.30 Little Fishes - *World Book Day, come as your favourite literary character*

## Friday, 3 March 2017

10.30 am Prayers in The Trinity Chapel

## Saturday, 4 March 2017

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

## Sunday, 5 March 2017, Last before Lent

9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

10.30 am Morning Praise

6 pm Choral Evensong



## The St Mary of Charity monthly pattern of services:

<b>First Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (CW with hymns)	10.30 am	Morning Praise <i>Family-friendly service</i>	6 pm	Choral Evensong
<b>Second Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist CW		
<b>Third Sunday</b>	9 am	Matins	10.30 am	Family Eucharist CW <i>Family-friendly service</i>		
<b>Fourth Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist CW		
<b>Fifth Sunday (if applicable)</b>	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>		