

# St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham Second Sunday in Easter 28 April 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;
- our Curate, Rev Simon Young as he prepares to leave for his new post, and our Bishop preparing for retirement;
- those affected by 'natural disasters' and extreme weather in the world;
- the bereaved;
- those elected to represent us in local councils or parliament;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those who are homeless or vulnerably housed;
- those who are experiencing financial hardship;
- those who are receiving medical treatment;
- those who volunteer their time for the good of others;
- the people of Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

10.30 am Benefice Parish Eucharist  
*to say farewell to our Curate*

## Readings:

**Acts 5:27-32**

**Revelation 1:4-8**

**John 20:19-31**

COLLECT:

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son  
to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven  
of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son  
Jesus Christ 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:**

**Third Sunday in Easter**

**Zephaniah 3:14-20**

**Acts 9:1-6(7-20)**

**John 21:1-19**



## 10.30 am Benefice Eucharist

Processional:	The day of resurrection
Gradual:	Now the green blade rises
Offertory:	Good Christians all rejoice and sing
Motet:	If ye love me; <i>Tallis</i>
Recessional:	Now thank we all our God



### **The day of resurrection!**

Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God;  
from death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our God hath brought us over  
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection-light;  
and, listening to his accents,  
may hear so calm and plain  
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,  
and earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen,  
our joy that hath no end.

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,**  
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.*

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,  
thinking that he never would awake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.*

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for the three days in the grave had lain,  
back from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.*

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
then your touch can call us back to life again,  
field of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.*

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!**

Now is the triumph of our King.  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Lord of Life is risen for ay:  
bring flowers of song to strew his way;  
let all the earth rejoice and say  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Praise we in songs of victory  
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing to-day with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**Now thank we all our God**  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices ;  
    who from our mother's arms  
    hath blessed us on our way  
    with countless gifts of love,  
    and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
    with ever joyful hearts  
and blessèd peace to cheer us ;  
    and keep us in his grace,  
    and guide us when perplexed,  
    and free us from all ills  
    in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
    the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
    the one eternal God,  
    whom earth and heaven adore ;  
    for thus it was, is now,  
    and shall be evermore.



## ***Epistle***

Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

## ***New Testament***

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***Gospel***

John 20:19-31

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

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed

because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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



The Vicar, Churchwardens and members  
of the congregations of Davington,  
Faversham, Ospringe  
and Preston-next-Faversham  
would like to wish Rev Simon Young,  
Marcia, Robert and Lucy, their warmest  
best wishes and prayers for the future.

*We will miss you!*



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.

In an effort to reduce copying and paper waste, we will be producing 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 will be for individual Sundays and will give information relevant to services (readings, hymns, etc).

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

**Notices to Catriona by  
Wednesday, 29 May latest!**

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