

**St Mary of Charity
Parish Church, Faversham
Third before Advent
All Souls
6 November 2016**

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;
- those who help with Mission within the Church;
- the people of Marche and Umbria, Italy
- those who were in The Jungle and those who work with them;
- refugees throughout the world;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those who work for the emergency services;
- those who are receiving medical treatment and those who care for them;
- the people of Madagascar, experiencing extreme drought;
- those experiencing financial hardship;
- the people of Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns
10.30 am Morning Praise
3 pm All Souls Memorial Service
6 pm Evensong (said)

Readings:

**2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38**

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
Remembrance Day
2 Thess 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19**



9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

Opening: Be Thou my guardian
Offertory: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
Closing: Forth in the peace of Christ we go



Be Thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
Thou quickener of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do Thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul
and to the weary, rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield, and hiding-place;
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Saviour, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest and King;
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
So shall the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

Forth in the peace of Christ we go ;

Christ to the world with joy we bring ;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us ;
kingship with Him His servants gain ;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Prophets of Christ, we hear His word:
He claims our minds, to search His ways;
He claims our lips, to speak His truth;
He claims our hearts, to sing His praise.

We are his Church, He makes us one:
here is one hearth for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.



Epistle

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us - whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter - asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Gospel:

Luke 20:27-38

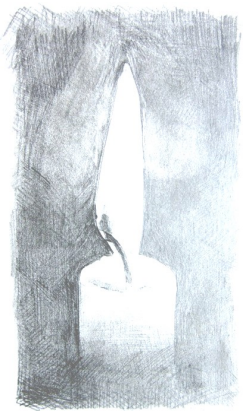
Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. The second and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. Finally, the woman died too. Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?"

Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

Contemplating Christmas!

Join us for an hour of reflection during Advent on the meaning of Christmas through the eyes of, Mary, the mother of Jesus.

From 7.30 pm on Mondays 28 November and 5, 12 and 19 December at St Mary of Charity, Faversham



Rev Sharran Ireland

Carols in the Marketplace 23 December 2016

Churches Together in Faversham is asking each church in Faversham to provide two marshals for this event, otherwise it might yet fall at the last hurdle!

If you are able to volunteer for this could you please let Jan Negus have your name and contact details ASAP (janet.negus@gmail.com).

Stewards will need to be available from 6.30 pm - 8.15 pm (latest!), singing starts at 7 pm.

FACE Market Stall

The day was a great success.

£250 RAISED INCLUDING DONATIONS

£12.50 TO CLAIM ON GIFT AID

6 NEW VOLUNTEERS

1 NEW CLIENT

LINK WITH THE PHYSIC GARDEN

LOTS OF MARKETING and NETWORKING

We are so grateful for the support we received from local businesses, the churches and the community.

Thank you again

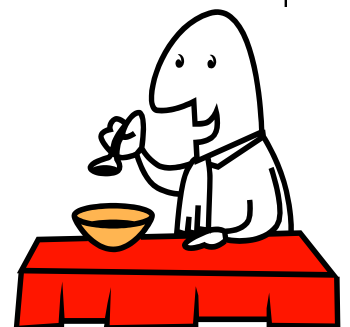
Miranda

Another opportunity to taste the delicious *Kingdom Coffee* coffee and vote on your favourite. The St Mary of Charity Church Café has been serving delicious coffees, teas and cakes for a year now - on the second and fourth Saturdays in the month, 10 am to 12 noon. We are considering buying all of our tea and coffee from *Kingdom Coffee*, a company that specialises in providing ethically sourced products, and we'd like your help in making this decision.

During the refreshments after this service, we will be doing a tasting of a number of *Kingdom Coffee* samples. We'd love to know what you think of the coffee - please come along and try it!

And why not join us for the next Church Café, on 12 November between 10 am and 12 noon?

The next Parish Lunch will be on the third Wednesday of the month - **16 November!**
All are welcome to enjoy good, home-cooked food and fellowship - the sign-up sheet is at the back of the church!



December's Parish Lunch is on Wednesday, 7 December.



**The St Mary of Charity
All Souls Memorial Service
takes place at 3 pm today.**

Friends and families of people whose funerals have been conducted by clergy connected to this parish have been invited to attend to commemorate the lives of their loved ones.

If you would like to have the name of a friend or family member read during the service please do add it to the list at the back of the church or speak to Catriona.

The service is open to *everyone* and *all* are welcome to attend.

* The Tuesday Group's next open meeting *
* will be held at 7.30 pm on 8 November, at the *
* Age UK premises, with Peter Kennet *
* showing slides of Old Faversham. *
* This meeting is open to anyone who would like *
* to come along and share fellowship *and* (see *
* *and*) hear an interesting talk on a fascinating *
* subject. *

Christmas Fair @ St Mary of Charity

10 am – 1 pm, 10 December 2016

in the church

We are looking for the following:

- * **Bottles for a bottle stall;**
- * **toiletries;**
- * **cakes;**
- * **pickles and jams;**
- * **homemade sweets;**
- * **homemade craft;**
- * **jewellery;**
- * **Christmas gifts; and**
- * **good quality raffle prizes with a Christmas theme.**



There will be a box in the back of church for donations.

****We will also need volunteers to help run stalls,
there will be a sign up list in church****

**In addition to church stalls, if you would like to have
your own stall, these will be available for a £20
donation to the church.**

All proceeds will be given to the sound system fund.

**If you can help or are interested in a stall on the
day, please contact Gail on
01795 532592 or
gail@rowlandsfamily.co.uk**



'Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth' Psalm 86.11

Whether you have been a Christian for five minutes or fifty years 'Pilgrim' will have something for you.

'Pilgrim' is designed to help you discover the Christian way of life. It unpacks the basic message and teaching of the Christian faith and also shows you how to pray and how to live like Jesus. It does this in a way that is reflective and conversational. No one will force the pace. But 'Pilgrim' will change the perspective of your life; it might also change its direction.

Following our churches positive response to 'Deepening Discipleship' we are pleased to be offering 'Pilgrim' which comprises eight short courses, each with a booklet covering six sessions.

Materials are designed to be flexible, adaptable and are offered in two stages: 'Follow' and 'Grow'.

'Follow' introduces the Christian faith, while 'Grow' aims to develop a deeper level of discipleship.

'Follow' is structured around the four key texts:

- Baptism
- the Lord's Prayer
- the Commandments
- the Beatitudes.

'Grow' is structured around major themes in Christian life:

- the Creeds
- the Sacraments
- the Scriptures
- living in God's Church and world.

Please sign up on the 'Pilgrim' notice board at the back of church or contact Marianne - mariannehambrook@aol.com or 01795 535696

Initial groups will run as follows but will allow for flexibility:

Group 1 starting Wednesday, 2 November, fortnightly, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm.
Venue: 19 Nobel Court, Faversham

Group 2 starting Thursday, 27 October, weekly, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm.
Venue: St Mary of Charity, Faversham (*some spaces still available*)

Group 3 starting Monday, 7 November, fortnightly, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm.
Venue: 16 Newton Road, Faversham.

Further information can be found at www.pilgrimcourse.org

We look forward to travelling with you.

Marianne Hambrook

Are you interested in the work of Faversham Foodbank which continues to provide much-needed support to local people experiencing difficulty? If so you are warmly invited to the 2016 Annual General Meeting which will take place at 6.30 pm at Faversham Gospel Mission in Tanners Street on Wednesday, 9 November 2016. Light refreshments will be provided.

If you want to put forward any items to be discussed please submit these at least 24 hours before the meeting either in writing to 'Faversham Foodbank c/o Hollyhocks, 17 Tanners Street Faversham, ME13 7JP' or by e-mail to trigpointx@gmail.com.

Peter Howard's wonderful Christmas trees will be available for selection from
SATURDAY, 5 NOVEMBER.

Please contact Peter to let him know when you'd like to visit and see poster (by the north door) for details (including charities helped)!

This is a great chance for you to raise funds for your parish church, and some deserving charities at the same time.

Alison and Peter Howard, Nash's Farmhouse, Luddenham, Faversham, Kent ME13 0TQ.

Tel 01795 532596

email: nashsfarmhouse@btinternet.com

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Monday, 7 November 2016

10-10.45 am Mustard Seed Music *Please note change of day!*

Wednesday, 9 November 2016

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist (BCP)

Thursday, 10 November 2016

10-11.30 am **Little Fishes - Poppies**

Friday, 11 November 2016

9.30 am Remembrance Service St Mary of Charity Primary School

Saturday, 12 November 2016

8-9 am Early Morning Prayers in the Trinity Chapel *(followed by coffee)*

10 am–12 pm Church Café

Sunday, 13 November 2016, Second before Advent/Remembrance Sunday

9 am Eucharist (BCP)

10.50 am *Act of Remembrance at Memorial (Stone Street)*

10.55 am Short Act of Remembrance

11.25 am Service of Remembrance



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| First Sunday | 9 am | Eucharist (CW with hymns) | 10.30 am | Morning Praise <i>Family-friendly service</i> | 6 pm | Choral Evensong |
| Second Sunday | 9 am | Eucharist (BCP said) | 10.30 am | Parish Eucharist CW | | |
| Third Sunday | 9 am | Matins | 10.30 am | Family Eucharist CW <i>Family-friendly service</i> | | |
| Fourth Sunday | 9 am | Eucharist (BCP said) | 10.30 am | Parish Eucharist CW | | |
| Fifth Sunday (if applicable) | 9 am | Eucharist (BCP said) | 10.30 am | Benefice Eucharist CW <i>Please check for details on which church this will be held at</i> | | |