

St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham

Second in Lent 25 February 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, especially the Smith and Ash families;
- those whose baptisms take place today;
- 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 (CW) with
Baptism: EHOHO
1 pm Baptism: QUINNELL

Readings:

Romans 4:13-25
(10.30 am only Genesis 1-7, 15-16)
Mark 8:31-38

COLLECT:

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light
of your truth,
that they may return to the way of
righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things
as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Next Sunday:

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1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22



The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

At the end the reader will say:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

A Pilgrimage through Lent

7.30 pm on Mondays in Lent beginning
Monday, 19 February (approx 1 hour)

St Mary of Charity,

Please journey with us!

Sharran Ireland



Once again we will be offering people the opportunity to buy a Fairtrade Real Easter Egg, through The Meaningful Chocolate Company for this Easter. Sign up forms will be in the church after this week.

Please do think about getting a Real Easter Egg which focuses on the true meaning of Easter!

We would also be happy to accept cash donations towards a Real Easter Egg for children attending the Easter Sunday Service.

Speak to Alison Swinney for details.

Donations for the Great St Mary of Charity Easter Egg Hunt can also be given to Alison. Thank you.

Tweet 5 of 10

John Donohue wrote: It is helpful to visualise the mind as a tower of windows. Sadly, many people remain trapped at the one window, looking out every day at the same scene in the same way. Real growth is experienced when you draw back from the one window, turn and walk round the inner tower of the soul and see all the different windows that await your gaze. Through these different windows, you can see different vistas of possibilities, presence and creativity. Complacency, habit and blindness often prevent you from feeling your life. So much depends on the frame of vision – the window through which you look.

* The Tuesday Group's next open meeting will be held at *
* 7.30 pm on 27 February, at the Age UK premises, with *
* 'Keep Calm and Colour'. *
* This meeting is open to anyone who would like to come *
* along and share fellowship. *

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday, 2 March 2018

at Faversham Baptist Church, St Mary's Road.

Refreshments from 10 am, service at 10.30 am.

**This is not simply a day of prayer for women but for
everyone who cares about our world
and those who live in it.**

All welcome.

Lent Lunches

St Mary of Charity will be hosting the Lent Lunch at the Baptist Church on Friday, 2 March. If anyone is able to help with preparation, serving or setting up/clearing away, please speak to Val Tyler.

The dates for the Lent Lunches are:

- 2 March
- 9 March
- 16 March
- 23 March

Lunches are between 12 noon and 1.45 - 2 pm at the Baptist Church Hall (the rear entrance - Institute Road) and the minimum donation is £3.00. The lunches are a wonderful expression of fellowship with our fellow Christians (and non-Christians!)

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) ...

will take place on Tuesday, 17 April 2018 - 7 pm for 7.30 pm
St Mary of Charity School.

Each year the **Churchwardens** stand down from their post, at which time they **may** make themselves available for re-election. **If anyone feels led to stand as Churchwarden** please talk to Rev Simon. If you feel you would like to be a Deputy Warden and shadow the Wardens for the future please come and talk to us.

PCC is very important to St Mary of Charity in enabling the running of the church and the growing of the Kingdom. At present there are **seven PCC vacancies** due to retirement, resignation and co-option (this year's retirees and those previously co-opted are eligible to re-stand alongside others).

Please consider standing for election; if you are interested it would be helpful if you could chat with the vicar or Churchwardens by the end of March.

PCC are looking to fill four three-year vacancies, two two-year vacancies and one one-year vacancy.

Deanery Synod members were elected for three years and are in post for a further two years, there is one resignation at this point leaving a **vacancy for two years.**

We shall also be updating the Electoral Roll, please let us know of anyone to come off or anyone who would like to be added.

There are further notices and nomination forms to complete for these positions at the rear of the church, together with a current electoral roll.

Please prayerfully consider these vacancies: we really need you.

We look forward to joining together on Tuesday, 17 April for drinks, nibbles and "Agenda"

Alison Swinney and Miranda Ford, Churchwardens



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, 28 February 2018

10.30 am Eucharist

Thursday, 1 March 2018

10-11.30 am Little Fishes *World Book Day - come as your favourite book character!*

Friday, 2 March 2018

10 am Women's World Day of Prayer *at the Baptist Church, St Mary's Road - see inside for details.*

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel

12 noon Lent Lunch in the Baptist Church Hall (Institute Road)

Saturday, 3 March 2018

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer

Sunday, 4 March 2018; Third in Lent

9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

10.30 am All Age Worship

1 pm Baptism: REYNOLDS



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>		