

United Benefice of Sissinghurst with Frittenden

Sunday 14th April 2024 – Easter 3

10:00 MORNING WORSHIP

with children's provision

We follow **SERVICE B** in our booklets - which begins at the top of **PAGE 4**.

COLLECT: Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

BIBLE READINGS: Acts 3:12-19 (pg 1062) & Luke 24:36b-48 (pg 1095)

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

- Rejoice the Lord is King (769)
- Before the throne of God above (598)
- We have a gospel to proclaim (507)
- Let all the world in every corner sing (704)

A.P.C.M. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting this year will be at **7:30pm on Thursday 25th April**, and we'd love to invite you along for a drink and nibbles.

Join us as we look back with thankfulness over 2023, and look ahead with expectation to all that the Lord wants to do among us over the coming year.

NEXT SUNDAY 21ST APRIL

ALL WARMLY WELCOME AT:

08:30 HOLY COMMUNION B.C.P at Trinity
with tea/coffee and chat after

10:00 HOLY COMMUNION at St Mary's
with Primary & Preschool groups

COULD YOU LEND A HAND?

WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL FROM 9:30AM

SPRING CLEANING YOUR CHURCH

Refreshments provided!

Helpful if you can bring any cleaning equipment, although there are some at the Church.

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

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.

Mondays 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

