

St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham Second in Epiphany 14 January 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 (BCP)
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Revelation 5:1-10
John 1:43-51

COLLECT:

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Next Sunday:
Third in Epiphany
Revelation 19:6-10
John 2:1-11



Epistle

Revelation 5:1-10

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood
you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;
you have made them to be a kingdom and priests
serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 1:43-51

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Churches Together in Faversham Unity Service

The congregations of all of the churches participating in the Unity service have been asked if any 'keen bakers' would be interested in making and bringing along any cakes or biscuits for a 'Bring and Share' hospitality following the service at 10.30 am on Sunday, 28 January 2018.

There will also be a celebration cake to share from some members of the congregation.

Please speak to Catriona if you are able to help or have any queries.

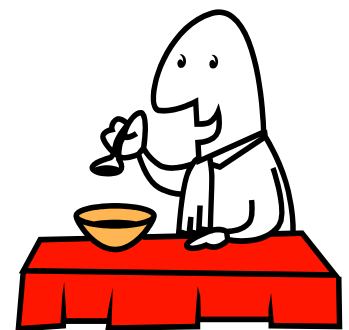
The Tuesday Group's next open meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 23 January, at the Age UK premises, with the chance to hear Dr V Jeffries of the Refugee Solidarity Group speak.

This meeting is open to anyone who would like to come along and share fellowship.

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

17 January 2018

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



Thank you - everyone at St Mary of Charity

Rev Simon Rowlands would like to thank everyone for the Christmas gift he and Gail received from all at St Mary of Charity, and sends best wishes for 2018.

Dear all - on behalf of myself, Marcia, Robert and Lucy, I'd like to thank you very much for the lovely Christmas gift! Best wishes and blessings for 2018. Rev Simon Young

*Dear Friends at St Mary of Charity,
thank you so much for the most generous Christmas present which we received from you. 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 this Christmas. Angela and I would like to wish you a happy New Year and all the best for 2018!

Rev Allan Norris

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

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 2018. Best wishes, Rev Douglas Turton

Struan and Sylvia would like to thank the Church Family of SMOG for the very kind gift. This generosity was very much appreciated, along with your good wishes and prayers. With much love for the New Year Rev Struan Dunn

Thank you to everyone who, over the past year, has given time and effort into the cleaning, upkeep, decoration and care of St Mary of Charity; a special thanks goes to those who were involved with finalising the reordering of the South Porch and the social space at the west end of the church, the buttresses in the North Transept and the sound system installation. And to those who faithfully and regularly sweep, polish and vacuum the church and keep the building looking at its best.

Do you regularly drive to church? Are you able to offer a lift to members of the congregation who don't drive or would find it difficult to walk?

If the answer is 'yes' then please either speak to Miranda or add your name to the list for '*Lifters*' on the screen at the back of the church.

And *thank you* for helping those who wouldn't otherwise be able to come to a regular Sunday service...



Please note that if you are giving people lifts in your car on behalf of the church, you may need to have this reflected in your car insurance. This is often a free option at the time of renewal.

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

Wednesday, 17 January 2018

10.30 am Eucharist *followed by*
12 noon Parish Lunch

Thursday, 18 January 2018

10-11.30 am Little Fishes

Friday, 19 January 2018

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 20 January 2018

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer

Sunday, 21 January 2018; Third Sunday in Epiphany

9 am Matins
10.30 am Family Eucharist (CW)



The St Mary of Charity usual monthly pattern of services:

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>		