

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT TO A MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN
COUNCIL on 10th February 2020**

1. ST MARY OF CHARITY'S VE75 FLOWER FESTIVAL 2020

To consider the invitation to provide a floral arrangement or sponsor a display for the VE75 Flower Festival. Funds raised are for the building of accessible toilets to improve and widen the use of the church for the community.

ST MARY OF CHARITY PARISH CHURCH, FAVERSHAM.



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VE 75 - Flower Festival 2020

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Dear

The parish Church of St Mary of Charity is a significant historic building at the heart of Faversham and is used by visitors of all kinds. They may be people of faith or none. It is primarily a place of Christian worship but is also used by the community for important public meetings, a place of history, heritage and reflection or prayer. The church is mostly cared for by the congregation (who entirely fund its running costs) and a wider circle of those who give their time and energy to help maintain the building. Over recent years significant sums of money have been spent protecting and improving the building with focus on making the building accessible. All of which has come as a result of the local community both giving and applying for charitable grants.

This year the town of Faversham with the nation will remember the 75th anniversary of VE day on 8th – 10th May. To celebrate VE Day we are planning a flower festival over the weekend of 9 -10th May culminating in a Civic Service on the Sunday surround by the floral creations filling the church.

The Parish Church is seeking to raise funds for the building of accessible toilets to improve and widen the use of the church for the community it serves. Funds raised from the flower festival will be shared with this project and the Royal British Legion.

Along with a variety of other groups and organisations, we would like to invite you to participate in the Flower Festival, by either providing your own arrangement or sponsoring a display. Can I encourage you to support this initiative, as it will both celebrate the 75 anniversary of VE day and help ensure the Parish Church is as accessible to the whole community to use in the future.

Please contact Val Tyler on 01795 536082 or keith.tyler@talktalk.net by 10th February if you would like to offer support or wish further information.

Yours sincerely

Simon Rowlands (Vicar)