

United Benefice of Sissinghurst with Frittenden

Sunday 18th February – Lent 1

10:00 HOLY COMMUNION with preschool & Primary groups

11:30 BAPTISM SERVICE - Please stay on if you are able...

We will follow **SERVICE C** in our booklets – which begins at the top of **page 9**.

COLLECT:

God of light,
whose life shines beyond all things,
give us and all your Church
the will to follow Christ
and to bear his peace,
that the light of Christ
may bring confidence to the world,
and faithfulness to all who look to you in hope.



A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME
to Elsie-May, Violet-Rose,
Harry & George, with parents
Lucy & Charlie, godparents,
family & friends!

*We'd love you to bring
your cuppa and stay for
their BAPTISM SERVICE which
will conclude by 12 noon...*

BIBLE READINGS Matthew 3:13-17 (pg 967), & Psalm 25:1-9 (pg 556)

After each This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

- 546 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
- Jesus' love is very wonderful (lyrics on screen)
- 157 When I survey the wondrous cross (omit v4)
- 748 O Jesus I have promised (tune Thornbury – 505)

NEXT SUN 25TH FEBRUARY

10:00 CLIMATE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

at Trinity, with Primary and Preschool groups, and W². Come and hear about EcoChurch as we welcome young people from St Martin's Church, Maidstone!

17:30 HOLY COMMUNION Traditional BCP at St Mary's followed by tea/coffee & chat

ALPHA COURSE – PLEASE PRAY

Wed 21st February 1:45-3pm in Frittenden Memorial Hall, looking at *'How do I have faith?'*

Thursday 22nd February 7:45-9pm in Trinity Parish Rooms, looking at *'Why and how do I pray?'*

WHY DOESN'T GOD ANSWER MY PRAYERS? Our midweek evening Bible Study groups are exploring this and other deep questions using the **Unanswered Prayer** Lent Course, by 24-7prayer.com. If you're not in a Bible Study group yet, now's a great time to try one out! Five weekly sessions starting Wed 21st Feb: sign up, or talk to Pete for more info...

LARGE PRINT SERVICE BOOKLETS: *Please ask at the door*

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 – February 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, March 2nd at Sissinghurst Church