

St Mary of Charity

Parish Church Faversham

Sixth Sunday in Easter

26 May 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 (BCP)
10.30 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

Readings:

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acts 16:9-15
John 14:23-29

COLLECT:

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us
from the power of darkness
and brought us into
the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death
he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us
he may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord.
Amen

Next Sunday:
Seventh Sunday in Easter
Ezekiel 36:24-28
Acts 16:16-34
John 17:20-26



The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

Here ends the Lesson.

Epistle

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for

some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 14:23-29

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.'

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

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



Thank you everyone who helped with the Christian Aid week earlier this month.

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.

Ascension Day - 30 May 2019

This year's Ascension Day service will be at
7.30 pm on Thursday, 30 May 2019

and will be held at

St Mary Magdalene with St Lawrence,
Davington and The Brents

Please do come and join us for this moving
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 **MAY** IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO A
MEMBER OF THE CLERGY ON A PASTORAL
MATTER, PLEASE CALL 01227 634762
AND ASK FOR REV DOUGLAS TURTON.**

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, 29 May, very latest!**

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