

St Mary of Charity
Parish Church Faversham
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
8 October 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 shootings in Las Vegas;
- those affected by the Mexico earthquakes;
- those affected by hurricanes in the Caribbean and USA;
- the Rohingya seeking safety;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire;
- those who work for the emergency services;
- those who are receiving medical treatment;
- 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

Readings:

Philippians 3:4-14
Matthew 21:33-46

COLLECT:

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find
their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts
and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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:
Eighteenth Sunday after
Trinity
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14



Epistle

Philippians 3:4-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes"?

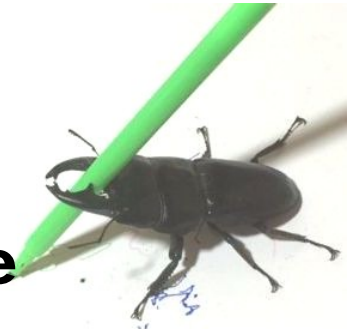
Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Beetle Drive and Bring and Share



Exciting opportunity to join a Beetle Drive *and then* have fellowship with a Bring and Share tea!

Don't know what a Beetle Drive is?
Come along and find out.

**4 pm on Saturday, 4 November 2017
at St Mary of Charity Primary School**

This isn't a fundraiser - it's a social!

Please note that the church will be closed to regular congregation and visitors on Thursday, 12 and Friday, 13 October 2017 for a private event.

Do you struggle to get to St Mary of Charity's Sunday services - or do you know of someone who would like to come but has problems with transport?

Do you - or could you - drive to church and can offer a lift? We have people who would like to come but are seeking people to bring them ...

Please put your* details on the list at the back of the church if you would like a lift - or if you are able to offer one. Or speak to Miranda or Catriona!

Thank you!

**or the appropriate name and details ...*





Daphne and Antony Millett would like to thank everyone who came to their Macmillan World's Greatest Coffee Morning on Friday, 29 September 2017. Together you raised £260.

Catriona, Val T and Jennifer would like to thank everyone who supported their Macmillan World's Greatest Coffee Morning on Saturday, 30 September in the church. Not just those who came for coffee, tea and cake but also those who did some extra baking for us.

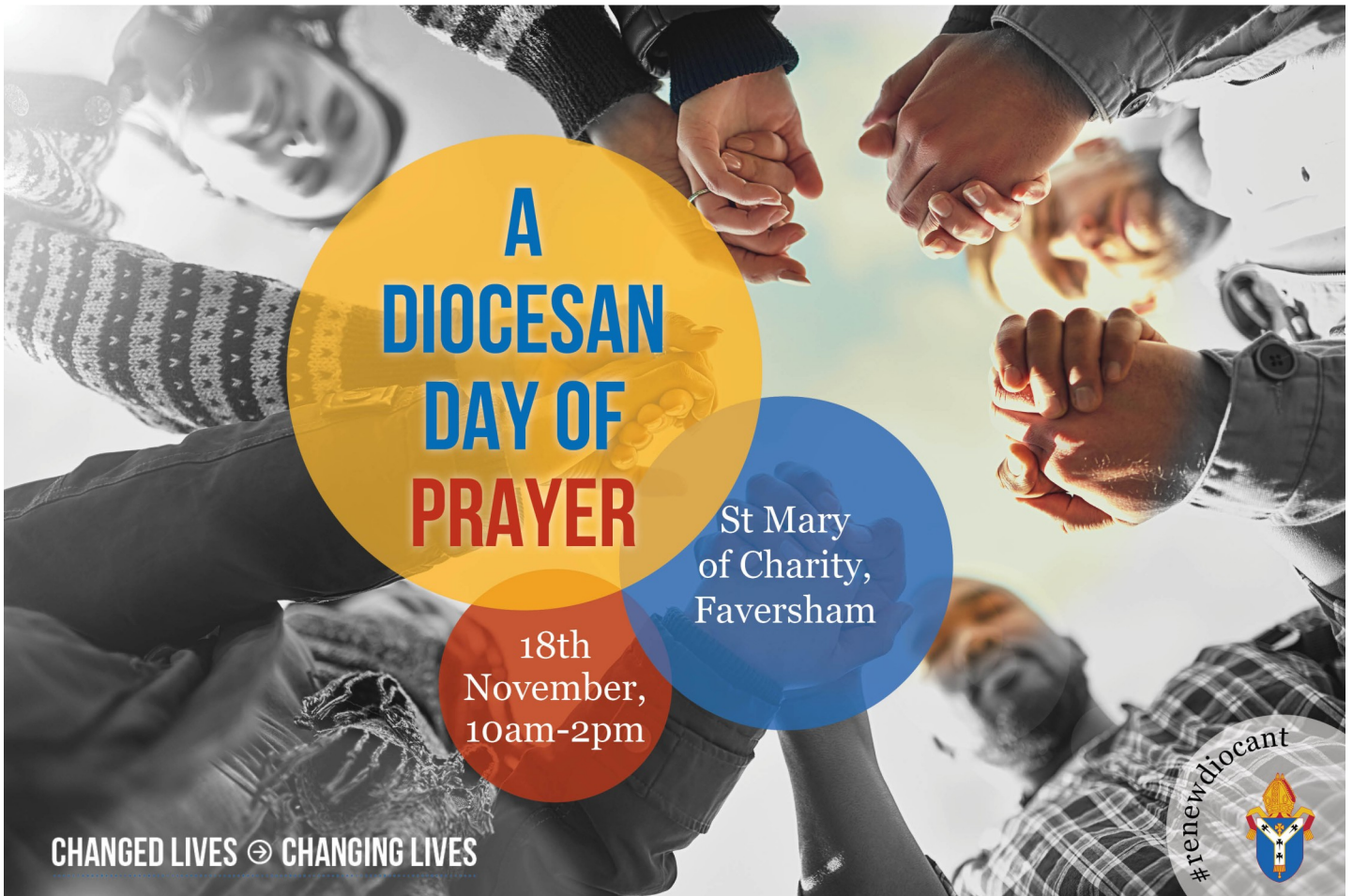
So far we have raised £551.32, of which £189 was Gift Aided - with a promise of additional donations!

Our mini hamper raffle was won by Mary Charter.

It was a great morning and it was lovely to see the church so full! Thank you everyone.

Struan Dunn wishes to thank everyone for the many cards and messages received during his stay in hospital. He is now recovering at home and is receiving a long course of antibiotics to treat a blood infection, but is free to get out and about. It has been so encouraging to know that he has been held up in prayer and he would value continued prayer for a full recovery.

If you'd like to visit Struan, please call first to make sure he isn't whelmed!



Six weeks to go ... Diocesan Day of Prayer

It's just six weeks until the Diocesan-wide Day of Prayer and Fasting and very exciting plans are emerging all over the Diocese. So far, these include a pilgrimage from Ramsgate to Faversham and prayer through the night at The Living Well in Nonington. There is a wealth of information available online (www.canterburydiocese.org/dayofprayer), including a resource offering guidance for fasting - and they're not just talking about food, and there is some information at the back of this church - which will be updated regularly. Please share this with others you think may be interested in attending.

Anyone wishing to attend needs to book a place; if you are not 'online' yourself, please speak to Catriona who will help you out!

Cleanliness is next to Godliness

as they used to say ...

Come along and help 'bottom out' the church
between 9.30 and 11.30 am
on Saturday, 14 October 2017
and help us in the battle against cobwebs
and old toot!

All ages and abilities welcomed!

**Please note that the church will be closed to
regular congregation and visitors on
Thursday, 12 and Friday, 13 October 2017 for a
private event.**

The next Parish Lunch will be on the third
Wednesday of the month - **18 October!**
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, 10 October 2017

10–10.45 am Mustard Seed Music *exploring singing, music and rhythm in a comfortable environment for children aged one to school age*

Wednesday, 11 October 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist (BCP)

Thursday, 12 October 2017

No Little Fishes

Church closed to visitors and congregation for a private event.

Friday, 13 October 2017

Church closed to visitors and congregation for a private event.

Saturday, 14 October 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Praise

9.30-11.30 am Cleaning the church! See inside for details

10 am-12 noon Church Cafe

Sunday, 15 October 2017

9 am Matins

10.30 am Family Eucharist

1 pm Baptism: RIGDEN

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>		