

St Mary of Charity

Parish Church Faversham

Second Sunday in Advent

10 December 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 Bir al-Abed attack;
- those affected by the natural disasters in the world;
- the Rohingya seeking safety;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire;
- 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 BCP
10.30am Parish Eucharist (CW)

Readings:

2 Peter 3:8-15
Mark 1:1-8

COLLECT:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever
Amen

Next Sunday:

Third in Advent

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28



Epistle

2 Peter 3:8-15

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. .

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’ .

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

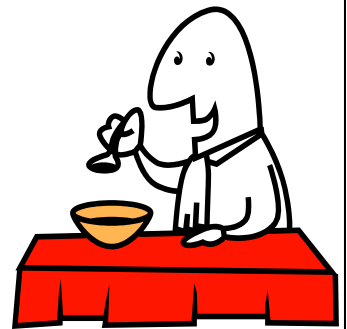
Praise to you, O Christ.

Struan Dunn is now out of hospital and at home. He would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind messages and support during the past few months, which have been of great comfort to him and Sylvia.

The Christmas Parish Lunch will be on the
second Wednesday of the month

13 December!

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



Help decorate the church to celebrate the birth of our Saviour! From 9 am to noon on Saturday, 16 December - bring yourself, secateurs or strong scissors, greenery (if you have it) and some enthusiasm (for decorating and then tidying your area). If anyone has any greenery they would be happy to donate, this would be very welcome. No experience or expertise is required!
Please speak to Val Tyler if you are interested.



Thank you!

Everyone who helped with the
St Mary of Charity
Christmas Craft Fayre yesterday.

**Come and Sing Carols
at Faversham Cottage Hospital
on Tuesday, 19 December at 2pm
in the Dayroom**

Carol Sheets will be provided.

This short Carol Service is being conducted by
St Mary of Charity, Faversham Parish Church.

Any queries to Ros Parrett 01795 530380

St Mary of Charity special services and events for Advent and Christmas 2017

**Sunday morning services follow the usual pattern unless
indicated otherwise**

Tuesday, 12 December 2017

7 pm Tuesday Group Advent Service *all are welcome*

Wednesday, 13 December 2017

12 noon Parish Christmas Lunch

2.15 pm Lorenden School Christmas Service

Saturday, 16 December 2017

7.30 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**

**Churches Together in Faversham need
stewards for Carols in the Marketplace on
Saturday, 23 December.**

Last year around 2,000 people attended and marshals are needed to hand out carol sheets, direct people and ensure everything goes smoothly and *safely*. Each church has been asked to provide two volunteers. CTiF can provide quite a few Hi-Vis vests but if people have access to their own that is even better!

**If you're happy to do this, please let Catriona
know as soon as possible!**

Advent Reflections

Rev Sharran Ireland and Rev Simon Young
7.30 pm, on Monday, 11 and 18 December
At St Mary Magdalene
with St Lawrence, Davington



Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Monday, 11 December 2017

7.30 pm Advent Reflection at St Mary Magdalene with St Lawrence, Davington

Tuesday, 12 December 2017

9.45-10.30 am Mustard Seed Music *last this year, and before Naomi's maternity leave! Mustard Seed will be back after Easter.*

1 pm Lorenden Prep School rehearsal for Carol Service

7 pm Tuesday Group Advent Service *all are welcome to join in*

Wednesday, 13 December 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist (BCP) followed by

Noon Parish Christmas Lunch

2.15 pm Lorenden Prep School Carol Service

Thursday, 14 December 2017

10-11.30 am Little Fishes - *Nativity and Christmas Party (Little Fishes return on 11 January 2018)*

Friday, 15 December 2017

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel

11.30 am QE School rehearsals for Carol Services

Saturday, 16 December 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer

9 am-noon Decorate the church for Christmas

2 pm Rehearsal Christmas with the Choral

7.30 pm Christmas with the Choral *please see posters for details*

Sunday, 17 December 2017; Third in Advent

9 am Eucharist (BCP)

10.30 am Family Eucharist (CW)

6 pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols



Please note that if you are giving people lifts in your car on behalf of the church, you need to have this reflected in your car insurance.

This is often a free option at the time of renewal.