

Keeping Contact

The Benefice of Faversham

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Revd. Simon writes

For all the Saints who from their labours rest.

So begins the hymn often sung at All Saints or All Souls when we remember, pray for, or think about those whose lives are now past. In the traditional understanding 'the Saints' described in Revelation 18.20 are special holy people whose lives are an exemplar to others as how a Christian should live out their lives. But we are all called to be God's holy people.

In the New Testament followers of Jesus Christ were referred to as followers of the way (Acts 9.2), Christians (Acts 11.26), and by John, Peter, and Paul simply as the saints. The term commonly referred to in Paul's letters as in 'the saints in Ephesus' or the 'saints in Jerusalem'.

I wonder how comfortable or otherwise we would feel as being referred to as the saints in Davington or the saints in Preston ...

If we were called the saints in ..., would it help us in recognising the need to try and model our daily life and behaviour on the person of Jesus Christ? For as Christians we are followers, believers in the person of Jesus Christ.

At All Saints / Souls we remember the lives of all the saints who have gone before us. In doing so we hold our own ending before us and look at our lives in the context of those who have died. In the current Common Worship Funeral Liturgy there is the prayer:

"You are tender towards your children and your mercy is over all your works.

Heal the memories of hurt and failure. Give us the wisdom and grace to use aright the time that is left to us here on earth, to turn to Christ and follow in his steps in the **way that leads to everlasting life."**

And at the beginning of our commitment to following Christ in the baptism service we have these words:

"God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father."

As the Saints of Christ, we are called to shine as lights in the world, we remember the 'shinning' saints of the past and seek to model our lives to become more Christ like in our lives to the glory of God the Father.

Yours in Christ

Simon.



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Services in November — The Benefice of Faversham

	<i>Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27- 38</i>		<i>Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43</i>	<i>Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11- 14; Matthew 24:36- 44</i>
Davington		Remembrance		
10am	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Morning Prayer
Baptism:		Followed by Short Act of Remembrance		
	4pm I wonder...	4pm I wonder...	4pm I wonder...	4pm I wonder...
Faversham		Remembrance		
10am	Morning Prayer	Said Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist
Baptism:		Followed by Short Act of Remembrance at 10.50 and Civic Service at 11.30am	2pm Baptism	
5pm	Choral Evensong			
Ospringle		Remembrance		
11am	Eucharist	Morning Praise	Eucharist	Morning Praise
Baptism:		Preceded by Short Act of Remembrance		
Preston		Remembrance		PATRONAL FESTIVAL
10am	Eucharist	Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Eucharist
Baptism:		Followed by Short Act of Remembrance		

Midweek services - all services at 10am

Date	Preston	Faversham
Tuesday, 1 November (All Saint's Day)	Eucharist	
Wednesday, 2 November		Morning Prayer
Tuesday, 8 November	Morning Prayer	
Wednesday, 9 November		Eucharist
Tuesday, 15 November	Eucharist	
Wednesday, 16 November (followed by Parish Lunch)		Morning Prayer
Tuesday, 22 November	Morning Prayer	
Wednesday, 23 November		Eucharist
Tuesday, 29 November	Morning Prayer	
Wednesday, 30 November		Morning Prayer

THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2022

10AM – 4PM

&

SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2022

1PM – 4PM

AT

**ST PETER & ST PAUL'S CHURCH, WATER LANE,
OSPRINGE ME13 8XS**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS & RAFFLE,
FREE PARKING.**



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

John Moor 1932 –2022

John Moor was born at Hillside Nursing Home in Faversham on 17 June 1932.

He spent his early childhood with his parents, brother and sister on a farm that his grandfather had bought for his father at Nichol Farm in the parish of Teynham. In those days, the fruit and vegetables that



they grew were conveyed by horse and cart to market in Sittingbourne.

John started his education at Norton Village School. He never forgot the daily 30 minute sessions of Swedish Drill preceded by the chanting of their 2 – 7 times tables whilst changing into their gym shoes and then chanting their 8 – 13! times tables whilst changing back again.

He was seven years old when World War II broke out and remembered vividly the Barrage Balloons suspended in the air along the coast to protect Britain from the v1 flying bombs, the Doodlebugs.

At this time his family attended Teynham church where his mother did the flowers and his father was a Churchwarden.

This obviously made a great impression on John and was to influence his later life at Ospringe.

On leaving primary school he went to Faversham Grammar School and at the age of 12 was awarded a scholarship to King's School in Canterbury, which he attended as a boarder. He excelled at school and then went on to achieve a First Class degree in Botany at

Reading University.

Whilst studying in Reading he managed to pass

his driving test even though he nearly collided with a police car.

During a placement at Mount's Fruit Farm he lodged with a family in South Canterbury Road. Here he met Ruth and it was love at first sight. They

were married in the Undercroft of Canterbury Cathedral in 1956 and their first home was as a top floor flat in a house at Harbledown.

One day John took Ruth for a drive down a country Lane next to Painter's Forstal. When Ruth first saw Bayfield, she exclaimed that she would really like to live there. John replied telling her that it was theirs already! They moved into Bayfield in 1958, a year after their first son was born.

The garden was a dumping ground full of old machinery and the soil was "Farmed Out" but John could see it's potential and at the end of 3 years hard work the land recovered and Bayfield Farm was in business.

They had two more sons and a daughter so the house was extended with the addition of the Family Room with bedrooms above it, one of which was built around a lovely C17th Four Poster Bed.

John was a frustrated academic fully devoted to improving apple growing and research, doing his utmost to improve the industry. At one time there were 26 different cultivars of apples on Bayfield Farm.

John Moor contd....

There are still 6 grown on Nichol Farm which is now run by his second son and John was proud to claim that they are the biggest Organic Apple and Pear growers in the country.

In 1968, the industry wanted to rename an apple known as Mutso and John suggested Crispin after the youngest of his sons, also being the Patron Saint of Faversham.

John loved classical music, especially Opera. In later life he and Ruth looked forward to their annual summer visits to Glynebourne and Grange Park which, thanks to their kind friends, they enjoyed to the end despite John's inability to drive due to failing sight.

John and Ruth attended Ospringe Church



where John was sometime Churchwarden and became well known for his outstanding flower arrangements, often containing a large specimen of a plant from his garden which is a network of hidden lawns now surrounded by mature trees and many rare and unusual plants.

In the past it was regularly visited by many under the National Garden Scheme.

He sadly passed away on Tuesday 20 th September and will be greatly missed at Ospringe.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Carolynne Brightman

Calendar of Prayer



You can now get the Calendar of Prayer on Spotify and iTunes, just follow or subscribe and you'll receive a new prayer each day.

Don't forget that you can also view it on your phone or tablet computer on issuu app.

If you wish to print the Calendar of Prayer, you can change your own printer settings to black and white or grayscale instead of printing in colour.

BRAHMS REQUIEM

raising funds for the Parkinson's Centre for Integrated Therapy



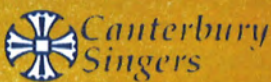
**FAVERSHAM CHORAL SOCIETY
THE CANTERBURY SINGERS**

Conductor Adrian Bawtree

Saturday 19 November 5pm

St Mary of Charity, Church St, Faversham, ME13 8GZ

Tickets £10 for 16's + on the door or via Eventbrite



in aid of



Christmas preparation...

Christmas approaches which means the Christian New Year starts with Advent.

Children are getting excited; the shops are full of Christmas treats. Children will 'Experience Christmas' and carol concerts and parties. How can we more mature children enter the excitement and preparation for the birth of our saviour?

I have been posed with a problem as to whether I revisit one of my previous Advent books or select a new one.

Here are few Titles which have, over the years, enhanced my experience of Advent.

- * The Real Godsend. By Nigel G Wright. An exploration of the birth narratives in Mathew and Luke.
- * The Prince of Peace in a world of wars. By David Kerrigan . Applying the message of Gods Love to a needy world.
- * Companions on the Bethlehem Road . By Rachel Boulding. Daily readings and reflections for the Advent journey.
- * The Art of Advent. By Jane Williams. A painting a day from Advent to Epiphany.
- * Longing ,Waiting, Believing. By Rodney Holder. Reflections for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.
- * Advent for everyone. By Tom Wright. A journey through Matthew.
- * Approaching Christmas. By Jane Williams. Reflections on Christmas traditions.
- *Waiting on the Word. By Malcolm Guite. A poem a day for Advent , Christmas and Epiphany.

Or perhaps for light relief the little illustrated poems from Carol Ann Duffy including Bethlehem and The Christmas Truce.

Choosing a book is always a challenge but I am sure whatever I choose it will enhance my Christmas experience.

I hope you all enjoy your Advent and able to find some time to read a good book.



Patrick Mulcahy

Nash's Farm - Christmas trees 2022

With your great support, last year we raised £9,165. These donations are given to over 40 local parish churches and 20

charities.

We have a very good selection of Christmas trees available of many varieties, shapes, colours, and aromas, between 5 and 12ft in height. We also have some up to 16ft - ideal for schools, churches, village halls and outside spaces.

Since we started this fundraising scheme 30 years ago, the procedure is the same: you can visit to choose your tree from late September and return to collect it in December nearer Christmas.

As before, the arrangement is for you to make a donation for your tree; over half will be returned to your Parish church and the rest goes to the 20 charities. This is a great chance for you to raise funds for your Parish church and some deserving charities at the same time.

Please get in touch with us to book a time and date to come to choose your tree, by emailing, texting, or phoning. (Please postpone your visit if you have COVID or suspect you have it).

Email nashsfarmhouse@btinternet.com

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Peter's mobile 07910 248 308

Many thanks for your support

Peter and Alison Howard

Nash's Farmhouse, Luddenham, Faversham ME13 0TQ



Parish Lunch

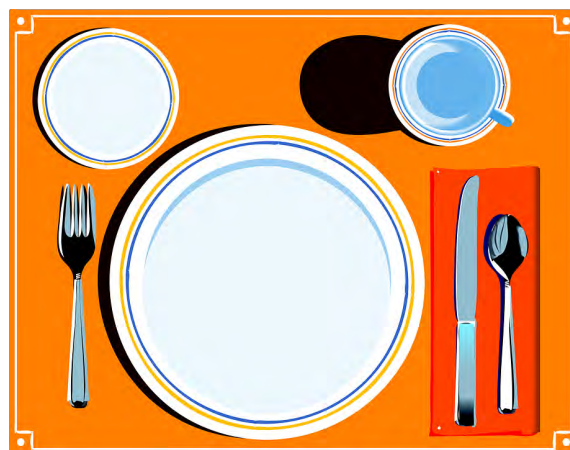
December's Christmas Parish Lunch

St Mary of Charity

Noon on Wednesday, 7 December.

The sign-up sheet will be at the back of the church immediately after November's Parish Lunch!

Everyone (and anyone) is welcome to join us.



Welcome

Heading into Autumn, juggling the central heating controls and wondering if the next prime minister will last longer than the turkey.

Keeping Contact is getting ready for the December—January edition.

As ever we are only as good as our correspondents. There is a diary page, of sorts this month.

As ever I am grateful to those who did submit material and dates.

Copy date for December—January is Monday, November 21st.



Our Mission is to be a youth group that shows the hope of Jesus to bring life-giving change.

Wednesdays in term time Baptist Church 19:00 – 20:30

Since I wrote the last report at the end of September the group has grown.

We have had up to 17 young people, and we have great fun.

In the last session before half-term we asked our young people, 'Where have you seen God at work this past term?'

A couple of answers:

'This term has helped me start a deepening understanding with God and more comfort.'

'God is always at work in my life, and he has been with me especially in pulling me back towards this group.'

And we shared this verse, 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.' *Jeremiah 33.3*

Please do continue to pray for us.

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A filling thought

The Polyfilla Cleric

I'm a Polyfilla cleric, just here to fill a crack,
Where there are gaps in rotas, I'll offer and perhaps
I'll fill that space and celebrate, another service done,
It's down to me to make the move as invites seldom come.

I'm a Polyfilla cleric, with others on the team
The services are covered now, so no trouble it would seem
For monthly plans to run their course and worship to take place;
I'm stepping back until such time I see a definite space.

I'm a Polyfilla cleric, I try to do my best'
But as the years creep on and on, I'm doing less and less
The dog collar's put away for now, but I'm sure it will be back
When this Polyfilla cleric fills yet another crack.

Struan H Dunn

Care for refugees



From the Diocesan website

Needed: Christmas toys for refugee children

As Christmas is approaching, we have set up an online wish list with the aim of providing toys for refugee children living in our diocese. Prices range from less than £5 to £14.

Please spread the word - you can download a printable flier with the details here.

https://mcusercontent.com/1fa4ec4c9a4aecf8e8e596f12/files/254d1656-b7df-3396-7997-931125a5f63f/Christmas_Toys_Appeal_with_QR_Code_PDF.pdf

Thank you!

Day	Detail	Date	Time		Where	Note
Sun	All Souls Service	30-Oct	15:00		Davington	
Wed	"Space to be"	02-Nov	19:00	20:00	Davington	Contact Mark 0779 018 5415
Sat	Coffee Morning	05-Nov	10:00	12:00	Preston	
Fri	Blossoms Café	11-Nov	14:00	16:00	Davington	TERM TIME!!
Sat	Victorian Fayre	19-Nov	10:00	14:30	Alexander Centre	St Catherine's
Sat	Coffee & Cake	26-Nov	10:30	12:00	Davington	
Tue	Contemplating Christmas	29-Nov	19:00		Preston	
Sat	Coffee Morning	03-Dec	10:00	12:00	Preston	
Sat	Christmas Tree Festival	03-Dec	10:00	16:00	Ospringe	
Sun	Christmas Tree Festival	04-Dec	13:00	16:00	Ospringe	
Tue	Contemplating Christmas	06-Dec	19:00		Preston	
Tue	Contemplating Christmas	13-Dec	19:00		Preston	
Sun	Lessons & Carols	18-Dec	18:30		Preston	
Tue	Contemplating Christmas	20-Dec	19:00		Preston	

'Space to Be'

Starting on Wednesday 2nd November, St Mary Magdalene Church, Priory Rd, Davington will offer a new weekly group called 'Space to be'.

The weekly meetings will be an opportunity to be together with no expectations other than to experience God's love & grace through stillness & centring or contemplative prayer.

The first meeting will be led by Rev Simon Rowlands & will run from 7pm until 8pm.

Everyone is welcome.

Contact Mark on 07790185415 if you need more information.



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St Mary of Charity, Faversham		fb.me/4favstmoc
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