

St Mary of Charity

Parish Church Faversham

Seventeenth Sunday in Trinity

23 September 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 Benefice of Faversham 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;
- those affected by political unrest;
- those who strive for reconciliation;
- 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;
- the bereaved;
- the people of Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

9 am Eucharist

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

4 pm - St Mary of Charity closes for a Week of Accompanied Prayer.

Readings:

James 3:13-4.2, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

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
in Trinity**

**BENEFICE SERVICE AT ST PETER
AND ST PAUL, OSPRINGE**

James 5:12-20

Mark 9:38-50



Epistle

James 3:13-4.2, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you .

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ



Thank you *everyone* who supported the church's part in the Faversham Food Festival in any way!

The church raised over £600.

We are considering having a Christmas Craft Fair but that will depend on how much support and offers of help we get.

Please speak to Alison if you can help or would like to run your own stall.

Week of Accompanied Prayer begins today,
Sunday, 23 September with a service at 6.30 pm
led by the Prayer Team.

The church will be closed to all visitors and public, however, Mustard Seed (Tuesday), 10.30 am Eucharist (Wednesday) and Little Fishes (Thursday) will take place as usual but the church will close for the day after that.

The week finishes on **Saturday, 29 September** with a service in church at 9.30 am until 11 am and the church will be open to visitors and the public from noon.

In an effort to reduce copying and paper waste, we produce a monthly notice sheet for you to take home and keep which shows all coming services and events in the church, plus any notices. Pew sheets are for individual Sundays and give information relevant to services (readings, hymns, etc).

Please don't forget to take your September Notice Sheet home with you!

**Notices for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by
Wednesday, 26 September latest!**

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