

St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham Second before Lent 4 February 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;
- 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.

9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns
10.30 am All Age Worship
6 pm Choral Evensong

Readings:

Colossians 1:15-20

John 1:1-14

COLLECT:

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens
and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand
in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.
Amen

Next Sunday:

Last before Lent

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9



9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

Opening: Immortal, invisible
Offertory: Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Closing: All creatures of our God and king



6 pm Choral Evensong

Introit: Teach me thy way, O Lord; *Fox*
Responses Plainsong
Psalm and Setting 104 v 26 - 37
Anthem O Thou the central orb; *Wood*
Hymn Lord of beauty, thine the splendour



Lord of beauty, thine the splendour

shown in earth and sky and sea,
burning sun and moonlight tender,
hill and river, flower and tree :
lest we fail our praise to render
touch our eyes that they may see.

Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
mighty waters ebb and flow,
while unhasting, undelaying,
planets on their courses go :
in thy laws thyself displaying,
teach our minds thyself to know.

Lord of life, alone sustaining
all below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
sun and stars sublimely move :
in our earthly spirits reigning,
lift our hearts that we may love.

Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,
and, with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
thou in all art glorified.

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
ye lights of evening, find a voice:

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire, so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!

The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show:

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;

O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*



Epistle

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-14

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

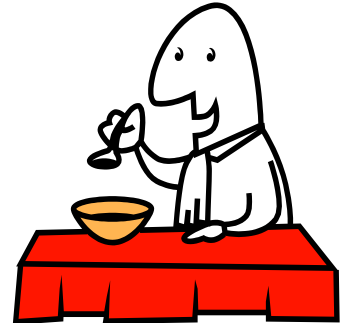
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Parish Lunch will be on the third
Wednesday of the month

21 February 2018

All are welcome to enjoy good, home-cooked food and fellowship - the sign-up sheet is at the back of the church!



Lent Lunches

St Mary of Charity will be hosting the Lent Lunch at the Baptist Church on Friday, 2 March. If anyone is able to help with preparation, serving or setting up/clearing away, please speak to Val Tyler.

The dates for the Lent Lunches are:

16 February
23 February
2 March
9 March
16 March
23 March

Lunches are between 12 noon and 1.45 - 2 pm and the minimum donation is £3.00.

The lunches are a wonderful expression of fellowship with our fellow Christians (and non-Christians!)

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* The Tuesday Group's next open meeting will *
* be held at 7.30 pm on 13 February, at the Age UK *
* premises, with Mark Bathurst speaking about the *
* restoration of the Medway Queen. *
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* This meeting is open to anyone who would like to *
* come along and share fellowship. *
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If you are using any equipment of any kind in the church, please remember to put it back where you got it from afterwards - if you are not sure where it should live, please ask!

Today is World Cancer Day. Please remember in your prayers those who have cancer, have had cancer, who are trying to find a cure for cancer, who are caring for someone with cancer or have lost someone through cancer.

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Socrates wisely remarked that 'the unexamined life is not worth living'. There are therefore grounds for believing that the more we think/meditate about life, work, relationships, and spirituality the more chances there are that we will find ourselves in healthier relationships with ourselves, others, and the world.

Raising funds for St Mary of Charity Parish Church

Quiz 'n' ? Chips

SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

At St Mary of Charity Primary School

Maximum 8 people per table

£7 per person includes sausage & chip supper.

Doors open at 7pm for a prompt 7.30 start

Please bring your own drinks / Raffle on the night

To book place please contact Martin or Victoria

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All profits from this evening will go to St Mary of Charity Parish Church

A Pilgrimage through Lent

7.30pm on Mondays in Lent

beginning Monday 19th February

(approx 1 hour)

St Mary of Charity,

Please journey with us!

Simon Y, Sharran J and Roz G



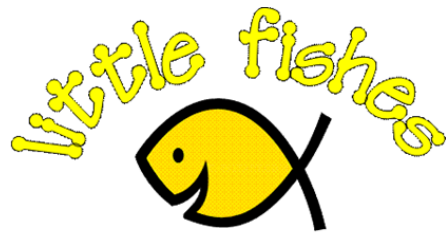
**The Churches Together in Faversham
are committed to HOPE 2018.**

We have also committed to praying with one another as we seek God's plan for Faversham.

Please join us to pray together:

Fridays in February 10.30am – 11.30am at The United Church Preston Street

Tuesdays in March 7pm – 8pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Tanners Street



We're back: every Thursday morning from 10 am until 11.30 am, our amazing pre-school group has resumed in the South Transept for play, craft, snacks, stories, songs and a prayer. However, this is where YOU come in. Little Fishes is run by volunteers and we need to ensure that we have enough helpers available for each session.

Chatting with parents, carers, childminders and the children is also part of the morning (but obviously this isn't a chore - not that *any* of the rest is!)

So, can you help us? Do you know someone who could? *Do you know someone with spare time on a Thursday morning who can play a musical instrument?*

Please speak to Dennis or Val T if you would like to know more...

Who's missing?

Have you noticed one of our church family who you normally see on Sundays is no longer attending church?

Is there someone you know who has had to stop coming to church because of ill health but would like to remain in contact?

We have a group of volunteers who can visit people in their homes to be a link to the church and provide spiritual support. Home Communion can also be given.

If there is someone you think would benefit from such a visit please contact the Pastoral Visitors' Co-ordinator Kevin Swinney (kevin.swinney@outlook.com) or a member of the Clergy team.

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Tuesday, 6 February 2018

1.30 pm Funeral: Michael DAVIES

Wednesday, 7 February 2018

10.30 am Eucharist

11.30 am Burial of Ashes: Stella FRIAR

Thursday, 8 February 2018

10-11.30 am Little Fishes *Pancake races*

Friday, 9 February 2018

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel

10.30 am Hope 2018 prayers in The United Church, Preston St

Saturday, 10 February 2018

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer

Sunday, 11 February 2018; Last before Lent

9 am Eucharist (BCP)

10.30 am Parish Eucharist (CW)



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