

Benefice of Sissinghurst with Frittenden

**7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Easter 2**

**11:15am Holy COMMUNION [B.C.P.] at St Mary's**

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

**COLLECT:** Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

**THE EPISTLE:** Acts 4:32-35 (pg 1096) *after:* Here endeth the Epistle

**WE STAND FOR THE GOSPEL READING:** John 20:19-31 (pg 1089)

...beginning at the 19<sup>th</sup> verse. **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

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

- Love's redeeming work is done (209)
- The strife is o'er (217)
- In Christ alone (678)

**MIDWEEK SMALL GROUPS** Over the next few weeks our midweek groups will be looking at the book of Acts, and in particular the experiences of Jesus' followers in the period after he was raised, and appeared to them. We'd love to encourage more people to try out a group – for more details speak to Pete, John, Tony or one of our Wardens.

**NEXT SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**10:00 MORNING WORSHIP** at St Mary's, coffee & chat after,  
*also:*

**10:00 HOLY COMMUNION** at Trinity  
with Primary & Preschool groups  
(Beginning 10am with tea, toast  
and chat in the Parish Rooms.)

**HUGE AND HEARTFELT THANKS...**

To everyone involved in any way in making the church look so beautiful for Easter - and Morwenna and the choir!  
And to everyone who helped out in any way at the **Easter Saturday Families Activity morning** – we welcomed over 75 children who had a great time – thank you, Lord for answering our prayers for sunshine, and a safe and happy time!

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

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

**PRAYING:** *Please use the prayers on the back as we cry out to God for his peace to reign*

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

## Sissinghurst & Frittenden Churches Prayer – April 2024

**Monthly focus** - All who came along to our Easter services, and the Easter Families Activity morning, to be drawn to the Risen Lord Jesus

**We pray for peace in Gaza & Israel** from 24-7prayer.com

God of all nations, we pray today for Israel and Gaza. We pray for those grieving the sudden loss of loved ones, captives, and those whose homes have been destroyed. We pray for a miraculous de-escalation of this conflict, asking for reason to overcome rage and revenge. We also ask that other nations will be restrained from escalating this situation further. We pray for effective international peace-making, seeking diplomacy over warmongering on all sides. Blessed are the merciful and the peacemakers. (Matthew 5:7, 9) *Amen.*

**We pray God's kingdom come and will to be done in Ukraine** from 24-7prayer.com

Father God, King of all nations, I cry out to you now for the people of Ukraine. I ask you to rescue those who are vulnerable from the hands of their enemies that they may live without fear before you all their days [Luke 1:74-75]. *Lord have mercy.*

Lord of lords and Prince of peace, thwart the dark machinations of evil men. Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to peacemakers seeking an equitable and less violent way. May politicians exercise the wisdom from above, which is peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, and full of mercy [James 3:17]. *Lord have mercy.*

Holy Spirit, I pray for the church in Ukraine, a nation in which 70% of the population call themselves Christian. Give my many brothers and sisters in that nation courage in this crisis, that they may proclaim the good news of your kingdom, bind up broken hearts, and bring comfort to all who mourn. [Isaiah 61:1-2]. *Lord have mercy.*

You, Lord, make wars cease to the end of the earth; you break bows, shatter spears, and burn shields with fire [Psalm 46:9]. And so I ask you now to save the lives of many people in Ukraine. Make a peace that is strong and not weak. De-escalate this crisis. I hear of wars and rumours of wars [Matt. 24:6], but you Lord are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. My hope is in you. And so I address the nations now. In the name of Jesus I say: "Be still and know God! He is exalted among the nations; he shall be exalted in the earth [Psalm 46:10]. *Lord have mercy.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace. Amen.*

Monday 9-9:30am Moving Mountains prayer meeting in the Upper Room at Frittenden Church (term-time)

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

Monthly Prayer Breakfast, **May 4th** at Trinity Parish Rooms

