

Church Family Newsletter 3rd April 2020

Holy Week

Dear Church Family,

As we head into the most important week in the Christian calendar I want to invite you to get involved!

Obviously this Easter will be very different from anything that has happened before. Join us for our online services (they 'premier' at the time shown to watch together, but available after also):

Palm Sunday 9:30: *Temporary Triumph* – (Have an A4 sheet of paper for this)

Maundy Thursday 8pm: *Isolation - Betrayal, Denial, Abandonment.*

(Have 3 candles to join us at home)

Good Friday 10:00am: *Hope in Death*

Easter Sunday 9:30: *Hope for Life*

Get involved!

- Make a "Happy Easter" video!

In this lock down, it sad that we don't see each other this Easter, so we thought **do a video of you wishing everyone "Happy Easter!"** - Be creative in the way you do it! I would love it if the first part of our Easter Sunday Service was lots of us saying Happy Easter to each other and our parish.

- Can you make a video to read or pray in services?

Let us know if you can do that – email Ed: frant youth@gmail.com

- Church Family Supporters

Thanks to many of you who are helping practically in Frant and Eridge to help people isolating. Please still contact Roy and Lesley to get involved practically.

We also realise that we need to support people within our church both relationally and spiritually. As the weeks drag on this will become more and more important. Juliet Nightingale (juliet.nightingale@onetel.com) is trying to get together a team of people who can make sure that everyone that the church is connected with is brought into support groups, to encourage and pray with each other, particularly those who have limited internet access. If you are able to ring people regularly and support those on the edge of things right now, please contact Juliet to help support relationally and spiritually.

- Light a candle in your window every night and pray

Another way of getting involved is to keep sending me videos of your prayers when lighting a candle in your window, we want to keep this going and praying throughout this crisis.

- Share our services

Share our services on Facebook this means many more people in our village will see it – particularly at Easter.

Care for people through this crisis.

- Local shops who deliver - let people know...

Eridge: [Eridge Community Help Group 200330.pdf](#)

Frant: [Deliveries available 200331.docx](#)

- The Food Bank

Thanks to all those who gave to the food bank last week now that we can't physically give, people gave money and we had a great response:

'The Community Storehouse would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the many people who have recently donated funds to our work. It will help to go towards buying food stocks which we regularly run short of. Your very generous food donations, from all sorts of different sources are also helping to keep our shelves filled, as we seek to help anyone's who is in need of food supplies at this time.'
communitystorehouse.co.uk

- Family Support Work

I know many of you are putting small change into a box for FSW for lent. Sadly it is not possible now to physically give this money, so let me invite you to give your donation

online: familysupportwork.org

Click "donate" to give.

This current pandemic is really hitting the vulnerable families of Sussex harder than most. Staying in at home with an abusive adult, or a child with mental health issues is really very difficult. FSW workers are having to keep their phones on 24/7 (against normal policy). Also, while they have delivered 800 food parcels in the last week, and running very low on certain items - especially toiletries.

And Finally...

My prayers for you, this most special week coming...

May our eyes again be fixed on Jesus and the very heart of salvation and faith: Christ's obedience to die upon the cross for our sins, and his bodily resurrection from the dead for our salvation and life.

May we be inspired by such hope in our time of distress.

May we encourage one another in our own walk in faith.

-Rev Brendan