

# St Mary of Charity

## Parish Church Faversham

### Third in Lent

### 4 March 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 whose baptisms take place today;
- 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;
- 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 All Age Worship  
1 pm Baptism: REYNOLDS  
**6 pm Choral Evensong**

**Readings:**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

**John 2:13-22**

COLLECT:

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory  
before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we,  
walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than  
the way of life and peace;  
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 Lent**  
**Mothering Sunday**

**2 Corinthians 1:3-7**

**Luke 2:33-35 or**

**John 19:25-27**



## 9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

Opening: Christ whose glory fills the skies  
Offertory: Firmly I believe and truly  
Closing: We sing the praise of him who died



## 6 pm Choral Evensong

Introit: If ye love me; *Tallis*  
Responses Shephard  
Psalm and Setting 19  
Canticles: Sumison in A  
Anthem Nolo mortem peccatoris; Morley  
Hymn We sing the praise of him who died



### **Christ, whose glory fills the skies,**

Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
    pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiancy divine,  
    scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

**Firmly I believe and truly**

    God is Three and God is One;  
and I next acknowledge duly  
    manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully  
    in that manhood crucified;  
and each thought and deed unruly  
    do to death, as he has died.

Simply to his grace and wholly  
    light and life and strength belong,  
and I love supremely, solely,  
    him the holy, him the strong.

And I hold in veneration,  
    for the love of him alone,  
Holy Church as his creation,  
    and her teachings as his own.

Adoration ay be given,  
    with and through the angelic host,  
to the God of earth and heaven,  
    Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**We sing the praise of him who died,**  
of him who died upon the cross;  
the sinner's hope let men deride,  
for this we count the world but loss.

Inscribed upon the cross we see  
in shining letters, 'God is love';  
he bears our sins upon the tree;  
he brings us mercy from above.

The cross! It takes our guilt away:  
it holds the fainting spirit up;  
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,  
and sweetens every bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave,  
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;  
it takes its terror from the grave,  
and gilds the bed of death with light:

The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
the measure and the pledge of love,  
the sinner's refuge here below,  
the angels' theme in heaven above.



*Tweet 6 of 10*

Spirituality is about being curious, fresh, and ready for surprises. It is about being ready to laugh and cry, being open to life-giving creative feedback from others that help you to grow and remain young; there is no old age in spirituality. Spirituality is not about remaining stuck in the grove of a repeating record. The only difference between the grove and the grave is the depth.

## ***Epistle***

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning  
I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. .

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***Gospel***

John 2:13-22

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

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. .

At the end the reader will say:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



## **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) ...**

will take place on Tuesday, 17 April 2018 - 7 pm for 7.30 pm  
St Mary of Charity School.

Each year the **Churchwardens** stand down from their post, at which time they **may** make themselves available for re-election. **If anyone feels led to stand as Churchwarden** please talk to Rev Simon. If you feel you would like to be a Deputy Warden and shadow the Wardens for the future please come and talk to us.

**PCC** is very important to St Mary of Charity in enabling the running of the church and the growing of the Kingdom. At present there are **seven PCC vacancies** due to retirement, resignation and co-option (this year's retirees and those previously co-opted are eligible to re-stand alongside others).

**Please consider standing for election; if you are interested it would be helpful if you could chat with the vicar or Churchwardens by the end of March.**

**PCC are looking to fill four three-year vacancies, two two-year vacancies and one one-year vacancy.**

**Deanery Synod** members were elected for three years and are in post for a further two years, there is one resignation at this point leaving a **vacancy for two years.**

**We shall also be updating the Electoral Roll, please let us know of anyone to come off or anyone who would like to be added. Forms can be found on the low cupboard backing on to the ramp by the south porch.**

There are further notices and nomination forms to complete for these positions together with a current electoral roll.

**Please prayerfully consider these vacancies: we really need you.**

*We look forward to joining together on Tuesday, 17 April  
for drinks, nibbles and "Agenda"*

*Alison Swinney and Miranda Ford, Churchwardens*



# Quiz 'n' Chips

A huge 'thank you' to Martin and Victoria for organising the Quiz 'n' Chips evening last Saturday, and all those involved in helping to set up, run and clear afterwards. Thank you also to all those who attended and took part.

## **Lent Lunches**

Thank you to everyone who helped with hosting St Mary of Charity's Lent Lunch this year.

The dates for the remaining Lent Lunches are:

9 March

16 March

23 March

Lunches are between 12 noon and 1.45 - 2 pm at the Baptist Church Hall (the rear entrance - Institute Road) and the minimum donation is £3.00. The lunches are a wonderful expression of fellowship with our fellow Christians (and non-Christians!)

## Holy Week Services at St Mary of Charity:

<b>Monday, 26 March</b>	7.30 pm	Holy Week Eucharist
<b>Tuesday, 27 March</b>	9 am	St Mary of Charity Primary Easter Service
	7.30 pm	Holy Week Eucharist
<b>Wednesday, 28 March</b>	10.30 am	Eucharist
	7.30 pm	Holy Week Eucharist
<b>Thursday, 29 March</b>	10 am	Little Fishes Easter Egg Hunt and parade
	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service with stripping of the altar
<b>Friday, 30 March</b>	10 am	Walk of Witness from United Church, Preston St, followed by a service in Market Place
	2 pm	Stations of the Cross
	6 pm	Stainer's Crucifixion
<b>Saturday, 31 March</b>	7.30 pm	Service of Light
<b>Sunday, 1 April</b>	9 am	Eucharist (CW) with hymns
	10.30 am	All Age Eucharist
	12 noon	The Great St Mary of Charity Easter Egg hunt in the churchyard (indoors if inclement)

*Faversham Choral Society presents:*

### **Spring Concert** featuring

The Haydn Nelson Mass and Goodall's Eternal Light  
at St Mary of Charity

7.30 pm on Saturday, 24 March 2018

Tickets: £12 adults; £5 students; Under 15 free.

Please see posters for details.

# A Pilgrimage through Lent

7.30 pm on Mondays in Lent beginning  
Monday, 19 February (approx 1 hour)

St Mary of Charity,

Please journey with us!

Sharran Ireland



Once again we will be offering people the opportunity to buy a Fairtrade Real Easter Egg, through The Meaningful Chocolate Company for this Easter. Sign up forms will be in the church after this week.

Please do think about getting a Real Easter Egg which focuses on the true meaning of Easter!

*We would also be happy to accept cash donations towards a Real Easter Egg for children attending the Easter Sunday Service.*

Speak to Alison Swinney for details.

Donations for the Great St Mary of Charity Easter Egg Hunt on 1 April after the 10.30 am service can also be given to Alison.

Thank you.

## **Barbara Lamb**

We would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and messages following the death of Barbara on Saturday, 17 February. She passed away peacefully at Ashminster House, Ashford where she had moved to following the closure of Kingsfield.

Barbara loved being in a community and treasured her involvement with St Mary of Charity where she made many friends when she and John moved to Faversham fourteen years ago.

Her funeral will be at Charing crematorium on Monday, 12 March at 12 noon. You are very welcome to join us and for refreshments afterwards at the International Hotel in Ashford. It would be helpful for catering if you are able to indicate that you will join us.

Jeremy and Linda Lamb (01795 531383)

Catriona Cuthbert has signed up to take part in Cancer Research's Walk All Over Cancer campaign, doing a minimum of 10,000 steps every day during March. If anyone would like to sponsor Catriona, please speak to her and ask for the form or go into <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/catriona-walks-all-over-cancer-10> (link on the SMC facebook page!)

**Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!**

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# The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

## Wednesday, 7 March 2018

10.30 am Eucharist

## Thursday, 8 March 2018

10-11.30 am Little Fishes *Mothering Sunday craft*

## Friday, 9 March 2018

10.30 am Prayer in the Trinity Chapel

12 noon Lent Lunch in the Baptist Church Hall (Institute Road)

## Saturday, 10 March 2018

8-9 am Early Morning Prayer

10-noon Church Cafe

## Sunday, 4 March 2018; Fourth in Lent - Mothering Sunday

9 am Eucharist (BCP)

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

1 pm Baptism: MANKTELOW



## 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>		