

St Mary of Charity

Parish Church Faversham

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8 September 2019

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 affected by 'natural disasters' and extreme weather in the world;
- refugees throughout the world;
- the bereaved;
- those elected to represent us in local councils or parliament;
- 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 volunteer their time to help others;
- 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
1 pm Baptism

Readings:

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear
than we to pray
and to give more than either
we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us
the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which
our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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:
Thirteenth after Trinity
Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10



Old Testament

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of

Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem:
Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter
shaping evil against you and devising a
plan against you. Turn now, all of you
from your evil way, and amend your ways
and your doings.

Here ends the Lesson.

Epistle

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and
Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-
worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus
our fellow-soldier, and to the church in
your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I
always thank my God because I hear of
your love for all the saints and your faith
towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the
sharing of your faith may become
effective when you perceive all the good
that we may do for Christ. I have indeed
received much joy and encouragement
from your love, because the hearts of the
saints have been refreshed through you,
my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my

own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going

out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

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





Northampton Male Voice Choir

At St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Enjoy a concert by an internationally-renowned choir.

Interval with refreshments.

This is not a ticketed event; there will be a retiring collection in aid of the church.

We are looking for people to help with
The Great St Mary of Charity Pudding Club
during the Faversham Food Festival
on 14 September 2019.

If you are able to help by cooking or setting up, clearing up, washing up or serving, please do speak to Miranda for details, and see the sign-up sheets at the back of the church.

There will also be stalls available in the church on Saturday for the Church Fair as part of the Food Festival. Again, contact Miranda for details.

If you're not able to help, please do show your support by coming along and participating!

Please see notices in the church regarding the Licensing service for the new Community and Mission Priest for The Benefice of Faversham, Rev Dan Corcoran, on Saturday, 28 September 2019.

**Notices for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by
Wednesday, 25 September, very latest!**

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