

St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham

Third in Epiphany 21 January 2018

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;
- the Rohingya seeking safety;
- 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 are receiving medical treatment;
- those who volunteer their time for the good of others;
- the people of Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

9 am Matins

10.30 am Family Eucharist

Readings:

**Revelation 19:6-10
John 2:1-11**

COLLECT:

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by
the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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:

**Fourth in Epiphany
Churches Together in
Faversham Unity Service**

**Revelation 12:1-5a
Mark 1:21-28**



9 am Matins

Responses	Ferial
Psalm	128
Canticles	Venite & Jubilate
Anthem	O Sacrum Convivim; <i>Byrd</i>
Opening	I come with joy
Offertory	Go forth and tell



I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!

God's saving news to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world his glorious praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all,
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts — let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.



Epistle

Revelation 19:6-10

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,

‘Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his bride has made herself ready;

to her it has been granted to be clothed

with fine linen, bright and pure’ –

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These are true words of God.’ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Tuesday Group's next open meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 23 January, at the Age UK premises, with the chance to hear Dr V Jeffries of the Refugee Solidarity Group speak.

This meeting is open to anyone who would like to come along and share fellowship.

Churches Together in Faversham Unity Service

The congregations of all of the churches participating in the Unity service have been asked if any 'keen bakers' would be interested in making and bringing along any cakes or biscuits for a 'Bring and Share' hospitality following the service at 10.30 am on Sunday, 28 January 2018.

There will also be savouries and a celebration cake to share from some members of the congregation.

Please speak to Catriona if you are able to help or have any queries.

Members of the congregation who knew Stella Friar might be interested to learn that Stella's ashes will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance at 11.30 am on Wednesday, 7 February 2018 following the morning Eucharist.

Any who would like to attend are welcome.

Rev Penny Fenton will take the service.



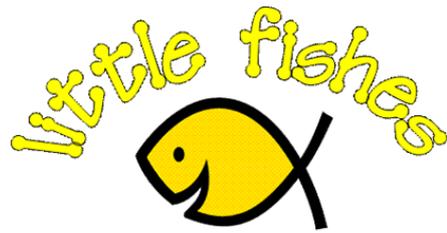
Faversham foodbank needs your help!

**As a result of increase in custom,
the foodbank is very low on the
following:**

- Tinned Vegetables**
- Long Life Fruit Juice**
- Tinned Sponge Puddings**
- Chocolate Bars**
- Shampoo**
- Cooking Oil**
- Tinned or Instant Custard**

**If you are able to donate toiletries
and any sanitary protection, this
would also be appreciated.**

Thank you



We're back: every Thursday morning from 10 am until 11.30 am, our amazing pre-school group has resumed in the South Transept for play, craft, snacks, stories, songs and a prayer. However, this is where YOU come in. Little Fishes is run by volunteers and we need to ensure that we have enough helpers available for each session.

Chatting with parents, carers, childminders and the children is also part of the morning (but obviously this isn't a chore - not that *any* of the rest is!)

So, can you help us? Do you know someone who could? *Do you know someone with spare time on a Thursday morning who can play a musical instrument?*

Please speak to Dennis or Val T if you would like to know more...



Churches Together in Faversham

United Service

10.30am Sunday 28 January 2018
at St Mary of Charity



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Do you regularly drive to church? Are you able to offer a lift to members of the congregation who don't drive or would find it difficult to walk?

If the answer is 'yes' then please either speak to Miranda or add your name to the list for '*Lifters*' on the screen at the back of the church.

And *thank you* for helping those who wouldn't otherwise be able to come to a regular



Please note that if you are giving people lifts in your car on behalf of the church, you may need to have this reflected in your car insurance. This is often a free option at the time of renewal.

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.

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Wednesday, 24 January 2018

10.30 am Eucharist

Thursday, 25 January 2018

10-11.30 am Little Fishes *running, jumping, standing still*

Friday, 26 January 2018

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 27 January 2018

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer

10-noon Church Cafe

Sunday, 28 January 2018; Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

9 am Eucharist (BCP)

10.30 am Churches Together in Faversham Unity Service *followed by hospitality*



The St Mary of Charity usual monthly pattern of services:

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>		