

**Parish Church of
St Mary of Charity, Faversham
Third Sunday Lent
19 March 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 marry at St Mary of Charity;
- those receiving medical treatment and those who care for them;
- those affected by violence;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the homeless;
- those who are grieving;
- those experiencing financial hardship;
- the people of Nigeria, Somalia, Yemen and South Sudan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

9 am Matins

10.30 am Family Eucharist

Readings:

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

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
n 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

Patronal Festival

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42



9 am Matins

Responses	Ferial
Psalm	121
Canticles	Venite & Jubilate
Anthem	Call to remembrance; Farrant
Opening	Glorious things of Thee are spoken
Offertory	O Thou who camest from above



Glorious things of thee are spoken,

Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage:
grace which, like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age?
* Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
none but Zion's children know.

O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.



Epistle:**Romans 5:1-11**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

John 4:5-42

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

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat

that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ



Now that all the bills have been paid for the Candlemas Supper the final balance and profit was **£1,051.75**.

Thank you to all who came and supported this event and an even bigger thank you to all those who helped with the event itself.

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all at St Mary of Charity for your prayers and good wishes for my husband Steve and all the Bartholomews during Steve's recent illness. Quite literally we would not have come through without it.

Thank you - Jayne Bartholomew

Lent talks - our clergy team have planned a series of Lent talks in the church for the Mondays in Lent up to Holy Week.

7.30 pm on Monday

20, 27 March and 6 April 2017.

Stations of the Cross:

High Priest - The Cross and Religion

Pilate - The Cross and Worldly Power

Barabbas - The Cross and Liberty

Church Electoral Roll:

This is the time of year when the roll is revised. If anyone would like their name added please pick up a church membership pack from the back of church. This contains an electoral roll application form (return this to Mary Wimlett or one of the churchwardens) and details of the planned giving scheme (see Brian Wimlett). Electoral roll forms need to be returned by 4 April, please.

A list of the names already on the roll is pinned up on a notice board at the back of the church.

Archbishop Justin will be giving Holy Week Lectures on British Values in the nave of Canterbury Cathedral from 7.30 pm on Monday, 10 April, Tuesday, 11 April and Wednesday, 12 April. Each lecture will be followed by a service of music, scripture and prayer for holy week sung by the Cathedral Choir. See posters for details.

(St Mary of Charity will have a Compline service on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week from 7.30 pm)

Faversham and Villages Refugee Solidarity Group presents:

AN AUCTION OF PROMISES - YOUR CHANCE TO OFFER A LIFELINE

7.30 pm, Saturday, 25 March at the Assembly Rooms
Preston Street, Faversham

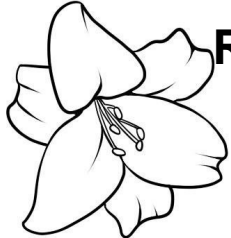
Promises include: lunches; haircut; tuition in languages, violin or yoga; cinema voucher and babysitting; artworks; champagne; scotch; designer coat; racing bike; a signed guitar (Sir Bob Geldof).

See all at www.fvrsg.wordpress.com

£5 a ticket

APCM

St Mary of Charity's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be at St Mary of Charity Primary School on Tuesday, 25 April 2017



Refreshments on arrival at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start

Come and decorate the church for Easter

Easter Saturday between 9 am and noon on Saturday, 15 April;
bring your own flowers and foliage.

If anyone can provide extra greenery this would be appreciated.

If you would like a lily in the sanctuary in remembrance of a loved one,
please speak to Val or Keith Tyler. There is a £5 donation towards the
cost, and they will need the name of the person it commemorates.

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.**

Easter Eggs: *Now* is the time to catch a churchwarden or Richard Shipman to give a donation (*monetary only please*) towards The Great St Mary of Charity Easter Egg Hunt which will follow the 10.30 am service on Easter Sunday.

Lent Lunches 2017

Baptist Church, Institute Road Car Park entrance.

Fridays in Lent - 12 noon to 2 pm

24, 31 March and 7 April 2017

Soup, bread and cheese, followed by tea or coffee.

Suggested minimum donation £3.

All proceeds to CTiF charity of the year:

Faversham Food Bank

St Mary of Charity is on a 'rest' this year, but if anyone would like to help with Davington or Ospringe's lunches, please let Val Tyler know (01795 536082)

Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Monday, 20 March 2017

7.30 pm Lent Talk: High Priest - The Cross and Religion

Tuesday, 21 March 2017

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

Wednesday, 22 March 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist

Thursday, 23 March 2017

10-11.30 Little Fishes - *Easter hats and bonnets (and Red Nose Day cake stall)*

Friday, 24 March 2017

10.30 am Prayers in The Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 25 March 2017

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

10-noon Church Cafe

2 pm Wedding: URWIN/ELSTON-EVANS

Sunday, 26 March 2017, Fourth in Lent/Mothering Sunday (Patronal Festival)

9 am Eucharist

10.30 am Parish Eucharist



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)	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>		