

**St Mary of Charity
Parish Church Faversham
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
3 September 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 and the Ospringe Deanery;
- those who have travelled to visit Faversham;
- those affected by Hurricane Harvey;
- those affected by the floods in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh;
- the people of Sierra Leone;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire;
- 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)
11 am Hop Festival Service with
Blessing of the Hops
with The Ven Stephen Taylor, MBE
6 pm Evensong (said)

Readings:

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

COLLECT:

Merciful God,
Your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in Your mercy
and know Your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Next Sunday:
Thirteenth Sunday after
Trinity
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20



Epistle

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

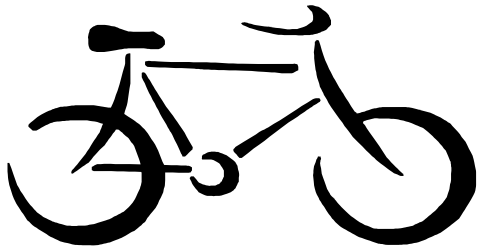
Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**The Friends of Kent Churches annual Ride and Stride
takes place on
Saturday, 9 September 2017.**



If anyone would like to ride, stride or ***help with signing visitors in at this church***, please speak to Catriona.

Last year's Ride and Stride raised £137,000 which was used to help churches throughout Kent.

Advance Notice: Saturday, 16 September 2017

Phoebus Spire presents *The Tempest*

At St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Performance starts at 7.30 pm

All proceeds go to Catching Lives, Canterbury

Tickets available on the door

St Mary of Charity's assistant organist, Patti Whaley, will be giving an organ recital at the Faversham Almshouses on Thursday, 14 September at 7.30 pm.

The programme will include works by Sark, Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, and Denis Bedard's delightful *Cat Suite*.



Admission is free, with retiring collection for the Almshouses. All are warmly invited.

MacMillan World's Greatest Coffee Morning

Friday, 29 September 2017

10 am to 11.30 am

19 The Leas

Nearest bus stop: Bysing Wood Road (The Leas)

110 yards. Service 3X, 3B, 3C or 333

With Daphne and Antony Millett

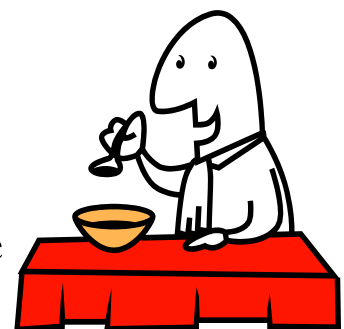


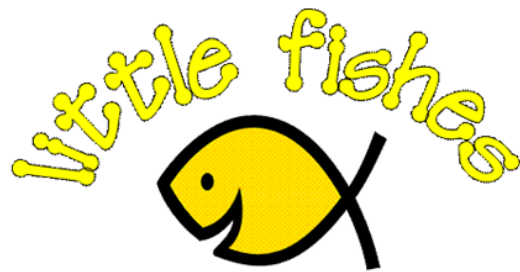
Come and decorate the church for Harvest Festival!

Val Tyler would be happy to welcome anyone who would like to help decorate - or who can provide flowers, foliage and fruit (windfalls would be great) to decorate the church - on 15 and 16 September for the Harvest Festival Service.



The next Parish Lunch will be on the third Wednesday of the month - **20 September!**
All are welcome to enjoy good, home-cooked food and fellowship - the sign-up sheet is at the back of the church!





Little Fishes are on holiday now - but will be back in action again; singing and praying, laughing and playing, from Thursday, 14 September. If you are able to spare up to two and a half hours on a Thursday morning in term time, would you be happy to join us? We need people to help set up, organise snacks, ensure a steady supply of hot water for tea and coffee, help with the crafts, help clear up, help sing and do the actions, help clear away at the end. Please speak to Dennis Parrett, Val Tyler or Catriona Cuthbert if you are interested. Any volunteers will need to have a DBS check (which is done by the Diocese, free of charge!)

A plea for help re premises

From 18 September 2017 Faversham Assistance Centre (FACE) will be homeless!

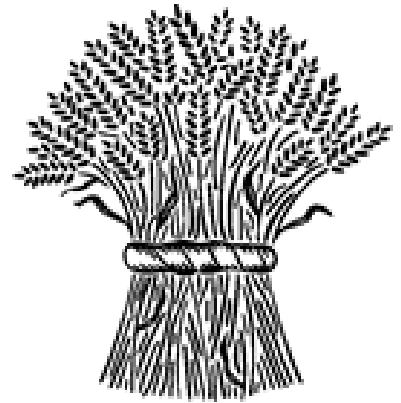
We really need some support; permanent and temporary suggestions would be welcome, please.

We need space for two people: an L-shaped desk for two people, two small cabinets and two computers (with printer etc). We are house-trained and don't make much noise or take up much space.

**Thank you - Miranda
(trigpointx@gmail.com)**



Faversham Food Festival is on the weekend of 16 to 17 September. St Mary of Charity's Harvest Festival will be at 10.30 am on 17 September as part of the Food Festival. Please do join us for this special service.



We are putting the church mice on a diet! and you have to help!

Please enjoy biscuits or cake at the west end of the church, and, if you do have food with you in the pews, take the remains away for your own mice!

There are dustpans and brushes available to sweep up any debris...



Notices to Catriona by noon Wednesday, latest!

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The Coming Week at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Tuesday, 5 September 2017

10–10.45 am Mustard Seed Music

Wednesday, 6 September 2017

8.15 am Deanery Chapter

10.30 am Eucharist (BCP)

Friday, 8 September 2017

10.30 am Prayers in the Trinity Chapel

Saturday, 9 September 2017

8-9 am Early Morning Praise

10 - noon Church Café

10 - 5 pm Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride (see inside for details)

2 pm Wedding: Popple/Scarfe

Sunday, 10 September 2017

9 am Eucharist (BCP)

10.30 am Parish Eucharist (CW) with Baptism in service - READER

1 pm Baptism - BISHOP

3/3.30 pm Almshouses Service, Almshouses Chapel, Napleton Road

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>		