



St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham

MAY NOTICE SHEET



DURING MAY IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE
CLERGY ON A PASTORAL MATTER,
PLEASE CALL 01227 634762.

PLEASE CALL 01795 530553 (PARISH OFFICE) IF YOU WISH
TO ORGANISE A BAPTISM, WEDDING OR BOOK THE CHURCH

Wednesday, 1 May	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist
Thursday, 2 May	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes May Pole!
Friday, 3 May	10.30 am	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel
Saturday, 4 May	8 - 9 am	Early Morning Prayer
Sunday, 5 May	9 am	Said Eucharist (CW)
Third Sunday in Easter	10.30 am	All Age Worship
	6 pm	Choral Evensong
Tuesday, 7 May	10 am	Mustard Seed Music <i>exploring singing, music and rhythm in a comfortable environment for children aged one to school age</i>
	10 am	Eucharist at St Catherine's, Preston-next-Faversham <i>(there is no Wednesday Eucharist at St Mary of Charity this week)</i>
Wednesday, 8 May	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
Thursday, 9 May	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes <i>planting seeds/books</i>
Friday, 10 May	10.30 am	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel
Saturday, 11 May	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
	10-noon	Church Café
Sunday, 12 May	9 am	Eucharist (BCP)
Fourth Sunday in Easter	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist

Start of Christian Aid week



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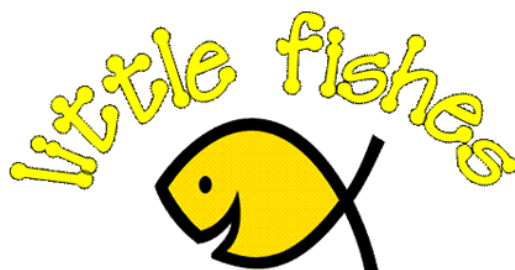
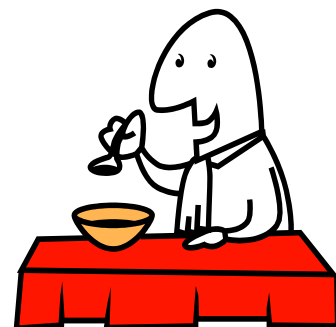
Tuesday, 14 May	10 am	Mustard Seed Music
Wednesday, 15 May	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist <i>followed by</i>
	12 noon	Parish Lunch
Thursday, 16 May	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes <i>Smile, please</i>
Friday, 17 May	10.30 am	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel
Saturday, 18 May	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
Sunday, 19 May	9 am	Matins
Fifth Sunday in Easter	10.30 am	Family Eucharist
Tuesday, 21 May	10 am	Mustard Seed Music
	10 am	Eucharist at St Catherine's, Preston-next-Faversham (<i>there is no Wednesday Eucharist at St Mary of Charity this week</i>)
Wednesday, 22 May	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
Thursday, 23 May	10-11.30 am	Little Fishes <i>Playdough</i>
Friday, 24 May	10.30 am	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel
Saturday, 25 May	8 am	Early Morning Prayer
	10-noon	Church Café
Sunday, 26 May	9 am	Eucharist (BCP)
Sixth Sunday in Easter	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
Tuesday, 28 May	10 am	Mustard Seed Music
Wednesday, 29 May	8.15 am	Deanery Chapter
	10.30 am	Eucharist
Thursday, 30 May		No Little Fishes – Half Term
	7.30 pm	Ascension Day Benefice Service <i>at St Mary Magdalene, Davington</i>
Friday, 31 May	10.30 am	Prayers in the Trinity Chapel

Please note that during May, June and July there will be a midweek Eucharist at St Mary of Charity on the first, third and (when applicable) fifth Wednesday in the month. On the second and fourth weeks, members of the congregation are invited to join the congregation of St Catherine's, Preston-next-Faversham at 10 am on a Tuesday.

**The Parish Lunch will be on the
Third Wednesday of the month -
15 May 2019!**

*All are welcome to enjoy good, home-cooked food
and fellowship*

the sign-up sheet is at the back of the church !



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.

Little Fishes runs from Thursday 25 April to Thursday 18 July, with a week off for half term on 30 May.

Please speak to Dennis, Val T or Catriona if you would like to know more...

Ascension Day - 30 May 2019

This year's Ascension Day service will be at
7.30 pm on Thursday, 30 May 2019
and will be held at
St Mary Magdalene with St Lawrence,
Davington and The Brents

Please do come and join us for this moving
service.

Join once again with 50,000 people from around the world praying using the Novena materials between Friday, 31 May and Saturday, 8 June as part of the global prayer movement: *Thy Kingdom Come*.

A Novena is a traditional prayer of nine days between Ascension and Pentecost when Christ's disciples prayed constantly.

In this in-between time, we invite you to pray with us "*Thy Kingdom Come*" – that the Holy Spirit would come and bless and challenge us to witness to God's life-changing work.



This little booklet is your invitation to explore for yourself, through art and prayer, this dual message of love and challenge. As you do, know that you are part of the global Thy Kingdom Come family, seeking God's transformation for yourself and those you meet. Join with us as we pray together "Come Holy Spirit: Thy kingdom come" – and may our waiting and praying open our hearts afresh to God's possibilities.



Christian aid have more than 70 years' experience of working in partnership to support communities to thrive. They tackle the root causes of poverty so that women, men and children the world over are strengthened against future knocks. And if disasters happen, we get people the help they want straight away.

Help to support some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers – like the communities in Sierra Leone that we're focussing on this Christian Aid Week.

A lack of healthcare means Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Tragically, 10 women will die each day from giving birth there.

Are you able to help fund raise in any way? Would you be willing to help with the door to door envelope collection? Please speak to Val Tyler if you are able to help!

Christian Aid inform about and campaign against climate change. They champion tax justice. They continue to work with local partners on the ground to make a practical difference to the lives of new waves of refugees locally while campaigning and advocating for change globally.

www.christianaid.org.uk

Rev Simon Young and Marcia, Robert and Lucy would like to thank everyone for their kind good wishes on their relocation to Bapchild with Simon's new post there. *"It's been a pleasure sharing four years with you, and please do keep us in your prayers with the new job and the move."*

Living Well Quiet Day led by Roz Graham

The Stations of Creation

10 am to 4 pm, Wednesday, 12 June 2019

Cost per person: £20 - lunch provided.

Book via The Living Well, Nonington, Kent:

01304 842847 or

contact@the-living-well.org.uk

Open House 2019

We shall be participating in the Open House scheme organised by The Faversham Society. This takes place on the first three Saturdays of July. This is the 50th anniversary of Open House.

If you are able to help as a welcomer, please contact Victor Frith on (01795) 590588. Alternatively at victor.frith@btinternet.com.

No knowledge of the history of the church is needed.



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

will be held in

The Baptist Church,

St Mary's Road, Faversham

on Wednesday between 7.30 and 8.30 pm.

Services will be taken by various
denominations through the month.

Faversham Horticultural Society *presents*

Philip Oostenbrink

Head Gardener, Canterbury Cathedral

“Gardens & Grounds at Canterbury Cathedral
Past and Present”

7.30 pm, Thursday, 30 May 2019

The Assembly Rooms, Preston Street, Faversham

Tickets £10 - please see poster for details.

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 one of the Churchwardens if you would like to join in.

Ospringe Deanery Synod has an open meeting at Teynham Parochial C of E School at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 12 June 2019. Please do come to hear Julian Hills, Diocesan Secretary speak.

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

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.

Diocesan Day of Prayer and Pilgrimage

24 hours of intentional prayer for renewal and mission in our diocese and beyond.

Day of Prayer and Pilgrimage – 7 / 8 June 2019

You are invited to pray with everyone across our diocese for God's direction in refreshing and renewing us all for mission. Together, across 24 hours, we can make a journey of our hearts and minds seeking change in our own lives and ways to change the lives of others through the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Join our focused Hour of Prayer – wherever you are – pray with us 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm on Saturday, 8 June.

You can join the whole day by helping to organise or participate in a range of prayer and pilgrimage opportunities at home, in your local churches, schools, towns and communities. Ideas and resources will be available below with ideas for planning a pilgrimage, creative prayer stations.

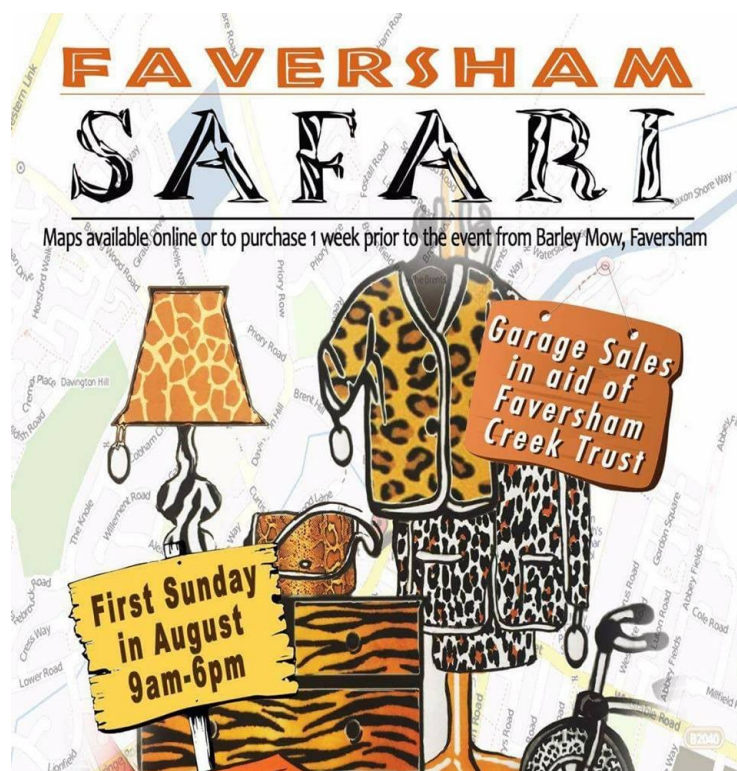


Some of you might like to make a pilgrimage journey to Canterbury. There are several routes, some of them ancient pilgrim pathways, that lead to our Cathedral. Below are links to maps and information you might find helpful to plan a journey.

You are welcome to arrive at the Cathedral anytime, however from 2.30 pm hospitality and refreshments will be available in The Chapter House. There will be prayer opportunities around the cathedral, some prayer stations in the crypt and the focused hour of prayer beginning at 4.30pm connecting us all in prayer across the diocese.

Once again this year I am collecting stuff for the FAVERSHAM SAFARI. I will happily collect donation of goods if phoned (590619) as it has raised between £250 -£300 each year. Clothes don't seem to do particularly well but it's surprising what does ... so please, if anyone is clearing out over the next three months, remember that the church could benefit from your excess of stuff! If things are left over I take them to the charity shops so very little has to be binned.

Margy Perkins



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 May Sheet by
Wednesday, 29 May latest!**

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