

**Parish Church of  
St Mary of Charity, Faversham  
Tenth Sunday in Trinity  
20 August 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
- All those involved in the Holiday Club and those who participated;
- 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 people of Sichuan;
- those receiving medical treatment and those who care for them;
- the bereaved;
- those experiencing financial hardship;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the women of El Salvador;
- 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 Celebration of Holiday Club  
1 pm Baptism: PAYNE

**Readings:**

**Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:10-28**

COLLECT:

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of  
your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain  
their petitions  
make them to ask such things as  
shall please you;  
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:  
Eleventh Sunday in  
Trinity  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20**



## **Epistle**

*Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel**

*Matthew 15:10-28*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will

fall into a pit.’ But Peter said to him, ‘Explain this parable to us.’ Then he said, ‘Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.’

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.’ She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**





**A huge 'thank you' and congratulations  
to everyone involved  
with the Holiday Club.**

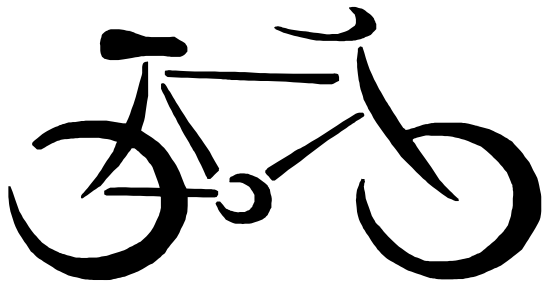
- ★ **To those who have spent the past ten months organising and planning;**
- ★ **to the 'copiers' sending out information and forms to surrounding schools and groups;**
- ★ **to the scenery and prop builders;**
- ★ **the decorators;**
- ★ **to those who donated items - craft and otherwise;**
- ★ **to the team leaders and group leaders;**
- ★ **to the talkers, singers and prayers;**
- ★ **to those helping with refreshments and tidying;**
- ★ **and to all who came along and took part!**

**Thanks to everyone for making the  
Holiday Club the great success it was!**

This year's Blessing of the Hops will take place during the 10.30 am service on Sunday, 3 September 2017 and the service will be led by The Venerable Stephen Taylor, Archdeacon of Maidstone.

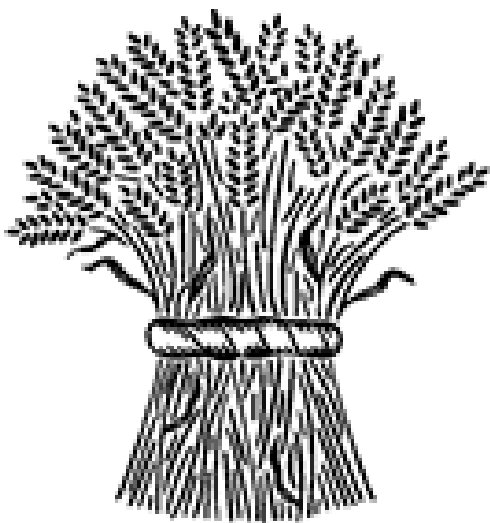


**The Friends of Kent Churches annual Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday, 9 September 2017.**



If anyone would like to ride, stride or *help with signing visitors in at this church*, please speak to Catriona.

Last year's Ride and Stride raised £137,000 which was used to help churches throughout Kent.



Faversham's Food Festival will be running this year from 16 to 17 September. St Mary of Charity's Harvest Festival will be at **10.30 am on Sunday, 17 September 2017** as part of the Food Festival.

Thank you to all for helping raise £250 at the Faversham Safari. Many people contributed to the success. Firstly the weather helped! But about six people gave a huge amount of time and effort getting the stuff out of my basement and then setting up and the most important bit was flogging it! Not only did Julia Frith and Jennifer help for hours, but there were people who helped from outside of the church family and I was so tremendously grateful for everyone's support and generosity both providing stuff and giving of their time so very willingly. Thank you to all the helpers for making it such a profitable and enjoyable day, and all the donors.

***Margy Perkins***

**We are putting the church mice  
on a diet! and you have to help!**

***Please enjoy biscuits or cake at the west end of  
the church, and, if you do have food with you in  
the pews, take the remains away  
for your own mice!***

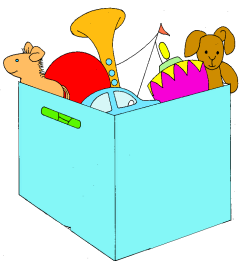
**There are dustpans and brushes  
available to sweep up any debris...**



**Our next organ recital is at 7.30 pm on Saturday,  
26 August 2017, when Christopher Ouvry-Johns  
of Leicester Cathedral  
will be playing for us.**

**Retiring collection**

**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 for  
the All Age Worship service.**

**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

**There are no mid-week services at St Mary of Charity during August**

**There is no Parish Lunch in August**

**August is a low month for the choir**

### Wednesday, 23 August 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

### Saturday, 26 August 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Prayers in the Trinity Chapel

10am-noon Church Cafe: *join us for freshly filtered Fairtrade coffee and teas, and delicious home made cakes and savouries.*

7.30 pm Organ Recital: Christopher Ouvry-Johns of Leicester Cathedral. Retiring Collection.

### Sunday, 27 August 2017, Tenth Sunday in Trinity

9 am Eucharist (BCP)

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

1 pm Baptism: SHEPHERD-WEBB



## The St Mary of Charity usual monthly pattern of services:

<b>First Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (CW with hymns)	10.30 am	All Age Worship <i>Family-friendly service</i>	6 pm	Choral Evensong
<b>Second Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
<b>Third Sunday</b>	9 am	Matins	10.30 am	Family Eucharist <i>Family-friendly service</i>		
<b>Fourth Sunday</b>	9 am	Eucharist (BCP said)	10.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
<b>Fifth Sunday (if applicable)</b>	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>		