

United Benefice of Sissinghurst with Frittenden

28th January 2024 – Epiphany 4

5:30pm Holy COMMUNION (BCP) at St Mary's

After our first hymn, we begin on **page 1** of the blue booklets.

COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God
Amen.

THE LESSON: Malachi 3:1-5 (pg 961) *after:* Here endeth the Lesson

WE STAND FOR THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22-40 (pg 1027)

...beginning at the 22nd verse. **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

At the end: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

HYMNS

- Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes (36)
- Holy Spirit, living breath of God (249)
- Jesus shall reign TRURO (691)

NEXT SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

10:00 MORNING WORSHIP at Trinity

10:00 FAMILY MORNING WORSHIP at St Mary's with tea/coffee from 10:40am

11:15 HOLY COMMUNION BCP at St Mary's

Many of us will have heard the sad news that Chris Winter died peacefully during the week. Please uphold Irene and the family in your prayers - details of the funeral arrangements will follow.

PRAYER FOR ALPHA - THIS WEEK:

Wednesday afternoon session not til next week. Give thanks for the 14 who attended the first session, and pray that they will be enthused to return on 7th Feb

Thu 7:45pm Trinity. Pray that those unable to attend, would return this week with an openness to look into 'Why did Jesus die?'

For regular emails with prayer requests and things to thank God for, email emma@sissandfritt.org

LARGE PRINT ORDER OF SERVICE: *Please ask at the door if needed*

GIVING: *There's a collection plate near the door, or ask about the Parish Giving Scheme*

WEEKLY EMAILS: *Subscribe via our church websites, tells you upcoming services/events.*

Sissinghurst & Frittenden Churches Prayer Diary – Jan-Feb 2024

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the centre of your life. Phil 4:6-7 [The Message]

Monthly focus - All attending our Evening and Daytime Alpha Courses, to be deeply engaged, inspired and drawn closer to Jesus and His people

Sunday – Christian sisters & brothers meeting today to worship, for joy and life-changing encounters with the Risen Lord Jesus. Remember those experiencing persecution, or who are unable to meet because they are imprisoned for their faith.

Monday – Those serving faithfully at Little Lambs & Trinity Tots, Sissinghurst's Coffee Mornings & Trinity Café, and Frittenden's CAMEO. That from the youngest, those who attend are drawn to the light and life Jesus offers, and fully put their trust in him.

Tuesday – Give thanks for this special part of God's creation we are blessed to call home. Pray for God's blessing on a local business or organisation, and that they would operate in God's ways. Ask God to help us together care for his creation well, and to live humble, generous, sacrificial lives pointing others to Jesus in every way.

Wednesday – Thank God for Alpha, our Bible Studies, and Wednesday S.P.A.C.E. reflective Communion. Pray that God's Word dwells richly among us, that all would know the Spirit's transformation as we spur each other to *Walk by faith, not by sight*.

Thursday – Pray for strengthening links between our churches, and the governors, staff, pupils and all connected with Sissinghurst Primary and Learning Tree, and Frittenden Primary and Preschool. Pray for the *Open the Book* Team as they serve.

Friday – Pray for those who are struggling with their health - remembering the often unseen area of mental health - financial difficulties, or the challenges of old age. Who could you reach out to with a phonecall, a card or an invitation this week?

Saturday – Pray for those who preach and lead, those on our PCCs, our Wardens and Deputy Wardens, for Pete and Claire, and all serve in so many ways in our churches. Pray that they would do so with joy, in God's strength and to his greater glory alone.

COME AND PRAY - ALOUD OR SILENTLY - ALL WELCOME!

Mondays 9-9:30am

Moving Mountains prayer meeting

in the Upper Room at Frittenden Church (during termtime).

First Saturday of every month 8:30-9:30am (alternating between the churches)

Monthly Prayer Breakfast, **February 3rd** this month Frittenden Church Upper Room