

St Mary of Charity
Parish Church Faversham
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
22 October 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 and the Ospringe Deanery;
- those affected by the shootings in Las Vegas;
- those affected by the Mexico earthquakes;
- those affected by hurricanes in the Caribbean, Americas and USA;
- the Rohingya seeking safety;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire;
- those who work for the emergency services;
- those who are receiving medical treatment;
- the people of Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

9 am Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

COLLECT:

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Next Sunday:

Last Sunday after Trinity
Joint Benefice Service at St
Catherine's, Preston-next-
Faversham

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46



Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Saint Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All Souls Memorial Service

A joint Service for the Benefice
will be held at St Mary of Charity,
Faversham

3 pm on Sunday 5 November 2017
followed by refreshments.

This service is open for anyone who would
like to attend;
if you would like the name of a loved one
read out during the service, please let
Catriona know.

Do you struggle to get to St Mary of Charity's Sunday services - or do you know of someone who would like to come but has problems with transport?

Do you - or could you - drive to church and can you offer a lift? We have people who would like to come but are seeking people to bring them ...

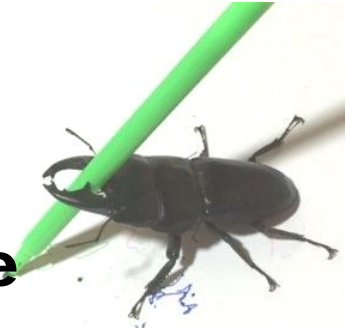
Please put your* details on the list at the back of the church if you would like a lift - or if you are able to offer one. Or speak to Miranda or Catriona!

Thank you!

**or the appropriate name and details ...*



Beetle Drive and Bring and Share



Exciting opportunity to join a Beetle Drive *and then* have fellowship with a Bring and Share tea!

Don't know what a Beetle Drive is?
Come along and find out.

**4 pm on Saturday, 4 November 2017
at St Mary of Charity Primary School**

This isn't a fundraiser - it's a social! There's a sign-up sheet at the back of the church so we can plan

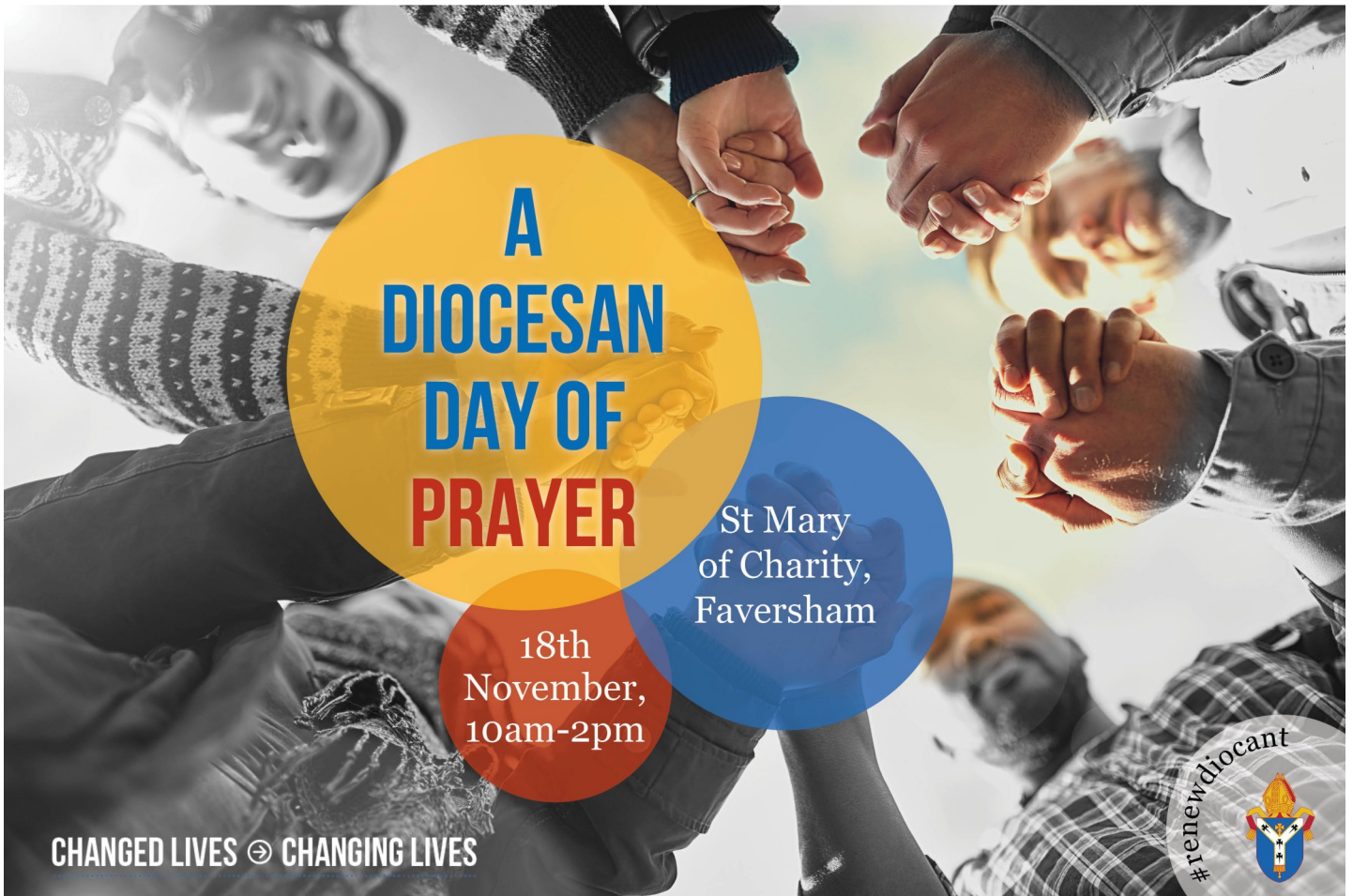
Who's missing?

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.



Four weeks to go ... Diocesan Day of Prayer

It's just four weeks until the Diocesan-wide Day of Prayer and Fasting and very exciting plans are emerging all over the Diocese. So far, these include a pilgrimage from Ramsgate to Faversham and prayer through the night at The Living Well in Nonington. There is a wealth of information available online (www.canterburydiocese.org/dayofprayer), including a resource offering guidance for fasting - and they're not just talking about food, and there is some information at the back of this church - which will be updated regularly. Please share this with others you think may be interested in attending.

Anyone wishing to attend needs to book a place; if you are not 'online' yourself, please speak to Catriona who will help you out!

**Next week's service will be a
Joint Benefice Service at
St Catherine's Church
Preston-next-Faversham
starting at 10 am.**

We look forward to seeing you there
*don't forget that the clocks go back, so we all
get a lie in!*

Advent Quiet Day
on 8 December 2017
at The Living Well.

Led by Roz Graham.



Cost £20.00 which includes lunch and tea.

Book with Clare on 01304 842847. For further
details, speak to Roz.

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Tuesday, 24 October 2017

Morning **No Mustard Seed Music - Half Term**

Wednesday, 25 October 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist (BCP)

Thursday, 26 October 2017

Morning **No Little Fishes Half Term.**

Friday, 27 October 2017

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 28 October 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer

10 am-noon Church Cafe

Sunday, 29 October 2017

9 am No Early Service at any Benefice Church

10 am Joint Benefice Eucharist at St Catherine's, Preston-next-Faversham. *Please note start time and that the clocks will have gone back!*

The St Mary of Charity usual monthly pattern of services:

First Sunday	9 am	Eucharist (CW with hymns)	10.30 am	All Age Worship Family-friendly service	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 Family-friendly service		
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>		