

**Parish Church of
St Mary of Charity, Faversham
Second Sunday before Lent
19 February 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;
- those who help with Mission within the Church worldwide;
- help us to focus on the things we have in common, not our differences;
- those receiving medical treatment and those who care for them;
- the family and friends of Kaden Reddick;
- the people of Lake Oroville, California
- the people of Tignes, France and the emergency services there;
- those affected by violence;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the people of Europe experiencing extreme weather;
- the homeless;
- those who are grieving;
- those experiencing financial hardship;
- the people of Syria, Iraq, the Yemen and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

9 am Matins
10.30 am Family Eucharist

Readings:

Romans 8:18-25
Matthew 6:25-34

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 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9



9 am Matins

Responses	Ferial
Psalm	136
Canticles	Venite & Jubilate
Anthem	O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; Goss
Opening	Christ is the world's true light
Offertory	Thou, whose almighty word



Christ is the world's light, he and none other:
born in our darkness, he became our brother;
if we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's peace, he and none other:
no one can serve him and despise a brother;
who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's life, he and none other;
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother.
He who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high.

Give God the glory, God and none other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;
give God the glory, God in man my brother;
Glory to God on high.

Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Holy and blessèd Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.

Epistle:**Romans 8:8-25**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:**Matthew 6:25-34**

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

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

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



**Val and Keith Tyler would like to invite
their friends in the church to join them for
cake and a beverage after the
10.30 am service today
as they celebrate their 50th wedding
anniversary.**

**This month Gemma flew out to Manilla with her YWAM outreach team.
She will be there for four weeks.**

Gemma's team was one of the first teams to go, and primarily this trip will be used to:

- * research the area;
- * meet with contacts and build relationships;
- * evangelise through sports;
- * visit churches and schools; and
- * organise tournaments/games with locals.

Gemma would like to thank everyone at St Mary of Charity (and in the wider community) who has donated to her outreach and to all those who have prayed for her and continue to pray for her.

If you want to find out more please don't hesitate to contact her, either through Facebook or email (gemmaehambrook@aol.com).



Elsie Tyler would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and cards which she received on her 95th birthday last week.



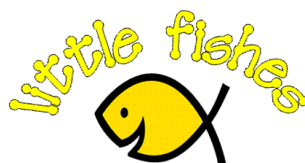
Little Fishes is back in action again;
singing and praying,
laughing and playing ...

in the south transept on Thursday mornings.

If you are able to spare up to two and a half hours on a Thursday morning in term time, would you be happy to join us? We need people to help set up, organise snacks, ensure a steady supply of hot water for tea and coffee, help with the crafts, help clear up, chat with big and little fishes, help sing *and* do the actions, help clear away and tidy at the end. Please speak to Dennis Parrett, Val Tyler or Catriona Cuthbert if you are interested. Any volunteers will need to have a DBS check (which is done by the Diocese, free of charge!) Little Fishes is popular, and we do need help (*any* Thursdays you can come down)!

If you have pre-school children and would like to join us, you are very welcome to come along between 10 and 11.30 am.

We have a *whale* of a time!



The Tuesday Group's next meeting will be at the Age UK premises at 7 pm on Tuesday, 28 February 2017.

Please join us to enjoy Olga Taylor introducing us to Greek Festivities.

This meeting is open to all.

Swap Shop in aid of Faversham Foodbank

9.30 am – 12 noon

Saturday, 25 February 2017

United Church, Preston Street, Faversham

Please see poster by the Foodbank collection box for details!

Lent talks - our clergy team are planning a

series of Lent talks in the church for the

Mondays in Lent up to Holy Week.

Please keep these dates free in your

diaries:

6, 13, 20, 27 March and 6 April 2017.

Enjoying God

A quiet day led by Roz Graham.

10.00 am - 3.30 pm

Thursday, 16 March 2017

All Saints, Graveney

Booking Roz Graham 01795

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or Rev Gill Read 01795 534059

£5.00

Bring your own lunch. Beverages provided.

Open to all

**Many thanks to all who worked so hard for
this year's Candlemas Supper.**

The excellent meal was prepared, cooked and
served by students from Canterbury College.

Thanks to everyone who participated in every
capacity.

Final figures for the fundraising are not yet in,
but look to be around £1,000.



It's the Men's Night!

**Yes, the popular St Mary of Charity
Men's Night is returning ...
Meet at the Railway Pub at 8 pm on
Tuesday, 21 February 2017**

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.

Women's World Day of Prayer

(International and Interdenominational)

Faversham Baptist Church
2 pm, Friday, 3 March 2017
followed by tea and biscuits



On Women's World Day of Prayer this year over 5,000 services will be held in the British Isles on the theme of 'Am I being unfair to you?' The Christian women of the Philippines wrote the service and it has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects to be used through the whole world on 3 March from sunrise over Samoa to sunset off the coast of American Samoa.

The Day of Prayer is not *just* for women - everyone is welcome to attend.

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Tuesday, 21 February 2017

10-10.45 am Mustard Seed Music *with Naomi Smith*

Wednesday, 22 February 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist

Thursday, 23 February 2017

10-11.30 Little Fishes - *Pancake Races! (Shrove Tuesday is next week)*

Friday, 24 February 2017

10.30 am Prayers in The Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 25 February 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Prayers in the Trinity Chapel *(followed by coffee)*

10 am - noon Church Cafe

10 am Wedding Couples' Morning

Sunday, 26 February 2017, Last before Lent

9 am Eucharist

10.30 am Parish Eucharist



The St Mary of Charity monthly pattern of services:

First Sunday	9 am	Eucharist (CW with hymns)	10.30 am	Morning Praise <i>Family-friendly service</i>	6 pm	Choral Evensong
Second Sunday	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist CW		
Third Sunday	9 am	Matins	10.30 am	Family Eucharist CW <i>Family-friendly service</i>		
Fourth Sunday	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist CW		
Fifth Sunday (if applicable)	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Benefice Eucharist CW <i>Please check for details on which church this will be held at</i>		