

# St Mary of Charity

## Parish Church Faversham

### Third Sunday in Trinity

### 17 June 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 Benefice of Faversham 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;
- those affected by political unrest;
- those who strive for reconciliation;
- 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 Matins**

10.30 am Family Eucharist

**Readings:**

**2 Corinthians 5:6-17**

**Mark 4:26-34**

**COLLECT:**

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of  
your Son into our hearts  
whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom  
to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of  
the children of God;  
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 Sunday in Trinity**

**2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

**Mark 4:35-41**



## 9 am Matins

Responses	Ferial
Psalm	20
Canticles	Venite & Jubilate
Anthem	O Trinity, most blessed light; <i>Turner</i>
Opening	For all the fruits of his creation
Offertory	In Christ there is no east or west



**For the fruits of all creation,**  
thanks be to God;  
for the gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,  
    thanks be to God ;  
for the good we all inherit,  
    thanks be to God ;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
    thanks be to God.

**In Christ there is no east or west,**  
    in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
    throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere  
    their high communion find ;  
his service is the golden cord,  
    close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, children of the faith,  
    whate'er your race may be ;  
who serves my Father as his child  
    is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
    in him meet south and north ;  
all Christlike souls are one in him,  
    throughout the whole wide earth.



## First Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord –for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ,

there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Mark 4:26-34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**







While the building works are taking place in the North Transept, the church and churchyard will be open between 10 am and 3 pm, Monday to Friday. It will be open as usual during the weekend.

In an effort to reduce copying and paper waste, we will be producing a monthly notice sheet for you to take home and keep which will show all coming services and events in the church, plus any notices. Pew sheets will be for individual Sundays and will give information relevant to services (readings, hymns, etc).

*Please don't forget to take your June Notice Sheet home with you!*

**Notices to Catriona by  
Wednesday, 27 June latest!**

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