

# St Mary of Charity

## Parish Church Faversham

### Thirteenth Sunday in Trinity

### 26 August 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 being baptised into the family of Christ today;
- 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 Eucharist (BCP)**

10.30 am Parish Eucharist with  
Baptism: URWIN

**Readings:**

**Ephesians 5:15-20**

**John 6:51-58**

**COLLECT:**

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling  
the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news  
of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

**Next Sunday:**

**Fourteenth Sunday in  
Trinity  
(Hop Festival)**

**James 1:17-27**

**Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**



## **Epistle**

Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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



Mr and Mrs Robert Swinney are relieved to announce that after four months of being apart, Kathryn has finally been granted a visa to live and work in the UK for two and a half years.

**In celebration of this we would like to invite the whole congregation to a Service of Blessing of our marriage at St Mary of Charity on Thursday 30th August at 12 noon followed by refreshments.**



Join us at 11 am on  
Sunday, 2 September 2018  
for the Blessing of the Hops



David Freeman would like to thank those who kindly sent good wishes and cards for his 90th birthday.

**September Wednesday Eucharist services will resume on Wednesday, 12 September at 10.30 am.**

**Notices for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by Wednesday, 29 August latest!**

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