

**Parish Church of
St Mary of Charity, Faversham
Sixth Sunday in Trinity
23 July 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 benefice clergy team and lay ministry and all whose ministry is in the Faversham area
- those who give their services to the church;
- the Coptic Christians of Egypt;
- help us to focus on the things we have in common, not our differences;
- those elected to government that they act with honesty and transparency;
- the residents of Grenfell Tower, their family and friends and the emergency services;
- those receiving medical treatment and those who care for them;
- the bereaved;
- refugees throughout the world;
- those experiencing financial hardship;
- the people of Nigeria, Somalia, Yemen and South Sudan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

**9 am Eucharist (BCP)
10.30 am Parish Eucharist (CW)**

Readings:

**Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

COLLECT:

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those
who love you
such good things as pass
our understanding:
pour into our hearts such
love toward you
that we, loving you in all things
and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

**Next Sunday:
Seventh Sunday
in Trinity
Benefice Service at Ospringe
(no early service at SMC)
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**



Epistle

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30;36-43

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Diamond Wedding Congratulations

Joyce and Malcolm Page would like to thank everyone at St Mary of Charity Church for the flowers, cards and good wishes for their diamond wedding anniversary earlier this month.

Lifts to church: do you struggle - or know anyone else who would struggle - to get to St Mary of Charity? Would having a lift from another member of the congregation help?

Do you (or could you) regularly drive to the church and would you consider giving another member of the congregation a lift?

Please put your name and contact details on the sign up sheet at the back of the church, Thank you!



Quiet day: The Woman at the Well

Wednesday, 26 July 2017

10.00 am - 3.30 pm

St Mary Magdalene with St Lawrence
and The Brents, Davington

Led by Roz Graham

To book call 01795 538079 or email
rosaliegraham@btinternet.com



Cost £10. Bring own lunch. Refreshments provided.

Maximum number 20

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Maps available online or to purchase 1 week prior to the event from Barley Mow, Faversham



This year's Faversham Safari takes place on Sunday, 6 August. Margy Perkins will have a stall in Flood Lane and all proceeds of her stall will be going to the church's sound system.

If you have any bric-a-brac or interesting items which you would like Margy to sell, please contact her on 01795 590619 or perkins.clockwork@gmail.com.

Margy is happy to collect items from you.

A plea for help re premises

From 14 September 2017 Faversham Assistance Centre (FACE) will be homeless!

We really need some support; permanent and temporary suggestions would be welcome, please.

We need space for two people: an L-shaped desk for two people, two small cabinets and two computers (with printer etc). We are house-trained and don't make much noise or take up much space.

**Thank you - Miranda
(trigpointx@gmail.com)**



St Mary of Charity's Holiday Club

10 am to 12 noon

14 to 18 August 2017

Songs : Teaching : Craft : Gym Club

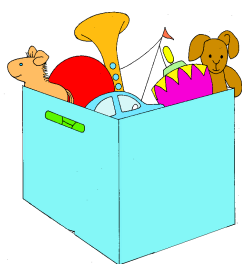
**Leaflets and booking forms
are at the back of the
church!**



This month's joint benefice service will be at
St Peter and St Paul, Ospringe
on 30 July at 10 am.

If you would like a lift to the church or are able to take someone, please could you sign the sheet at the back of the church (or speak to Catriona or Miranda).

Can you offer ten minutes after the end of the 9 am service on the second and fourth Sundays of the month? Or before the services on the first and third Sundays (especially the first since it's a south transept service)?



We are looking for volunteers who could set out some mats and toys to provide a welcome for our families at the 10.30 am service. With the first Sunday, we need help putting the chairs in rows. Everything needed is within easy reach in the south transept.

If you can help, please sign up at the back of church.

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Wednesday, 26 July 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter
 10.30 am Eucharist

Friday, 28 July 2017

10 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 29 July 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Prayers in the Trinity Chapel
 10 am - noon Church Cafe

Sunday, 30 July 2017, Seventh Sunday in Trinity

10 am Joint Benefice Service at St Peter and St Paul, Ospringe
please note earlier time - there are no early services in the Benefice



The St Mary of Charity 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>		