

# St Mary of Charity

## Parish Church Faversham

### Second before Advent

### 17 November 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;
- 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 volunteer their time to help others;
- 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 Matins**

10.30 am Family Eucharist

**Readings:**

**Malachi 4:1-2a**

**2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

**Luke 21:5-19**

**COLLECT:**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God  
and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power  
and great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal  
and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

**Next Sunday:**

**Christ the King**

**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

**Colossians 1:11-20**

**Luke 23:22-43**



## 9 am Matins

Responses	Ferial
Psalm	98
Canticles	Venite & Jubilate
Anthem	Jesu, joy of man's desiring; <i>Bach</i>
Opening	Christ whose glory fills the skies
Offertory	Judge eternal, throned in splendour



### **Christ, whose glory fills the skies,**

Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiancy divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

**Judge eternal, throned in splendour,**

Lord of lords and King of kings,  
with thy living fire of judgment  
purge this realm of bitter things:  
solace all its wide dominion  
with the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining  
for the hour that brings release:  
and the city's crowded clangour  
cries aloud for sin to cease;  
and the homesteads and the woodlands  
plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O Lord, thine own endeavour;  
cleave our darkness with thy sword;  
cheer the faint and feed the hungry  
with the richness of thy word;  
cleanse the body of this nation  
through the glory of the Lord.



## ***Old Testament***

Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Here ends the Lesson.

## ***Epistle***

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness,

mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Reading***

Luke 21:5-19

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take

place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.’

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

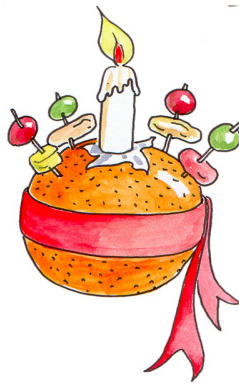


## Kids' Christmas Craft

Following the 10.30 am services on the first and second Sundays of December the children from Footsteps (our second and fourth Sunday group) will be running a stall with hand made crafts and treats. All funds raised will go towards Footsteps and children's church.

Please do come along to see if there is anything to tempt you - *and don't forget your pocket money!*

Don't forget to join us at 10.30 am on Sunday, 1 December for the Christingle, which will take place during the Worship Service at St Mary of Charity.



Coin pots are available at the back of the church.

## Memorial Service

There will be a short memorial service in St Mary of Charity at 2 pm on 23 November to remember Ben Charter, Mary and Harvey's son, who died earlier this year.

If anyone would like to come along to support Mary and Harvey and their family, they would be very welcome.

Come to the St Mary of Charity Advent Carol Service at 6 pm on Sunday, 1 December 2019.

Enjoy a service of moving music and song and learn about the coming of the Lord.



*You will see a basket of gift labels at the back of the church. Please do write the name of a loved-one (or a small message) on the back and we will hang these on the Christmas Tree in December.*

*The labels will be available during November and December.*

**Notices for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by  
Wednesday, 27 November, very latest!**

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