

# St Mary of Charity

## Parish Church Faversham

### Ninth Sunday after Trinity

### 18 August 2019

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;
- all those involved in the Benefice's Holiday Club;
- those affected by 'natural disasters' and extreme weather in the world;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the bereaved;
- those elected to represent us in local councils or parliament;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire;
- those who are homeless or vulnerably housed;
- those who are experiencing financial hardship;
- 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 Morning Prayer**  
10.30 am Family Eucharist with celebration of the Holiday Club

#### Readings:

**Isaiah 5:1-7**  
**Hebrews 11:29-12:2**  
**Luke 12:49-56**

#### COLLECT:

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches  
of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit  
of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
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:**  
**Tenth after Trinity**  
**Jeremiah 1:4-10**  
**Hebrews 12:18-29**  
**Luke 18:10-17**



Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.  
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah

are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

Here ends the Lesson.

### ***Epistle***

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts

and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***Gospel Reading***

Luke 12:49-56

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two

and two against three; they will be divided:  
father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

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



The Gospel of St John

A six week course at St Mary of Charity.

Wednesdays at 2 pm from 4 September onwards  
in the North Transept.

*A mystical reflection on the Word Made Flesh, Jesus Christ.*

## **Rev Dan Corcoran**

### **Introduction to the Benefice Churches**

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Rev Dan Corcoran to the position of Community and Mission Priest to The Benefice of Faversham; the appointment as always is subject to enhanced DBS. His licensing will be Saturday, 28 September 2019, during the afternoon and evening across the benefice churches. The family will make their home in the Benefice House in Priory Road, Davington.

Dan is married to Rev Jenny who is Bishop's Chaplain in the Diocese of Canterbury. They have two young children, Cara and Bradley, whom they are very pleased to say have just been accepted at Davington School.

Dan says that he, Jenny, Cara and Bradley are very excited about getting to know all the wonderful Saints in the Benefice.

Since July 2017, Dan has been a full time father, with Bishop's PTO, fulfilling many responsibilities in the wider church, including running Sing along Canterbury. Among his creative gifts he includes song writing and playing the piano and trumpet.

Dan is a pastoral evangelist, having spent time working with young people in Manchester, Croydon and Nottingham, he has a heart for everyone of every age in the community as a whole and in creatively connecting people with Jesus.

We are blessed indeed by Dan's appointment and give thanks to our Lord for him and his family, we look forward to welcoming them into our midst, may we remember them and the Benefice in our prayers, as we all prepare for this new journey.

In an effort to reduce copying and paper waste, we produce a monthly notice sheet for you to take home and keep which will show all coming services and events in the church, plus any notices. Pew sheets are for individual Sundays and will give information relevant to services (readings, hymns, etc).

*Please don't forget to take your August Notice Sheet home with you!*

We are looking for people to help with  
The Great St Mary of Charity Pudding Club  
during the Faversham Food Festival  
on 14 September 2019.

If you are able to help by cooking or setting up, clearing up, washing up or serving, please do speak to Miranda for details, and see the sign-up sheets at the back of the church.

**Notices for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by  
Wednesday, 28 August, very latest!**

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