

**Parish Church of
St Mary of Charity, Faversham
Naming of Christ
Second Sunday in Christmas
1 January 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;
- the people of Aleppo;
- those who were in The Jungle and those who work with them;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the friends and family of Łukasz Urban;
- the people of Berlin;
- the people of San Pablito;
- those who are grieving;
- those receiving medical treatment and those who care for them;
- those experiencing financial hardship;
- the people of Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

10.30 am Family Eucharist

Readings:

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:15-21

COLLECT:

Almighty God,
whose blessed Son was circumcised
in obedience to the law for our sake
and given the Name that is above
every name:
give us grace faithfully to bear His
Name,
to worship Him in the freedom of the
Spirit,
and to proclaim Him as the Saviour of
the world;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Next Sunday:

**Feast of the three kings
(Ephiphany)**

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12



Epistle:**Galatians 4:4-7**

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:**Luke 2:15-21**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. .

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Thank you - everyone at St Mary of Charity

Rev Simon Rowlands would like to thank everyone for the Christmas hamper he and Gail received on Christmas Eve, and sends best wishes for 2017.

Dear all - on behalf of myself, Marcia, Robert and Lucy, I'd like to thank you very much for the Christmas hamper with treats in it for all of us! Best wishes and blessings for 2017. Rev Simon Young

*Dear Friends at St Mary of Charity,
thank you so much for the most generous Christmas Present;
beautifully wrapped and full of lovely treats. It is much appreciated.
Every Blessing for the New Year. Rev Ros Parrett*

Dear All at St Mary of Charity

Thank you very much for the lovely gift received on Christmas Eve.

*Angela and I would like to wish you a happy New Year and all the best
for 2017*

Rev Allan Norris

*Very many thanks to St Mary of Charity for your
very kind Christmas Gift. Happy New Year!*

Rev Sharran Ireland

*Thank you, everyone at St Mary of Charity, for the thoughtful Christmas gift. I
hope you all had a peaceful Christmas and have a good new year ahead in 2017.*

Best wishes, Rev Douglas Turton

*Struan and Sylvia would like to thank the Church Family of SMOG for the very kind gift of a
hamper crammed full of 'goodies' that arrived on their doorstep just before Christmas Day.
This generosity was very much appreciated.*

With much love and best wishes for the New Year

Rev Struan Dunn

In February Gemma will be participating in an outreach with the Sports Ministry of Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Perth, to the capital of the Philippines, Manila.

Manila is YWAM Perth's next Megacity. For 2017 all outreach teams will be sent here. Many modern cities have lost their way with little acknowledgement of God; but God designed cities as gathering places for His people where they could glorify Him and disciple surrounding nations to do the same.

Manila has 12.5 million residents, increasing to around 20 million by day, plus it has the largest homeless population of any city in the world.

Gemma's team will be 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.

Please consider partnering with her in prayer and finances for a four week outreach to Manila. She is trusting for £600 for this outreach. Donations can be made through her website... www.gemmahambrook.com/donate-contact/

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



Thank you for your generous donations over the past few years; the foodbank is very low on the following:



Long life milk (whole, semi and skimmed)
Long life fruit juice
Squash (urgent!)
Cooking oil
Toilet rolls
Egg Noodles (not super noodles)
Laundry powder/liquid (non bio)

If you are able to donate toiletries (especially shower gel/shampoo) and any feminine hygiene products, this would also be greatly appreciated.

Thank you , too, to everyone who provided Christmas treats for families in crisis.

Thank you

The Clergy Team and Church Officers would like to wish all of the congregation of St Mary of Charity a safe, happy and peaceful Christmas.

To those who volunteer within the church - from cleaning, to maintaining, to polishing brass, making and caring for the hassocks, flower arranging, washing and starching linen, making refreshments, helping with the parish lunches, helping deliver cards and notices, helping with baptisms and weddings, decorating for seasonal events and creating spectacular displays, helping with Holiday Club, speaking to visitors and helping with guided tours, taking the offertory up, serving with the chalice, helping with Little Fishes or children's church on Sundays, helping with lent lunches or just being there, we would like to say *Thank You*.

And thank you to everyone who gives their time, efforts and talents not only to promote this church and Jesus' name in Faversham, but also to creating a community spirit within our town and the surrounding villages.

Merry Christmas to you all.

The Planned Giving Envelopes together with “Thank You” notes are still by the screens at the back of church, individually labelled.

Thank you cards are also there for those who have donated throughout 2016.

Anyone who wishes to join the envelope scheme should see Brian or Mary Wimlett.

Please also check to see if there are any Christmas cards with your name on the table by the screens. *Cards not claimed by twelfth night will be recycled!*

**Please come and support
the choir as they sing
evensong in Canterbury
Cathedral on Monday,
2 January 2017 at 5.30 pm.**

Save the date! 2017 Candlemas Supper at
West Faversham Community Centre
Saturday, 4 February 2017

7 pm, Saturday, 14 January 2017
Quiz at Ospringe School for the four
Anglican Churches of Faversham.

An opportunity to get to know each other across the
Benefice and to dust off those brain cells.

Teams of six (teams can be made on the night).

Team entry £5 (towards Crisis).

Nibbles provided but please bring your own drinks.

Please join us for Choral Evensong,
led by Bishop Trevor,
at 6 pm on Sunday, 15 January 2017,
to give thanks for the building works
completed in the past year on the South Porch
giving everyone coming to the church
improved access.

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Wednesday, 4 January 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist

Thursday, 5 January 2017

All day Church closed for QE School Prizegiving Day

Friday, 6 January 2017

10.30 am Prayers in The Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 7 January 2017

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

Sunday, 8 January 2017, Feast of the three kings (Ephiphany)

9 am Eucharist

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

3/3.30 pm Almshouses Service, Almshouses Chapel, Napleton Road

Please note

Choral Evensong will be on Sunday, 15 January with Bishop Trevor, a Thanksgiving service for the re-ordering and improved access earlier this year. See inside for details.

The Churches Together in Faversham Unity Service will take place in St Mary of Charity at 10.30 am on 29 January 2017.



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>		