



St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham

MARCH NOTICE SHEET



Friday, 1 March	10.30 am	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel
Saturday, 2 March	8 - 9 am	Early Morning Prayer
Sunday, 3 March	9 am	Eucharist (CW) with hymns
Next before Lent	10.30 am	All Age Worship
	6 pm	Choral Evensong
Tuesday, 5 March	10 am	Mustard Seed Music <i>exploring singing, music and rhythm in a comfortable environment for children aged one to school age</i>
Wednesday, 6 March	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
	7.30 pm	Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
Thursday, 7 March	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes World Book Day <i>Come as your favourite literary character!</i>
Friday, 8 March	10.30 am	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel
	12 noon	CTiF Lent Lunches at the Baptist Church, St Mary's Road
Saturday, 9 March	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
	10-noon	Church Café
Sunday, 10 March	9 am	Eucharist (BCP)
First of Lent	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist (CW)
Monday, 11 March	11.15 am	Blessing of Marriage
	7 pm	Contemplating Easter <i>at St Mary Magdalene with St Lawrence, Davington</i>
Tuesday, 12 March	10 am	Mustard Seed Music
	11.30 am	Pilgrim Group <i>(please see March Newsletter, and sign up; space is limited to 10 people)</i>
Wednesday, 13 March	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist
Thursday, 14 March	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes <i>Comic Relief Cake Stall (Comic Relief is 15 March)</i>

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Friday, 15 March	10.30 am 12 noon	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel CTiF Lent Lunches at the Baptist Church, St Mary's Road
Saturday, 16 March	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
Sunday, 17 March	9 am	Matins
Second of Lent	10.30 am	Family Eucharist (CW)
Monday, 18 March	7 pm	Contemplating Easter <i>at St Mary Magdalene with St Lawrence, Davington</i>
Tuesday, 19 March	10 am 11.30 am	Mustard Seed Music Pilgrim Group
Wednesday, 20 March	8.15 am 10.30 am 12 noon	Deanery Chapter Eucharist <i>followed by</i> Parish Lunch
Thursday, 21 March	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes <i>Mothering Sunday craft (Mothering Sunday is 31 March)</i>
Friday, 22 March	10.30 am 12 noon	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel CTiF Lent Lunches at the Baptist Church, St Mary's Road
Saturday, 23 March	8 am 10-noon	Early Morning Prayer Church Café
Sunday, 24 March	9 am	Eucharist (BCP)
Third of Lent	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist (CW)
Monday, 25 March	7 pm	Contemplating Easter <i>at St Mary Magdalene with St Lawrence, Davington</i>
Tuesday, 26 March	10 am 11.30 am	Mustard Seed Music Pilgrim Group
Wednesday, 27 March	8.15 am 10.30 am	Deanery Chapter Eucharist
Thursday, 28 March	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes <i>Easter Hats and Bonnets with a Palm Sunday parade</i>
Friday, 29 March	10.30 am 12 noon	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel CTiF Lent Lunches at the Baptist Church, St Mary's Road
Saturday, 30 March	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
Sunday, 31 March	9 am	Eucharist (BCP)
Mothering Sunday	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist (CW)

Tuesday Group - 2019

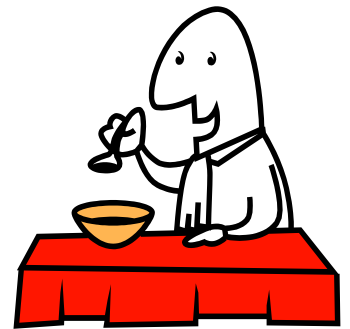
12 March Fun Quiz at Age UK premises.

9 April Speaker - Patti Hicks-Whaley
at Age UK premises.

*For further information about the Tuesday Group, please speak
to Jane Shipman.*

**The Parish Lunch will be on the
Third Wednesday of the month -
20 March 2019!**

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



Christian healing day taking place at
The Seasalter Christian Centre, Faversham Road,
on Saturday, 2 March 2019. The theme is
“Forgiveness as a Journey of Healing”.
The day will be led by Rev Canon Sarah Chapman,
Chaplain to The Living Well and Diocesan Advisor
in Healing and Wholeness.

Entry is by donation with the day starting at 10 am
and finishing at 4 pm. Tea/coffee and lunch will be
provided. If you would like any more information or
to book a place please contact Diana High
on 01227 262495.

CONTEMPLATING EASTER



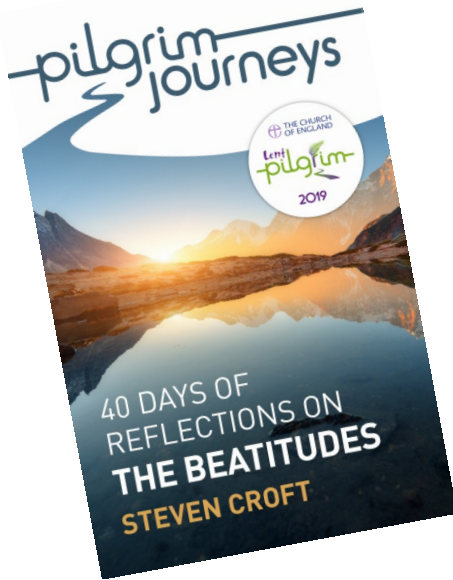
**A PILGRIM JOURNEY THROUGH LENT
REFLECTING ON THE BEATITUDES**

*with Revds. Sharran Ireland, Simon Young
and assistance from Jayne Bartholomew
join us for an hour of
scripture, reflection, music and prayer*

MONDAYS AT 7PM

AT DAVINGTON CHURCH

**March 11th, 18th, 25th
and April 1st and 8th**



Our Pilgrimage through Lent

If you have not received one already, you will soon be offered a booklet entitled "Pilgrim Journeys: The Beatitudes, 40 Days of Reflections". This booklet offers a series of Bible readings, reflections, prayers and suggestions for action for the 40 days of Lent, all centred around the Beatitudes. The booklet has been produced by the national Church, and is a way in which we can travel together in prayer with Christians across the Benefice and across the country as we journey from Ash Wednesday towards Holy Week. Please take the booklet home with you - a suggested donation is £2.50 but this can be paid at a later date.

The booklet can be used by itself by individuals at home, but for those who would like to reflect upon the Beatitudes in company, there will be a series of contemplative hours through Lent organized by Revd Sharran Ireland on Mondays at 7 pm at Davington Church, beginning 11 March: "Contemplating Easter, A Pilgrim Journey through Lent". See opposite for more information.

For those who would prefer a daytime meeting, Revd Simon Young is also hosting a Lent group, again reflecting upon the Beatitudes, at 19 Nobel Court on Tuesdays at 11.30 am beginning 12 March. See the sign-up sheet at the back of St Mary of Charity - spaces are limited, but if we have enough interest a second group can be formed!

Other groups within our churches are meeting through Lent. If you are not sure what is happening in your church, speak to your Church Wardens! One way or another, our hope is that everyone will have the opportunity to pray, study and grow as disciples through this important season of penitence and reflection.

Revd Simon Young

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

will take place at 7 pm for 7.30 pm on Monday, 8 April 2019 at St Mary of Charity School.

Each year the **Churchwardens** stand down from their posts. This year Alison is retiring and Miranda is making herself 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 support the Wardens 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 **six 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.

Please remember to pick up your electoral roll form from the back of the church (see page 11 of this newsletter).

There are further notices and nomination forms to complete for vacant positions at the rear of the church.

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

***We look forward to joining together
on 8 April for drinks, nibbles and “Agenda”.***



**Churches Together in Faversham
weekly Unity Prayers for March**

will be held in
Gospel Mission Hall
Tanners Street
on Saturdays between 9 am and 10 am.

Real Easter eggs will be available
to order again this year and are
now *free of all plastic packaging!*
Sign up sheet and price list will be
available at the back of the
church.



*If you would like to give a donation towards
eggs for the Great St Mary of Charity Easter
Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday these will be
gratefully received by the Churchwardens.*

Can you help?

Why, yes - you can!

Exciting opportunities to volunteer your time and services in St Mary of Charity have arisen.

Would you like to help with the fortnightly cleaning rota? This is less arduous and miserable than it sounds, our cleaning teams are a lovely, sociable group who are very welcoming to new members! And it would only be cleaning for an hour or so, once a month.

There are also spaces on the Flower Rota if you would like to try your hand at arranging - if you are new to this, you *will* get support and advice! **If you would like to help with the *organisation* side of the flower arranging team, please speak to Val Tyler.**

This is an equal opportunities church - all of these openings are suitable for men *as well as* women... please speak to Catriona or Simon Rowlands if you would like to join in.

Help the Deanery Synod create their new Deanery Mission Plan by answering one question: *What one thing are you passionate about which happens in your church?* See the poster and comment sheet at the back of the church (on the back of the 'usual' screens) by **Palm Sunday (14 April).**

There is also an invitation to join an Ospringe Deanery open meeting in June.

The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott, the Bishop of Dover in Canterbury, will retire in May 2019.

We are happy to be able to confirm that Bishop Trevor will join us at St Mary of Charity at our Choral Evensong at 6 pm on Sunday, 7 April 2019 followed by hospitality.

Please do come along to the service and say farewell to our Bishop.

His final service as Bishop will be at Canterbury Cathedral on 12 May 2019, although he will also attend Evensong service at the Cathedral at 3.15 pm on Saturday, 11 May which will be followed by hospitality.

Do you like to read - do you feel confident reading aloud? Would you like to help lead prayers in services? If the answer is 'yes', please speak to Catriona about joining our rota of volunteers at the 10.30 am services.

We are also looking for people to help with welcoming, 'sides' and refreshments following the services.



Churches Together in Faversham

LENT LUNCHESES 2019

Each Friday of Lent
(8 March – 12 April)

Baptist Church Hall

12 – 2pm

Soup, bread and cheese

Suggested donation £3

Proceeds to CTiF Charity of the Year:

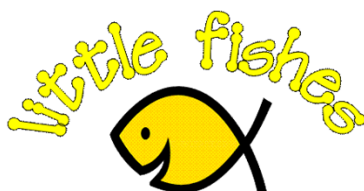
Faversham Umbrella

St Mary of Charity's Lent Lunch is 5 April 2019. If you would be able to help in any way with the cooking, setting up, serving, washing up or clearing up please speak to Val Tyler. Thank you.

Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is a list of people eligible to hold office and to vote in elections at the Annual Parish meeting. This year we start a new roll and everyone who wants to be on the roll has to fill in an application form. Anyone who attends services may apply regardless of which parish they live in. Please do complete the whole form (including your name and address at the top!).

Forms should be returned, by 17 March at the latest, please, to Mary Wimlett (Electoral Roll Officer), Alison Swinney or Miranda Ford (Churchwardens) or our Parish Administrator, Catriona Cuthbert.



Every Thursday morning during term-time, from 10 am until 11.30 am, our amazing pre-school group runs in the South Transept for play, craft, snacks, stories, songs and a prayer. Little Fishes is run by volunteers and we need to ensure that we have enough helpers available for each session. Please speak to Dennis, Val T or Catriona if you would like to know more...

Please do try to remain aware at all times of where your valuables are while you are in the building, and do not leave bags, or any items you wouldn't want to lose, unattended during services or hospitality.

Unfortunately, this includes Eucharist; although we have Churchwardens and Sidespeople, they cannot be everywhere.

St Mary of Charity regular pattern of services

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)	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>		

**Notices to Catriona for the March Sheet by
Wednesday, 27 March latest!**

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