

St Mary of Charity

Parish Church Faversham

Seventh Sunday in Trinity

15 July 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 who work for and helped create the NHS which has cared for us for decades;
- 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 people of Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

9 am Matins

10.30 am Family Eucharist

1 pm Baptism: BRYSON

Readings:

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

COLLECT:

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy
keep us in the same;
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:

Eighth Sunday in Trinity

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56



9 am Matins

Responses	Ferial
Psalm	24
Canticles	Venite & Jubilate
Anthem	Holy is the true light; <i>Harris</i>
Opening	Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven 194
Offertory	Lead us, heavenly father, lead us 702



Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen ;
 shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
 from the brightness of thy face ;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
 here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
 and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Glory be to God on high ;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
 who has gained the victory ;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
 fount of love and sanctity ;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
 to the Triune Majesty.

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
 o'er the world's tempestuous sea ;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
 for we have no help but thee ;
yet possessing every blessing,
 if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us :
 all our weakness thou dost know ;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
 thou didst feel its keenest woe ;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
 through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.



First Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask

for?’ She replied, ‘The head of John the Baptist.’ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, ‘I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.’ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Douglas and Maureen Turton would like to thank all those who joined them during the 10.30 am service on 15 July, and also afterwards at the lunch.

Thank you everyone who came - for your love, support and good wishes.

And a special thank you to Jennifer and Tory and all who helped to make, set up, serve and clear the delicious lunch.

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

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

A message from the Foodbank:



We are now feeding almost exactly 50% more people this year than we were last. The town continues to be generous and we are very grateful but the amount of stock coming in at the supermarket collection points is not keeping pace with the amount of food going out. We are very short of pretty much everything except for pasta and baked beans and we will soon have to consider drawing on our reserves of cash in order to buy more stock.

If you are able to support us, please donate in the bins in Tesco, Sainsbury and Morrison, at St Mary of Charity or drop off at the Gospel Mission. We can collect if that would help anyone. Many thanks.

Please continue to pray for all those who help in the foodbank and for those who need us.

**Notices for August notice sheet to Catriona by
Wednesday, 25 July latest!**

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