

St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham

Palm Sunday 25 March 2018

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 'natural disasters' and extreme weather in the world;
- the Rohingya seeking safety;
- 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 Eucharist (BCP)
10.30 am Parish Eucharist (CW) with
Baptism of Louis Matteo
CORNACCHIA

Readings:

Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 15:1-39(40-47)

COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love
towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example
of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers
of his resurrection;
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:
Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18



Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mark 15:1-39(40-47)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint
Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a
consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole

council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and

put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

At the end the reader will say:

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



**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) ...
will take place on Tuesday, 17 April 2018 - 7 pm for 7.30 pm
St Mary of Charity School.**

Each year the **Churchwardens** stand down from their post, at which time they **may** make themselves 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 shadow the Wardens for the future 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 **seven 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.

PCC are looking to fill four three-year vacancies, two two-year vacancies and one one-year vacancy.

Deanery Synod members were elected for three years and are in post for a further two years, there is one resignation at this point leaving **a vacancy for two years.**

We shall also be updating the Electoral Roll, please let us know of anyone to come off or anyone who would like to be added. Forms can be found on the low cupboard backing on to the ramp by the south porch.

There are further notices and nomination forms to complete for these positions together with a current electoral roll.

Please prayerfully consider these vacancies: we really need you.

***We look forward to joining together on Tuesday, 17 April
for drinks, nibbles and "Agenda"***

Alison Swinney and Miranda Ford, Churchwardens



Churches Together in Faversham have produced an Easter card giving the message of hope that Easter brings us. If you would like to take a pack to distribute, they are at the back of the church, using the same street allocation as the CTiF Christmas cards (so you may not be able to do your own street). We need to try to get all of the cards delivered before Palm Sunday (25 March)!

This is part of Churches Together in Faversham's Hope 2018 initiative.

While the building works are taking place in the North Transept, the church will be open between 10 am and 3 pm, Monday to Friday. It will be open as usual during the weekend.

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Principles are like lighthouses; they give us bearings. The principles of spirituality are fairness, integrity, and honesty, acknowledging the human dignity of all people, commitment to service, doing your best, being prepared to grow, and being humble enough to apologise when mistakes are made. Spirituality is about realism, and it is about letting go in order to live as God wants us to live.

**Faversham
foodbank needs
your help!**



**As a result of increase in custom,
the foodbank is very low on the
following:**

**Tinned Vegetables
Long Life Fruit Juice
Tinned Sponge Puddings
Shampoo
Rice
Cooking Oil
Tinned or Instant Custard**

**If you are able to donate any
seasonal items, this would also be
appreciated.**

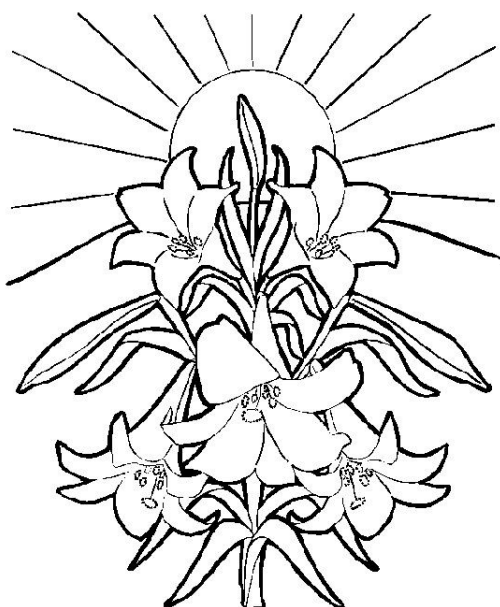
Thank you

Come and decorate the church for Easter!

Easter Saturday between 9 am and noon on Saturday, 31 March;

bring your own flowers and foliage.

If anyone can provide extra greenery this would be appreciated.



If you would like a 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 commemorated.

The Tuesday Group's next open meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 27 March, at the Age UK premises, with the chance to hear Bernie Pinner of Mission Aviation Fellowship speak about his organisation.

This meeting is open to anyone who would like to come along and share fellowship.

St Mary of Charity's choir will be singing the Evensong service at Canterbury Cathedral on Tuesday, 4 April and Wednesday, 5 April at 5.30 pm.

Please come along to hear them sing at this very special service in the quire.

Once again we will be offering people the opportunity to buy a Fairtrade Real Easter Egg, through The Meaningful Chocolate Company or Divine Chocolate for this Easter.

Sign up forms are at the church.

Please do think about getting a Real Easter Egg which focuses on the true meaning of Easter!

Cash donations for
The Great St Mary of Charity Easter Egg Hunt
on Sunday, 1 April after the 10.30 am service
can also be given to Alison.

Speak to Alison Swinney for details.

Calais Children : a Case to Answer

Faversham and Villages Refugee Solidarity Group thanks everyone who helped us to present Sue Clayton's film in church on Thursday, 22 February, and everyone in the audience. The evening raised over £500 in support of Sue's campaign to provide legal representation for unaccompanied children abandoned by the UK Government in Calais.

We are delighted that our MP came, and offered to help Sue deliver the film to the Home Office for Amber Rudd's comments.

Catriona Cuthbert has signed up to take part in Cancer Research's Walk All Over Cancer campaign, doing a minimum of 10,000 steps every day during March (*she's allowed to make up the difference if the total falls short on an individual day*). If anyone would like to sponsor Catriona, please find her and ask for the form or go into <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/catriona-walks-all-over-cancer-10> (link on the SMC facebook page!)

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Monday, 26 March 2018

7.30 pm Holy Week Eucharist

Tuesday, 27 March 2018

9.30 am St Mary of Charity Primary School Easter Service

7.30 pm Holy Week Eucharist

Wednesday, 28 March 2018

10.30 am Eucharist

7.30 pm Holy Week Eucharist

Thursday, 29 March 2018

10-11.30 am Little Fishes *Easter Egg hunt and Easter bonnet parade, along with The Easter Story*

7.30 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Stripping of the Altar

Friday, 30 March 2018

10.30 am Walk of Witness from United Reform Church, Preston St

10.45 am Good Friday Service in Market Place

2 pm Reflections at the foot of the cross

6 pm Stainer's Crucifixion (*please speak to James Brown if you would like to sing in this performance*)

Saturday, 31 March 2018

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer

10-noon Decorate the church for Easter

7.30 pm Service of Light with renewal of baptism vows

Sunday, 1 April 2018; Easter Sunday

9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

10.30 am Easter Sunday Eucharist *followed by*

12 noon The Great St Mary of Charity Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard if inclement

