

Parish Church of St Mary of Charity, Faversham Third Sunday before Lent 12 February 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;
- those who help with Mission within the Church worldwide;
- help us to focus on the things we have in common, not our differences;
- those who provide hospitality;
- those receiving medical treatment and those who care for them;
- the people of Québec City;
- those affected by violence;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the people of Europe experiencing extreme weather;
- the homeless;
- those who are grieving;
- those experiencing financial hardship;
- the people of Syria, Iraq, the Yemen and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

9 am Eucharist (BCP)
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

COLLECT:

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of
sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of
this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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:
Second before Lent
Romans 8:18-25
Matthew 6:25-34



Epistle:**1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:**Matthew 5:21-37**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember

that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Last weekend Gemma flew out to Manilla with her YWAM outreach team. She will be there for four weeks.

Gemma's team will be one of the first teams to go, and primarily this trip will be used to:

- * research the area;
- * meet with contacts and build relationships;
- * evangelise through sports;
- * visit churches and schools; and
- * organise tournaments/games with locals.

Gemma would like to thank everyone at St Mary of Charity (and in the wider community) who has donated to her outreach and to all those who have prayed for her and continue to pray for her.

If you want to find out more please don't hesitate to contact her, either through Facebook or email (gemmaehambrook@aol.com).

Enjoying God

A quiet day led by Roz Graham.

10.00 am - 3.30 pm

Thursday, 16 March 2017

All Saints, Graveney

Booking Roz Graham 01795 538079

or Rev Gill Read 01795 534059

£5.00

Bring your own lunch. Beverages provided.

Open to all

Val and Keith Tyler would like to invite their friends in the church to join them for cake and a beverage after the 10.30 am service next Sunday, 19 February 2017 as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Little Fishes is back in action again;
singing and praying,
laughing and playing ...



in the south transept on Thursday mornings.

If you are able to spare up to two and a half hours on a Thursday morning in term time, would you be happy to join us? We need people to help set up, organise snacks, ensure a steady supply of hot water for tea and coffee, help with the crafts, help clear up, chat with big and little fishes, help sing *and* do the actions, help clear away at the end. Please speak to Dennis Parrett, Val Tyler or Catriona Cuthbert if you are interested. Any volunteers will need to have a DBS check (which is done by the Diocese, free of charge!)

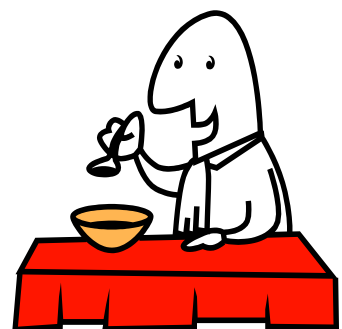
If you have pre-school children and would like to join us, you are very welcome to come along between 10 and 11.30 am.

We have a *whale* of a time!

Lent talks - our clergy team are planning a series of Lent talks in the church for the Mondays in Lent up to Holy Week. Please keep these dates free in your diaries: 6, 13, 20, 27 March and 6 April 2017.

February's Parish Lunch will be on
Wednesday, 15 February!

All are welcome to enjoy good, freshly-cooked food and fellowship - the sign-up sheet is at the back of the church!



**At 12.30 pm on Saturday, 18 February
St Mary of Charity will have a visit from the
Mayor of Poole and the Pirates of Poole along
with the Mayor of Faversham to unveil the new
Harry Paye facsimile brass.**

***Please join us!* Dressing as a pirate (any era)
and swaggering are optional *but* encouraged.**

Harry Paye was a 'privateer' in the 14th century
(born around 1360), originally from Poole in
Dorset, who once 'acquired' enough wine from
captured French ships to keep the town of Poole
drunk for a week! Harry married the daughter of
Seman Tong, a local businessman, and ended
his days in Faversham as a commander in the
Cinque Port fleet.



Who's missing?

**Have you notice 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 you 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.**

Women's World Day of Prayer

(International and Interdenominational)

Faversham Baptist Church

2 pm, Friday, 3 March 2017

followed by tea and biscuits



On Women's World Day of Prayer this year over 5,000 services will be held in the British Isles on the theme of 'Am I being unfair to you?' The Christian women of the Philippines wrote the service and it has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects to be used through the whole world on 3 March from sunrise over Samoa to sunset off the coast of American Samoa.

The Day of Prayer is not just for women - everyone is welcome to attend.

Swap Shop in aid of Faversham Foodbank

9.30 am – 12 noon

Saturday, 25 February 2017

United Church, Preston Street, Faversham

Please see poster by the Foodbank collection box for details!

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Tuesday, 14 February 2017

10-10.45 am Mustard Seed Music *with Naomi Smith*

Wednesday, 15 February 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist *followed by Parish Lunch*

Thursday, 16 February 2017

No Little Fishes - *half term*

Friday, 17 February 2017

10.30 am Prayers in The Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 18 February 2017

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

12.30 pm Unveiling of the Harry Paye brass with the Mayors of Faversham and Poole *Please join us for this event*

Sunday, 19 February 2017, Second before Lent

9 am Matins

10.30 am Family Eucharist



The St Mary of Charity monthly pattern of services:

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>		