

## Church Family Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020

Dear Church Family,

May already... I hope this finds you coping during this time.

### Good News Stories

Have you got a good news story that you could share to encourage people through this? I am aware that lots of good work in the community is happening and it would be lovely to inspire each other with those stories through this. Let me know!

### Our website

[www.frantchurch.org](http://www.frantchurch.org)

There is lots of information about what is going on right now on our websites so do have a look through.

- **Bible verse for today:** On the front page
- **Prayers for the week:** Under "news", and which includes a Bible reading, which is put up every Sunday morning.
- **Church Family Newsletters**
- **links to the videos of the services**
- **News and information**

### Church Finances

We thought it important to get in touch and update you on the church finances during this period of lockdown. We appreciate that this is not an easy time for many of us and for some of us our financial situation may have changed dramatically. So, before we begin, we want to say that we are writing this to encourage you to support the church according to your current situation; whether that is to pray, give in new ways, or continue what you already do.

As a church we rely on the generous giving of regular church members and those who visit or are associated with the church. As we are currently unable to meet, we are not currently receiving any income through the collection plate, weddings, activities, concerts and Stables bookings. **In total the money lost for our Parish is over £1200, every month.**

Whilst we are not meeting, we still have costs to meet, including staff costs and Parish Share to the Diocese which goes towards ordained ministry in the parish. We are writing to ask whether you would consider the following.

#### **Pray for our finances**

Pray for our church at this time, that the Lord would provide for our needs.

#### **The Collection Plate**

If you usually give via the collection plate on a Sunday, could you consider other ways of giving? Perhaps you could save the amount you would have given and give upon our return, or even better would be to sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme:

<https://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk/>

for regular giving by direct debit (see below for more details on that).

If you are able, could you consider helping us through this difficult time?

**One off gift:**

Give a one-off gift here: <https://www.justgiving.com/FrantwithEridge>

**Regular gift:**

Sign up (or adjust you existing giving) with the **Parish Giving Scheme** (details on that below).

Please call their dedicated telephone number: **0333 002 1271**

(Lines are open Monday to Friday, between 9 – 5pm.)

<https://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk/>

Two things you will need to do that:

- Your bank account details (Number and sort code)
- Our parish name and code:

Frant Parish Reference code: 10-3060482-CHICH

**Give while you shop (this costs you nothing!):**

**Amazon smile** (0.5% of your spend is donated by them to us)

Make usual Amazon purchases through <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>

Selecting our charity:

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of Frant With Eridge

**Others retailers:** <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/holytrinitychurcheidge/>

Register and click through easyfundraising to the retailer when you buy and the church can receive a percentage, at no cost to you. If you are buying big items this could make a real difference.

See their video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9fPOZ6zm8I>

**In whatever way you can support the church, we are extremely grateful.**

Our bank details are:

A/c name: **Frant and Eridge PCC**

Sort code: **20-88-13**

A/c Number: Frant Church **90357316**

Thank you for taking the time to read about our finances. During this difficult time we are trusting that the Lord knows our situation and the most we can do is give what we can.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Brendan Martin (Rector)

Jeremy Halmshaw (Treasurer)

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## More information about the Parish Giving Scheme

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) has been established to help individuals give regularly to their parish church and to help churches in the administration of its regular donations.

### How does it work?

Someone who wants to donate to their church sets up a Direct Debit with PGS, which is taken on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. PGS then collate all of the donations to that particular church and pay the donations into the church account in a single monthly sum, usually on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### Why is PGS a great way to give?

Here are three reasons why PGS is a great way to give:

1. It enables you to set up a regular payment of your choosing without having to organise a payment each month or bring cash to church. All of your donation goes to church, none to PGS.
2. If your donations are eligible for gift aid then the church receives the gift aid immediately, instead of having to apply for the gift aid months down the line. This means the church's income has a regularity to it and saves the treasurer a lot of administration.
3. You can choose for your donation to increase each year with inflation automatically. Whilst it is always good to review our giving, this is an easy way for your generous gift to gently grow.

Once an individual signs up to the PGS they receive a letter confirming their details and welcoming them to the scheme. Donors who have requested to increase their giving annually in line with inflation will then receive a letter one month before the anniversary of their first gift informing them of their soon to be inflated amount (giving them the option to vary it at this point).

If you have any questions, please speak to Brendan. The PGS website is also extremely helpful:  
<https://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk/>

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With my continued prayers for all of you through this,

-Rev Brendan