

St Mary of Charity

The Benefice of Faversham

Sunday Next before Lent

23 February 2020

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;
- refugees throughout 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 volunteer their time to help others;
- 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 Eucharist (BCP)
10.30 am Parish Eucharist (CW)

Readings:

Exodus 24:12-18
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

COLLECT:

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened
to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Next Sunday:
First Sunday in Lent
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11



The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Here ends the Lesson.

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



OPEN BENEFICE JOINT PCC

for The Benefice of Faversham
at 7.30 pm
on 2 March 2020

at St Mary of Charity Church of
England Primary School

Jonathan Arnold, Canterbury
Diocese's new Communities and
Partnerships Director will join us.

This is open to all members of The Benefice congregations.
Please see posters at the back of the church for details.

**Puppet Training Day
at St Mary of Charity Church
of England Primary School**

Saturday, 14 March 2020

10 am - 4.30 pm

A practical day of opportunities to develop your skills, find resources and be inspired with new ideas.

Please see posters for information.

**Leading Prayers
at St Mary of Charity Church
of England Primary School**

Saturday, 21 March 2020

10 am - 12:30 pm

An inspiring, informative, interactive training session for anyone leading intercessions in church services, or interested in doing so.

Please see the monthly notice sheets for details.



VE DAY

Flower Festival - 8, 9 and 10 May

**Volunteer welcomers will be needed
for the flower festival.**

**If anyone can help for a couple of
hours, please contact Victor Frith on
(01795) 590588 or
victor.frith@btinternet.com.**

**No knowledge of the history of the
church is needed.**

Mike Taylor, a regular at our Wednesday morning services and coffee mornings, has sent a card to thank all at St Mary of Charity for their support and kindness following Kate's recent accident.

The card is at the back of the church if anyone would like to read it.

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>		

**Notices for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by
Tuesday, 25 February, very latest!**

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