



St Mary of Charity

The Benefice of Faversham

MARCH NOTICE SHEET



PLEASE CALL 01795 530553 (PARISH OFFICE, 9AM-2PM MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY) IF YOU WISH TO ORGANISE A BAPTISM, A WEDDING OR BOOK THE CHURCH.

PLEASE NOTE BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND MARCH THE CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD WILL CLOSE AT 3 PM ON WEEKDAYS.

Sunday, 1 March	9 am	Eucharist (CW) with hymns
First in Lent	10.30 am	All Age Worship
	6 pm	Choral Evensong
Tuesday, 3 March	10 am	Mustard Seed Music <i>exploring singing, music and rhythm in a comfortable environment for children aged one to school age</i>
	11.30 am	Funeral
Wednesday, 4 March	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist
	11.45 am	St Mark's Gospel <i>a weekly Bible study in the North Transept</i>
Thursday, 5 March	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes <i>World Book Day. Come dressed as your favourite literary character!</i>
Friday, 6 March	10.30 am	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel
	12-2 pm	Lent Lunch <i>at The Baptist Church, St Mary's Road</i>
Saturday, 7 March	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
	6-8 pm	Easter Singalong rehearsal
Sunday, 8 March	9 am	Eucharist (BCP)
Second in Lent	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist (CW)
Tuesday, 10 March	10 am	Mustard Seed Music
Wednesday, 11 March	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist
	11.45 am	St Mark's Gospel <i>a weekly Bible study in the North Transept</i>
Thursday, 12 March	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes <i>Mothering Sunday Craft plus Sport Relief Cake Stall and Tombola</i>
Friday, 13 March	10.30 am	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel
	12-2 pm	Lent Lunch <i>at The Baptist Church, St Mary's Road</i>

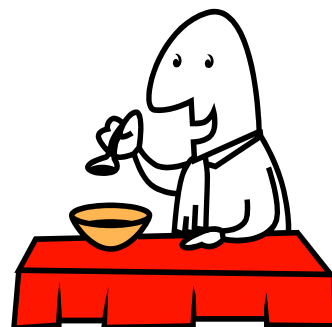
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Saturday, 14 March	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
	9.30 am-4.30 pm	Franciscan Area Day
	6-8 pm	Easter Singalong rehearsal
Sunday, 15 March	9 am	Matins
Third in Lent	10.30 am	Family Eucharist (CW)
Tuesday, 17 March	10 am	Mustard Seed Music
Wednesday, 18 March	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist <i>followed by</i>
	12 noon	Parish Lunch
Thursday, 19 March	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes <i>Making Easter Bonnets</i>
Friday, 20 March	10.30 am	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel
	12-2 pm	Lent Lunch <i>at The Baptist Church, St Mary's Road</i>
Saturday, 21 March	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
	6-8 pm	Easter Singalong rehearsal
Sunday, 22 March	9 am	Eucharist (BCP)
Mothering Sunday	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist (CW)
Tuesday, 24 March	10 am	Mustard Seed Music
	11.30 am	Funeral
Wednesday, 25 March	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist
Thursday, 26 March	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes <i>Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet Parade and party (schools break up for Easter on Thursday, 2 April)</i>
	1 pm	Experience Easter
Friday, 27 March	10.30 am	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel
	12-2 pm	Lent Lunch <i>at The Baptist Church, St Mary's Road</i>
Saturday, 28 March	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
Sunday, 29 March	10 am	Benefice Service at St Catherine's, Preston-next-Faversham
Fifth Sunday in Lent		

Church Cafe will be taking a break during winter except for
'special occasions'
(keep an eye on notices and pew sheets).
We hope to be back in spring 2020.

**The next Parish Lunch will be on the
Third Wednesday of the month:
18 March 2020!**

All are welcome to join us for good food and fellowship



**Churches Together in Faversham
weekly Unity Prayers for March 2020**
will be held at The Gospel Mission, Tanners Street
on Saturday mornings, between 9 and 10 am.

*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 Churchwarden*.*

**Other responsible adults are available!*



**Advance Notice: Flower Festival
at St Mary of Charity
8, 9 and 10 May 2020**

St Mary of Charity will be holding a flower festival to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. We will be looking for help in many ways leading up to, and over the three days of the festival, and invite you to participate.

So please, set aside these dates in your diaries! If you feel you are able to be involved in helping with the festival by arranging or sponsoring a display, arranging a fundraising event or in any other way, please speak to Val, Keith or Brian. Your help will be much appreciated.

Volunteer welcomers will be needed for the flower festival. If anyone can help for a couple of hours, please contact Victor Frith on (01795) 590588 or victor.frith@btinternet.com.

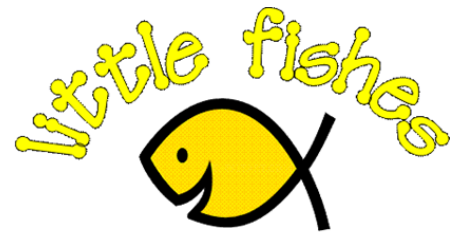
No knowledge of the history of the church is needed.

Mustard Seed Music explores singing, music and rhythm in a comfortable environment for children from one to school age!



Join Naomi at 10 am on a Tuesday morning. Further information is available on the notice boards.

**We're here on Thursdays
between 10 and 11.30 am!**



Come and join us if you'd like! We will have a full and exciting programme of activities for the spring term! Please look out for the Little Fishes leaflets for our activities this year, and to see when we are running; or have a look at our page on the church website. We also have a closed Facebook page, so if you're a regular at Little Fishes, and you haven't already, find us and ask us to add you as a member!

Volunteers to help with crafts, refreshments and tidying, etc, are always welcome - we will have a DBS check run for you (all of our helpers are DBS checked!)

Experience Easter is an exciting, interactive, moving exploration of Holy Week for small groups of school pupils.

We will be touring round all our four churches offering this to all our primary schools between Monday 23 and Friday 27 March.

We need volunteers for each session who will:

- ⇒ lead very simple 10-minute scripted sessions,
- ⇒ or who will be with a small group,
- ⇒ or who will provide hospitality for the staff and parents who come with each class.

The sessions will be roughly:

Monday 23 March: 9.00-12.00 / 1.00-3.30

Tuesday 24 March: 9.00-12.00 / 1.00-3.30

Wednesday 25 March: 9.00-12.00

Thursday 26 March: 1.00-3.30

Friday 27 March: 1.00-3.30

If you're able to help on any of the sessions, please would you contact Dan?



GOSPEL OF ST MARK

At St Mary of Charity - weekly at 11.45 am
from Wednesday, 12 February
(on 19 February this will take place *after* the Parish
Lunch).

This will be held in the North Transept.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FAVERSHAM

Lent Lunches 2020

Each Friday of Lent
(28 February to 3 April)

12 - 2 pm

Soup, bread and cheese

Suggested donation £3

Proceeds to CTiF charity of the year

Open Doors

(please see posters for details)

If you would like an Easter 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.



Contemplating Easter will take place over four weeks this spring:

St Mary Magdalene with St Lawrence, The Brents and Davington at 7pm

on Thursday evenings 12, 19, 26 March and 2 April

and the following mornings

at **St Catherine's**, Preston-next-Faversham

at 10.30am on Friday 13, 20, 27 March and 3 April.

The Tuesday Group

The Tuesday Group's next open meetings are:

10 March 2020: Speaker Tom van Soest: Being a teenager in Arnhem

14 April 2020: Music provided by *Forged Steal*

Both meetings at the Age UK premises at 7.30 pm; please do come along.

Every third Sunday 6pm to 7pm

ReFresh

at Davington Church

An informal time of worship for all

Followed by refreshments

Sunday 19th January

Talk by Revd Dr Jenny Corcoran

Bishop of Dover's Chaplain

'Rejoicing Together'

Sunday 16th February

Talk by Kate Alexander

Whitstable United

Reform Church

'God's Call to me'

Sunday 15th March

Talk TBC



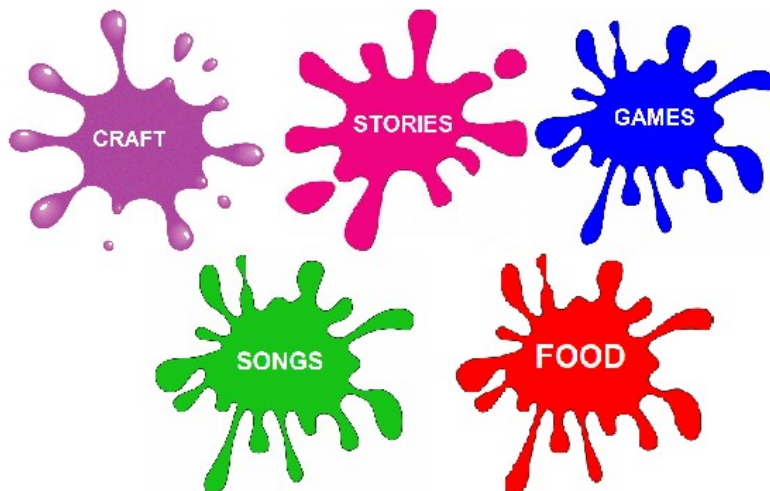
Next ReFresh is at
St Mary Magdalene
with St Lawrence,
The Brents and
Davington at 6 pm on
Sunday, 15 March
2020.



Every third Sunday of the month

3pm to 4.30pm

at Davington Church



Next Active Church is at
St Mary Magdalene
with St Lawrence,
The Brents and
Davington between
3 and 4.30 pm on
Sunday, 15 March
2020.

Join us on: Sunday 19th January, 16th February, 15th March
For more information contact Martin on 07866388622

**Puppet Training Day
at St Mary of Charity Church
of England Primary School**

**Saturday, 14 March 2020
10 am - 4.30 pm**

A practical day of opportunities to develop your skills,
find resources and be inspired
with new ideas.

Please see posters for information.

**Leading Prayers
at St Mary of Charity Church
of England Primary School**

**Saturday, 21 March 2020
10 am - 12:30 pm**

An inspiring, informative, interactive training session for
anyone leading intercessions in church services, or
interested in doing so.

Please see posters for details.

Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is a list of people eligible to hold office
and to vote in elections at the Annual Parish meeting.
Anyone who is baptised and attends services may apply
regardless of which parish they live in.

If you would like to be added to the roll please complete
an application form and return it to Mary Wimlett
(Electoral Roll Officer), or Catriona Cuthbert our Parish
Administrator.

Singalong Easter!

*Rehearsals began on 11 January at
St Mary of Charity.*

*Performance planned for Easter Eve:
Saturday, 11 April 2020.*

Watch this space...

The Abbey School has a team of volunteers from the local community who help across the curriculum with reading, handwriting, maths, art, etc.

If you would like to consider giving some time helping pupils in school, please contact Rev Dan.

Come and decorate the church for Easter!

**Between 9 am and noon
on Easter Saturday, 11 April;
bring your own flowers, secateurs or scissors
and foliage.**

***If anyone can provide extra greenery
this would be appreciated.***

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 April sheet by
Wednesday, 25 March latest!**

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