

**St Mary of Charity**  
**Parish Church Faversham**  
**Second Sunday before Advent**  
**19 November 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 earthquake on the Iran/Iraq border;
- those affected by the Sutherland Springs, New York and Las Vegas attacks;
- the Rohingya seeking safety;
- those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire;
- those affected by the natural disasters in the world;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- 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 Matins**

10.30 am Family Eucharist

**Readings:**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

**Matthew 25:14-30**

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**

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

**Matthew 25:31-46**



## 9 am Matins

|           |                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Responses | Ferial                           |
| Psalm     | 90: 1-8 and 12                   |
| Canticles | Venite & Jubilate                |
| Anthem    | God be in my head; <i>Rutter</i> |
| Opening   | Strengthen for service, Lord     |
| Offertory | Jesu grant me this, I pray       |



**Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands**  
that holy things have taken ;  
let ears that now have heard thy songs  
to clamour never waken.

Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang  
keep free from all deceiving ;  
the eyes which saw thy love be bright,  
thy blessed hope perceiving.

The feet that tread thy holy courts  
from light do thou not banish ;  
the bodies by thy Body fed  
with thy new life replenish.

**Lord Jesus, think on me,**  
and purge away my sin ;  
from earthborn passions set me free,  
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me  
with many a care opprest;  
let me thy loving servant be,  
and taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity  
point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
that, when the flood is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see,  
and share thy joy at last.



Christingle this year will be part of our 10.30 am  
All Age Worship service on Sunday, 3 December!



Come and join us for this unusual and  
fun service - and stay for tea, coffee  
and cake afterwards!

The collection from Christingle is sent to The  
Children's Society and the candle collection  
boxes for this are at the back of the church.

Please do take one.

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading***Matthew 25:1-13*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made

five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

**There will be an evening of history talks  
at St Mary of Charity  
starting 7.30 pm**

**on Tuesday, 28 November 2017**

organised by the Faversham Society and the PCC.

The speakers are:

**Lord Boyce, Admiral of the Fleet:** Cinque Ports -  
Cradle of the Royal Navy and the Royal Navy  
Today

**John Blackford:** The King's Port from the medieval  
origins to the 18th Century

**William Palin, Director of Conservation at the  
Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich:** The  
Maritime and Naval Connections between  
Greenwich, Chatham, Sheerness and Dover.

There are no tickets, but there will be a retiring  
collection in aid of St Mary of Charity and the Arthur  
Percival Memorial Fund. Please see posters for  
details.





# *Christmas Craft Fayre*

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>  
10am 'til 1pm  
December

*St Mary of Charity,  
Faversham*

For stallholder enquiries please email  
[admin@stmaryofcharity.org](mailto:admin@stmaryofcharity.org)



*Musique Cordiale in Kent presents:*

## **Handel's Messiah**

Musique Cordiale Festival Orchestra & Choir with soloists: Louise Kemény, Kate Howden, Julian Gregory, Jonny Herford and Conductor Graham Ross.

**Saturday, 25 November 2017 at 7.30 pm**

Entrance £10/£15 *including a glass of wine*  
(Children under 12 free).

Tickets available at the door.

Please see posters for details

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 we 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 ...*







# **St Mary of Charity services and events for Advent and Christmas 2017**

## **Sunday, 3 December 2017**

10.30 am Christingle and All Age Worship

## **Saturday, 9 December 2017**

10 am to 1 pm Christmas Craft Fair

## **Tuesday, 12 December 2017**

7 pm Tuesday Group Advent Service

## **Wednesday, 13 December 2017**

12 noon Parish Christmas Lunch

2.15 pm Lorenden School Christmas Service

## **Saturday, 16 December 2017**

7 pm Faversham Choral - Christmas with the Choral

## **Sunday, 17 December 2017**

6 pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

## **Monday, 18 December 2017**

All Day - Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Christmas Services

## **Wednesday, 20 December 2017**

9 am Ethelbert Road School Christmas Service

1.30 pm St Mary of Charity Primary School Christmas Service

## **Sunday, 24 December 2017**

5 pm Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

## **Monday, 25 December 2017 - Christmas Day**

10.30 am Family Eucharist (no 9 am service)

## **Sunday, 31 December 2017 - First Sunday in Christmas**

10 am Benefice Family Eucharist only (no 9 am service) *at Davington*

**There is no Wednesday Eucharist on  
27 December 2017 or 3 January 2018**

## **Advent Reflections**

Rev Sharran Ireland and Rev Simon Young

7.30 pm

On Monday, 27 November, and  
Monday, 4, 11, 18 December

At St Mary Magdalene with  
St Lawrence, Davington



## **Advent Quiet Day**

10 am - 4 pm

on Friday, 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, 21 November 2017

Morning Mustard Seed Music - *exploring singing, music and rhythm in a comfortable environment for children aged one to school age.*

## Wednesday, 22 November 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter  
10.30 am Eucharist (BCP)

## Thursday, 23 November 2017

Morning Little Fishes - *Christmas Craft Fayre*

## Friday, 24 November 2017

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel

## Saturday, 25 November 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer  
10-noon Church Cafe  
7.30 pm Musique Cordiale *Handel's Messiah*

## Sunday, 26 November 2017; Christ the King

9 am Eucharist (BCP)  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist



## The St Mary of Charity usual monthly pattern of services:

|                                     |   |                           |          |   |      |                 |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------|---|------|-----------------|
| <b>First Sunday</b>                 | 9 am                                    | Eucharist (CW with hymns) | 10.30 am | All Age Worship<br><i>Family-friendly service</i>   | 6 pm | Choral Evensong |
| <b>Second Sunday</b>                | 9 am                                    | Eucharist (BCP said)      | 10.30 am | Parish Eucharist  |      |                 |
| <b>Third Sunday</b>                 | 9 am                                    | Matins                    | 10.30 am | Family Eucharist<br><i>Family-friendly service</i>  |      |                 |
| <b>Fourth Sunday</b>                | 9 am                                    | Eucharist (BCP said)      | 10.30 am | Parish Eucharist  |      |                 |
| <b>Fifth Sunday (if applicable)</b> | NO EARLY SERVICE AT ANY BENEFICE CHURCH |                           | 10 am    | Benefice Eucharist CW<br><i>Please check for details on which church this will be held at</i> |      |                 |