

St Mary of Charity

Parish Church Faversham

Seventh Sunday in Easter

2 June 2019

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 bereaved;
- those elected to represent us in local councils or parliament;
- 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 (CW) with hymns
10.30 am All Age Worship
6 pm Choral Evensong

Readings:

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Acts 16:16-34

John 17:20-26

COLLECT:

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son
Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom
in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us
not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit
to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our
Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Next Sunday:

Pentecost

Genesis 11:1-9

Acts 2:1-21

John 14:8-17(25-27)



9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

Opening:	Come let us join our cheerful songs
Offertory:	Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Closing:	Christ triumphant, ever reigning



6 pm Choral Evensong

Introit	O God the king of glory; <i>Purcell</i>
Responses	Moore
Psalm and Setting	97, Stainer in B flat
Anthem	Come down O love divine; <i>Harris</i>
Hymn	Christ triumphant



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.

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Old Testament

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Thus says the Lord GOD: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. '

Here ends the Lesson.

Epistle

Acts 16:16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the

name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.’
And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, ‘These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.’ The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was

about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 17:20-26

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:
'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will

believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.



Join once again with 50,000 people from around the world praying using the Novena materials between Friday, 31 May and Saturday, 8 June as part of the global prayer movement: *Thy Kingdom Come*.

A Novena is a traditional prayer of nine days between Ascension and Pentecost when Christ's disciples prayed constantly.

In this in-between time, we invite you to pray with us "*Thy Kingdom Come*" – that the Holy Spirit would come and bless and challenge us to witness to God's life-changing work.



This little booklet is your invitation to explore for yourself, through art and prayer, this dual message of love and challenge. As you do, know that you are part of the global Thy Kingdom Come family, seeking God's transformation for yourself and those you meet. Join with us as we pray together "Come Holy Spirit: Thy kingdom come" – and may our waiting and praying open our hearts afresh to God's possibilities. There is also a free app for Android or Apple, which is excellent.

Diocese Day of Prayer and Pilgrimage

Join us in St Mary of Charity for a focused hour
of prayer on Saturday, 8 June 2019
from 4.30 pm .

There will be a labyrinth laid out in the north
transept for visitors to explore during the period
of the Novena.

Ospringe Deanery Synod has an open meeting at Teynham Parochial C of E School at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 12 June 2019. Please do come to hear Julian Hills, Diocesan Secretary speak.

St Mary of Charity will be hosting
a joint Deanery service
led by Archdeacon Stephen
at 10.30 am on Sunday, 30 June 2019.

Please join with us and other brothers and
sisters in Christ in the Deanery to worship
God and share in fellowship.

There will be hospitality following the service.

**From the beginning of May,
the Wednesday morning Eucharist
at St Mary of Charity will take place on
the first, third and (if appropriate) fifth
Wednesdays in the month at 10.30 am.**

**On the second and fourth Tuesdays
in the month, there will be a Eucharist
at St Catherine's at 10 am if anyone
would like to attend.**

**REV SIMON ROWLANDS IS ON A
SABBATICAL UNTIL 31 JULY 2019.
DURING JUNE IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO
A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY
ON A PASTORAL MATTER,
PLEASE CALL 01795 537232 AND ASK
FOR REV SHARRAN IRELAND.**

Please do try to remain aware at all times of where your valuables are while you are in the building and do not leave bags, or any items you wouldn't want to lose, unattended during services or hospitality.

Unfortunately, this includes Eucharist; although we have Churchwardens and Sidespeople, they cannot be everywhere.

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

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