

**St Mary of Charity
Parish Church Faversham
Remembrance Day
Third Sunday before Advent
12 November 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 St Mary of Charity clergy team and lay ministry and all whose ministry is in Faversham and the Ospringe Deanery;
- those affected by the Sutherland Springs, New York and Las Vegas attacks;
- those affected by Typhoon Damrey in Vietnam;
- the Rohingya seeking safety;
- those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire;
- those affected by the natural disasters in the world;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- 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 Eucharist (BCP)
10.55 am Short Act of Remembrance
11.30 am Remembrance Day Service

Readings:

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13**

COLLECT:

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds
of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by
the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just
and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Next Sunday:

Second before Advent

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30**



Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with

them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Over the past week the church's new sound system was installed.

It has taken a lot of work to get to this point, and hopefully we will all be able to hear *everything* as clear as a bell!

You may need to bear with us while we get used to the new technology - but in the meantime thank you to *everyone* who put their time and energy into the installation - and everyone who helped raise money towards it.

Dates for your diaries:

The Foodbank AGM will be held on Wednesday 15 November 2017, 6.30 pm for refreshments with a 7 pm meeting start, at Faversham Gospel Mission Church, Tanners Street. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

There will be an evening of ‘talks’ at St Mary of Charity starting 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 28 November 2017, organised by the Faversham Society and the PCC. The speakers are:

Lord Boyce, Admiral of the Fleet: Cinque Ports - Cradle of the Royal Navy and the Royal Navy Today

John Blackford: The King’s Port from the medieval origins to the 18th Century

William Palin, Director of Conservation at the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich: The Maritime and Naval Connections between Greenwich, Chatham, Sheerness and Dover.

There are no tickets, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of St Mary of Charity and the Arthur Percival Memorial Fund. Please see posters for details.





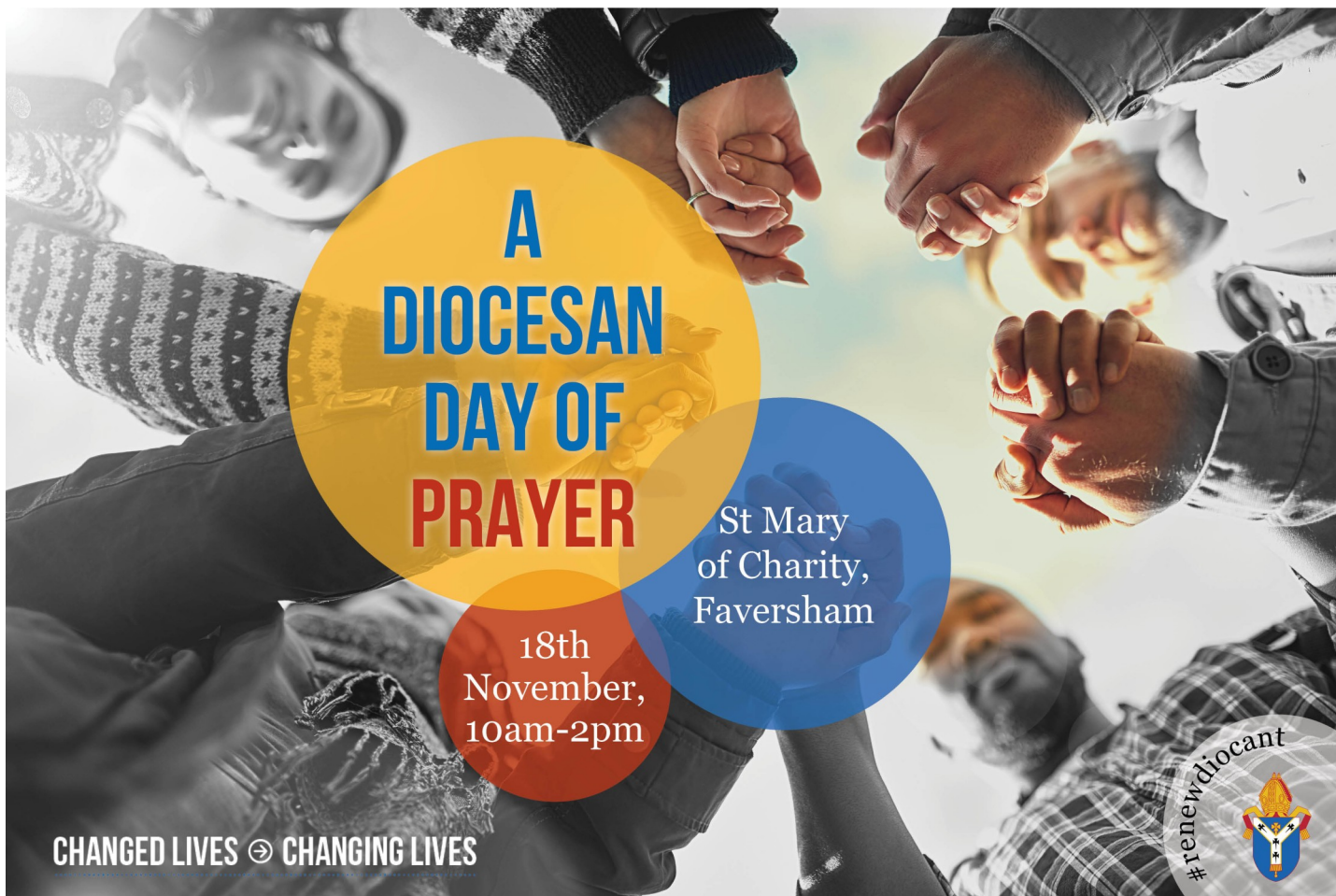
Christmas Craft Fayre

Saturday 9th
10am 'til 1pm
December

*St Mary of Charity,
Faversham*

For stallholder enquiries please email
admin@stmaryofcharity.org





Next week ... Diocesan Day of Prayer!

It's just a week until the Diocesan-wide Day of Prayer and Fasting and very exciting plans are emerging all over the Diocese. So far, these include a pilgrimage from Ramsgate to Faversham and prayer through the night at The Living Well in Nonington. There is a wealth of information available online (www.canterburydiocese.org/dayofprayer –this is also the link to book), including a resource offering guidance for fasting - and they're not just talking about food, and there is some information at the back of this church - which will be updated regularly. Please share this with others you think may be interested in attending.

Anyone wishing to attend needs to book a place; if you are not 'online' yourself, please speak to Catriona who will help you out!

There is *no charge* for this event, tickets are to monitor numbers and ensure they are able to cater for everyone.

Friday, 17 November 2017: Archdeacon Stephen will be walking from Maidstone to Faversham via 12 churches. He will be spending 5 minutes praying in each church and would welcome people joining him for some of the sections of his walk and also in sponsoring him for the Kilimatinde Trust providing solar lighting to replace dangerous and expensive kerosene lamps in Tanzania. More details and sponsorship donations can be found at

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stephen-taylor61>

Archdeacon Stephen plans to arrive at Ospringe Church at 3.31pm then on to St Mary of Charity, Faversham for 4pm. Please join him for 5 minutes of prayer at one of the churches and maybe walk a little way with him.

Musique Cordiale in Kent presents:

Handel's Messiah

Musique Cordiale Festival Orchestra & Choir with soloists: Louise Kemény, Kate Howden, Julian Gregory, Jonny Herford and Conductor Graham Ross.

Saturday, 25 November 2017 at 7.30 pm

Entrance £10/£15 *including a glass of wine*
(Children under 12 free).

Tickets available at the door.

Please see posters for details

Do you struggle to get to St Mary of Charity's Sunday services - or do you know of someone who would like to come but has problems with transport?

Do you - or could you - drive to church and can you offer a lift? We have people who would like to come but we are seeking people to bring them ...

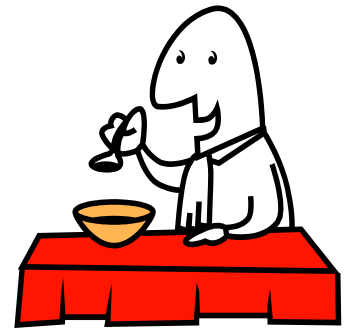
Please put your* details on the list at the back of the church if you would like a lift - or if you are able to offer one. Or speak to Miranda or Catriona!

Thank you!

**or the appropriate name and details ...*



The next Parish Lunch will be on the third Wednesday of the month - **15 November!**
All are welcome to enjoy good, home-cooked food and fellowship - the sign-up sheet is at the back of the church!



Who's missing?

Have you noticed one of our church family who you normally see on Sundays is no longer attending church?

Is there someone you know who has had to stop coming to church because of ill health but would like to remain in contact?

We have a group of volunteers who can visit people in their homes to be a link to the church and provide spiritual support. Home Communion can also be given.

If there is someone you think would benefit from such a visit please contact the Pastoral Visitors'

Co-ordinator Kevin Swinney

(kevin.swinney@outlook.com) or a member of the Clergy team.

St Mary of Charity services and events for Advent and Christmas 2017

Sunday, 3 December 2017

10.30 am Christingle and All Age Worship

Saturday, 9 December 2017

10 am to 1 pm Christmas Craft Fair

Tuesday, 12 December 2017

7 pm Tuesday Group Advent Service

Wednesday, 13 December 2017

12 noon Parish Christmas Lunch

2.15 pm Lorenden School Christmas Service

Saturday, 16 December 2017

7 pm Faversham Choral - Christmas with the Choral

Sunday, 17 December 2017

6 pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Monday, 18 December 2017

All Day - Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Christmas Services

Wednesday, 20 December 2017

9 am Ethelbert Road School Christmas Service

1.30 pm St Mary of Charity Primary School Christmas Service

Sunday, 24 December 2017

5 pm Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Monday, 25 December 2017 - Christmas Day

10.30 am Family Eucharist (no 9 am service)

Sunday, 31 December 2017 - First Sunday in Christmas

10.30 am Family Eucharist only (no 9 am service)

**There is no Wednesday Eucharist on 27 December 2017
or 3 January 2018**

The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Monday, 13 November 2017

9 am St Mary of Charity Primary School Remembrance Service

Tuesday, 14 November 2017

Morning Mustard Seed Music - *exploring singing, music and rhythm in a comfortable environment for children aged one to school age.*

Wednesday, 15 November 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist (BCP) *followed by*

12 noon Parish Lunch

Thursday, 16 November 2017

Morning Little Fishes - *Running, jumping, standing still*

Friday, 17 November 2017

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel

Afternoon Church closed while Diocese Day of Prayer is set up

Saturday, 18 November 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer

10 am-4 pm Canterbury Diocese Day of Prayer (*please see posters/inside for details*)

Sunday, 19 November 2017; Second before Advent

9 am Matins

10.30 am Family Eucharist



First Sunday	9 am	Eucharist (CW with hymns)	10.30 am	All Age Worship Family-friendly service	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 Family-friendly service		
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 Please check for details on which church this will be held at		