

# Parish Church of St Mary of Charity, Faversham Second Sunday in Epiphany 15 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 and surrounding areas;
- those who were in The Jungle and those who work with them;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the people of Europe experiencing extreme weather;
- the homeless;
- the family and friends of Katie Rough;
- those who are grieving;
- those receiving medical treatment and those who care for them;
- those experiencing financial hardship;
- the people of Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

## 9 am Matins

10.30 am Family Eucharist (CW)  
1 pm Baptism: Amelia WICKS  
6 pm Choral Evensong with Bishop Trevor with dedication of the improved south access

## Readings:

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

**John 1:29-42**

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**

**1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

**Matthew 4:12-23**



## 9 am Matins

Responses	Ferial
Psalm	40 vv 1-12
Canticles	Venite & Jubilate
Anthem	Here is the little door; Howells
Opening	Come, let us join our cheerful songs
Offertory	Crown Him with many crowns



### **Come, let us join our cheerful songs**

with angels round the throne;  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.

‘Worthy the Lamb that died,’ they cry,  
‘to be exalted thus’;

‘Worthy the Lamb,’ our lips reply,  
‘for he was slain for us.’

Jesus is worthy to receive  
honour and power divine;  
and blessings, more than we can give,  
be, Lord, for ever thine.

Let all that dwell above the sky,  
and air, and earth, and seas,  
conspire to lift thy glories high,  
and speak thine endless praise.

The whole creation joins in one  
to bless the sacred name  
of him that sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb.

**Crown him with many crowns,**  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic Rose,  
as of that Rose the Stem;  
the Root whence mercy ever flows,  
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his piercèd feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

**Epistle:****1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:****John 1:29-42**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came

baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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 for the many gifts received from parishioners - 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 SMOc 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*

**Please join us for Choral Evensong,  
led by Bishop Trevor,  
at 6 pm today,**

to give thanks for the building works  
completed in the past year on the South Porch  
giving *everyone* coming to the church  
improved access.

**Thank you for your  
generous donations  
over the past few years  
and over Christmas; 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*

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/](http://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](mailto:gemmaehambrook@aol.com)).



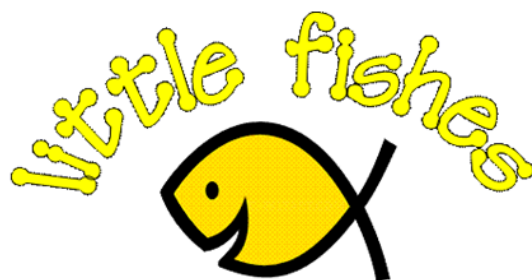


Little Fishes is back in action again;  
singing and praying, laughing and playing ...  
in the south transept on Thursday mornings.  
If you are able to spare up to two and a half  
hours on a Thursday morning in term time,  
would you be happy to join us? We need  
people to help set up, organise snacks, 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 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!)

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!



# 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.

## Little Bags of Hope

Faversham and Villages Refugee Solidarity Group thanks the congregation and friends for their generous donations at the Christmas Fair and since, which has enabled us to make up 42 "Little Bags" for young men who are now refugees in Dunkirk, around Calais, or homeless in Paris. Besides the seven requested items, cash was also given so we were able to buy more as required to complete each bag with:- socks (2 pairs in most cases), hat, scarf or gloves, deodorant, bag of nuts/dried fruit, and a wind-up torch. They have been delivered to Seeking Sanctuary as recommended by our Diocese.

*Val Jeffries*

**Tickets are now available for the Candlemas Supper:**

**Saturday, 4 February 2017  
West Faversham Community Centre  
£20 bring your own drink  
Dress: Black tie**

**This year we are supporting the young people training in catering at Canterbury College who will be preparing, cooking and serving the meal. It will give a well-earned rest to our hospitality team who have worked so hard in previous years.**

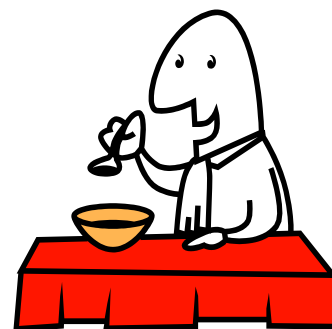
**A number of tables are still available, so please speak to Tory, Martin or Alison if you wish to join us.**

**We will also be happy to receive donations of raffle prizes.**

January's Parish Lunch will be on

**Wednesday, 18 January!**

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



**Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!**

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# The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

## Tuesday, 17 January 2017

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

## Wednesday, 18 January 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist *followed by Parish Lunch*

## Thursday, 19 January 2017

10-11.30 am Little Fishes - *Self portraits*

## Friday, 20 January 2017

10.30 am Prayers in The Trinity Chapel

## Saturday, 21 January 2017

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

## Sunday, 22 January 2017, Third Sunday in Epiphany

9 am Eucharist

10.30 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

1 pm Baptism: Ella SIDDERS

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



## The St Mary of Charity monthly pattern of services:

<b>First Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (CW with hymns)	10.30 am	Morning Praise <i>Family-friendly service</i>	6 pm	Choral Evensong
<b>Second Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist CW		
<b>Third Sunday</b>	9 am	Matins	10.30 am	Family Eucharist CW <i>Family-friendly service</i>		
<b>Fourth Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist CW		
<b>Fifth Sunday (if applicable)</b>	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>		