

Sunday 6th September 2020 Trinity 13 United Benefice of Sissinghurst with Frittenden
Curious about God's costly call? Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin

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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

A very warm Welcome

We're delighted you've joined us for this online service, and looking forward to seeing you at a physical service before too long. **Please take time at some point to look at the Notices and Birthday pages** to find out what's going on and who's celebrating this month - why not drop them a call or card...

We sing God's praise

**1. See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes,
tomb filled with light
As the angels announce,
"Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain,
paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
For he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!**

**2. See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?"
As in sorrow she turns
from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope,
brining peace to us,
Will sound when he appears,
For he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!**

**3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit
who clothes faith with certainty.
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with power
and authority!
And we are raised with him,
Death is dead, love has won,
Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with him,
For he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!**

[Music: Album - Ultimate Collection Stuart Townend]

We confess our sins
and receive God's forgiveness

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**



We declare our belief in God

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name
above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
and every voice proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

We praise God as we sing

**1. Love Divine, all love excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, Thou art all compassion;
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**

**2. Come, Almighty, to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**3. Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.**

[Music - The Hymn Makers: St. Michael's Singers]

We turn to God in prayer - Claire & Phoebe

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

We hear God's Word: Exodus 3:1-15 John Stansfeld

¹Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, 'I will go over and see this strange sight – why the bush does not burn up.'

⁴When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, 'Moses! Moses!'

And Moses said, 'Here I am.'

⁵'Do not come any closer,' God said. 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.'⁶Then he said, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.'

At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷The LORD said, 'I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey – the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.

¹⁰So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.'



¹¹ But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?'

¹²And God said, 'I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.'

¹³Moses said to God, 'Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you," and they ask me, "What is his name?" Then what shall I tell them?'

¹⁴God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: "I AM has sent me to you."'

¹⁵God also said to Moses, 'Say to the Israelites, "The LORD, the God of your fathers – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob – has sent me to you."

'This is my name for ever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

We sing God's praise

**1. Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,**

**2. Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**3. Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.**

**4. Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.**

**5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

[Music: The Best Hymns Album, St Michael's Singers]

We hear God's Word: Romans 12:9-21 Penny Durie

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves.

¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.

¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord.

²⁰ On the contrary:

'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.'

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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We sing God's praise

**1. Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou are mighty;
hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer,
strong Deliverer,
be Thou still my Strength and Shield,
be Thou still my Strength and Shield.**

**3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.**

[Music – The Christmas Collection - Carols & Hymns,
The Guildford Cathedral Choir]

God's blessing... and then Virtual Coffee!

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus
fill your hearts and your homes;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us,
and remain with us always. **Amen.**

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Notice Sheet

Zoom Meeting Details

For **After Church Coffee** and **Tuesday Prayer Hubs**, the number is **352 987 984**
To join by phone dial 0330 088 5830,
then enter the meeting number followed by #.
Password if required is 333.

Frittenden news:

Frittenden Burial Ground Working Party Saturday 19th September. Meet at the Mill Lane Burial Ground and bring tools for strimming, weeding, clipping, moss removal and sweeping. We start at 9.00am but come along when you can any time during the morning. All help is greatly appreciated.

St Mary's Church has applied for a faculty to replace the opaque glass in the West window, behind the font, with antique stained glass and also to wall mount a TV screen in the Upper room. The public notice for this has gone up outside the Church. If you wish to see further information about this work, please contact John or Joanna. If you wish to object to the work you will need to contact the registrar by 17th Sept, details on St Mary's website.

PCCs this week....

Frittenden are having their PCC meeting this coming Tuesday evening and Sissinghurst PCC will be meeting on Wednesday.

Parish Magazines are now available on the church websites. Have a look for all the details of upcoming village events for September.

Upcoming church services:

Sunday 13th September - Said Communion at Sissinghurst

September Planner:

Sundays

10am Online service followed by virtual tea or coffee, dial in details above.

Tuesdays

10-10:45am Prayer Hub and online evening Compline service.

Fridays

Online evening Compline service.

Face coverings in church are now compulsory for worshippers who should wear face coverings consistent with the requirements for any other public space unless they are exempt for health reasons.

RIDE + STRIDES

Saturday September 12th - 10am to 6pm. RIDE & STRIDE in aid of **Friends of Kent Churches**. The money raised is split equally between the sponsoring church and FOKC. If you would like to take part or sponsor a participant please contact James Highwood (852715) or Tim Heath (01797 270511). Some churches will not be open this year due to COVID restrictions, but will provide sign-in sheets for walkers and riders taking part. Bring your own refreshments!

Home-United groups in the Autumn - a message from Pete: A huge thanks to those of you who sent in your feedback - very helpful, not too late if yours is still pending! A few examples: *"I feel relaxed to join in discussions and listen to others, the group is not too big so all can chip in. Questions are good because it makes us really think."*

"I really enjoyed the format, topics and most of all the company."

"...I think the groups were run really well and the mix of people were brilliant. It was nice to see new as well as familiar faces. It felt like a safe space to share opinions on the text provided that week."

Our new season of HUGs groups ties in with the next chunk of Meeting Jesus sermons, first meeting will be the week beginning 20th September. If you missed out before and would like to join in this time round then please call or email and let me know. Some groups will continue to be fortnightly, but we'll have some that meet every week, so do let me know which you'd prefer.

To those in the United Benefice of Sissinghurst and Frittenden, with
birthdays in September



Charles Griffin (18)	Edward Hannan
James Steele	Edward Griffin
Mirabelle White	Valerie Reeves
Mae Moore (18)	Janin Campos
Morgan Lee	Marian Dutton
Ranulph du Boulay	Caroline Hannan
Judith Addis	Francis Dobell
William Booth-Clibborn	Sam Crowe
Rachel Baker	Tim Heath
Joseph Mehrabian	Andy Fairweather
Hugh Robinson	

*Happy Birthday to you
to Jesus be true.
May God's richest blessings
be poured out on you*