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From the Rectory



Our car hasn't been used in so long now, the hedge is literally growing into it. It seems we have run out of words to explain how extraordinary the situation we are in is and how it is affecting us... so I won't try. Sadly, for so many this moment in history is a horrific trauma of loss, for others deep depression of loneliness, for others like a prison, for others a drag, for others a chance for some quiet time to try some new hobby or inventive communication.

Everything changed, and yet nothing changed. We still need food, medicine, friends, family, education, community, joy and hope. The daily suffering of people has been brought to the forefront of our news and minds; loneliness, illness and death - and yet at the same time these problems didn't start a few weeks ago, we are more aware of these problems now because it is so awfully affecting so many people.

We are working out new ways of living and doing what we do. The church is closed so our services are online (search Frant Church on Facebook or YouTube). We can't meet together so we meet over video, email chat, or WhatsApp. We are all having to learn how to live in this new way (I had to look up YouTube videos about how to put up YouTube videos!).

The way in which people have stepped up to help in the community, to support neighbours, to thank our NHS every Thursday night, have been amazing in such a dark time. My prayer is that community

spirit will only be enhanced as lockdown eventually comes to an end.

A number of people have asked me where God is in this. The reality is these problems of loss, illness and death are a constant problem. I call it a problem, because it is a problem that needs to be resolved. As a Christian I believe that it should not be like this, people shouldn't be lonely, get ill, and die. The only way we can say that it shouldn't be like this, is if we believe that this is not how the world should be, that our creator God has a better plan for us.

We just had Easter, where we celebrated that Jesus rose from the dead. Death is not the end, there is life and hope on offer. God has done something about the problems of this world, to save us from it.

The hope is that people will come together in solidarity and purpose to ease the suffering of many. The hope is that God will help us and save us out of the problem of death itself to bring us eternal life and glory in Jesus.

If you need any help through this, do get in touch with us. For practical needs there are teams of people in our villages to help as best we can. If you would like us to pray for you through this, let us know. If you have a good news story about how through this, you have been helped or encouraged, send your stories to us so we can encourage others!

—Rev Brendan



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News From The Pews

March and April have been very strange months in the life of our Church. There have been Christian services held in this community for many hundreds of years, I wonder how many Sundays there have been throughout those years when no public gathering of Christians has been held. It has been a strange time for everyone, with children being home schooled and exams being cancelled. For some people every day has been the same with no house groups, no coffee morning, no Friendship club no toddler group, no Youth clubs no prayer groups and no outing to church on Sunday. For some of us the highlight of the week has been joining the long queue of 'wrinklies' (I'm allowed to say that because I am one!) at 8am outside Sainsbury's. But the wonderful thing is, what thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity has been shown by so many to ensure that everyone in the community is cared for.

So let's focus on what is happening rather than what isn't. The Alpha course continued throughout February and the beginning of March. The course which began in January, consisted of a weekly meeting where a group of about 30 of us shared a meal and watched a Christian video which we then discussed. The course maintained the initial enthusiasm shown, and attendance throughout was good, the meals were delicious, the videos were excellent and the discussions were revealing. The course should have run for 7 weeks plus an 'away day' which, thanks to the generous hospitality of Audrey and Roy Dicker, was held at their home in Mark Cross. Sadly the 7th and last session had to be cancelled, but I think everyone who attended found that following the course was a positive and thought provoking experience.

At the end of February, the PCC made the decision to move the Church office from the first floor of the Stables building into a purpose built studio in the grounds. This will give both regular users and visitors better access to the office and allow the flat on the first floor of the building to be separate and self contained.

A Service of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday morning was attended by about 20 people.

The last Sunday Service to be held in Church was 15th March, so our traditional Mothering Sunday service



on 22nd March was conducted by the Rector, on his own in Church, but was watched by a large number of people on Youtube. After that service the Church remained locked and Brendan has continued to conduct Sunday services using various locations including from the top of the tower and the Rectory Paddock.

On a sad note, we have said goodbye to 3 members of our church family who have died since the last edition of Parish News.

Hazel Bentley died in January following a fall. Hazel was married in 1944 to Harry who was in the Royal Army Medical Corps. She lived in Bedford for 70 years where she attended the Parish Church of St Peter de Merton and sang in the Church choir. Among her many interests and activities she sang in the local Community Choir, was a member of the Red Cross, a member of the Medical Wives Group and a volunteer at the Special Care Baby Unit.

She was also a fluent French speaker, in later life she learned to speak Italian and enjoyed her keep fit classes. Hazel moved to Down Lane in Frant in 2017 to be near her family. When she started coming regularly to St Albans we were all amazed when we learned that she would soon be celebrating her 100th birthday, as she was one of the few 'senior citizens' in the congregation who could negotiate the chancel steps safely and unaided! She had 5 children, 15 grandchildren 16 great grandchildren, and many friends.

Another member of our congregation, Barbara Greenwood died in February. Barbara was a well known figure in the village for many years. She moved to her house on the green in 1979. 'Melling', which was bought by the family in the early 1900s, remained as the family home until 2018 when Barbara and her sister Peggy, due to failing health, moved to a Care Home on the coast. Her uncle Robert Woods was the headmaster of Frant School and lived in the old School House in Church Lane, where Barbara and Peggy as children spent much of their school holidays. When she moved to the village, Barbara embraced village life and quickly made many friends. She will always be remembered for her cheerful disposition, her faithful service to the church and for her afternoon teas at Melling, served on the best china with pretty napkins. Barbara loved walking, and for many years she and Peggy organised the Footpath Society, leading and later planning regular rambles through the footpaths in the Parish and further afield. Barbara died on February 3rd aged 93 years.

In March another well known member of the Church, Tony Pybus died a few days before his 90th birthday. Tony joined the Church in 1985 when he and Anne moved to Rose Cottage in the High Street. He became involved in Church life very quickly and served in many roles including that of Church warden for many years. Tony was a keen sailor and experienced some very hairy moments on the high seas. He also shared many memorable sailing trips with local friends. Tony loved the Church and He loved the Lord, to the very end of his life he faithfully set aside some time each day for prayer and meditation. He'll be remembered for his great faith, his wisdom and as a loving and caring friend.

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Services for

May/June 2020



Despite the restrictions during this present time, things are still happening behind the scenes.

We want to let you know about these and keep in touch with you.

Please see our websites for the list of articles and to get up-to-date news and information.

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Parish News Annual Report

The annual Parish News report for the PCC always challenges me to come up with something different to say when, for the most part, the well-oiled machine that producing the magazine has become seems to be best summed up by the phrase "if it ain't broke, don't fix it"!

However, I am pleased to be able to reflect on a few changes in the last year's editions. Most excitingly, was welcoming our new 'publisher' – who is, of course, the new Rector - Rev Brendan Martin, whose debut 'From the Rectory' piece appeared in the September/October 2019 edition. I'm sure it was a welcome takeover for the Churchwardens, Jane Emler and Lesley Lynn, who had kindly provided the 'From the Church Wardens' content in the interim. Thank you both! A further change, suggested by our printer, Colin Webb, was using glossy pages throughout which has given it a really professional finish.

Reflecting on all of this, I thought it might be of interest to provide a brief progress report on the magazine since it was relaunched with a change in title from 'Parish Plus' to 'Parish News'. It was actually over a decade ago that the-then Rector and I met with our magazine designer, Jonathan Christie, whose idea it was for the 'rebranding', and the new title first appeared back in January 2010.

The magazine was printed in black and white on matte paper until January 2015, when colour was introduced - oh the excitement! - and the March 2015 edition was the first with a glossy cover page. As I write this report, during the Coronavirus lockdown, it may well be that our next edition is the first available for online only circulation via the many e-mail platforms used by voluntary groups in our community as well as, of course, the Church.

As ever, there are so many people to thank for their contribution to the success of the magazine. Jonathan Christie, our designer, is the reason it looks so good. His creativity and patience could not be replaced. Colin Webb, our printer based in Bells Yew Green, provides a great service at such a reasonable cost and always with huge enthusiasm. As can be seen above, Susan Piccioni works very hard to keep our advertising sections full and where spaces may need filling always

comes up with the goods. Our regular contributors who provide articles on time every time with updates on their societies, causes and events and, not least, 'Woof Meanderings'.

Finally, as always, the magazines would just sit in boxes at the back of the Church were it not for the goodwill of our team of volunteers who put them through people's letterboxes. I am hugely grateful to them every time I send out the e-mail to say that a new edition is ready for collection. Thank you all!

—Carmel Kinley

Frant Parish Friendship Group

Our March meeting was very well attended to hear our own Pat Wright on the subject 'More Talking with Pictures'. This was as always a very entertaining look at history especially from the point of view of the common man and the effects the great events of the past had on us all.

Unfortunately this was the last meeting of the season due to the awful crisis which has enveloped us all and we regretfully had to cancel the March and April meetings and also the Young at Heart exercise classes.

Our AGM which was due in April will now be rescheduled.

However we are not downhearted and are currently arranging the Autumn Programme and we hope to be back to normal for our September meeting on the 24th when our speaker will be giving a talk on Shackleton and his expedition to Antarctica. This is of particular relevance to Frant due to a connection with Ely Grange. We will be notifying all members nearer the time.

In the meantime let's look forward to a calm and trouble free Summer; when hopefully we will be able to have our annual Summer Tea Party at Pockocks Gate Farm.

On one final note we were sad to hear of the death of Dr. Catherine Hamlin; who for many years ran the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia and to which our Knit and Natter Group have been sending shawls for the patients. The work done by Dr Hamlin in this field was ground breaking and we are extremely proud to have been, in our very small way, part of this. So far the group has sent out 200 shawls and our current lockdown will not stop the knitting!

All enquires, Valerie Palmer, 750559

Our Caring Community

Thank you to all of you who have been reaching out to those who need some extra support during this unprecedented time. Whether you are helping with the shopping, sending uplifting pictures and stories by email or just picking up the phone a little more frequently than normal to check on a neighbour, you are making a huge difference.

One such story is of someone sending little gifts of encouragement to those isolating on their own. How lovely to open the front door and find a treasure with an encouraging note to surprise you.

If you have any "Good News Stories" of how people are helping each other, please do send them through to carmel.kinley@gmail.com

Parish Council News

Like everything else the Parish Council has been put into 'hibernation' mode with only the basic functions operating. We still have plans to consider with their deadlines, but now done all over the internet. A powerful tool to many and a lifeline in these difficult times but very frustrating for those of us still with a low signal on copper wires with more often than not no IT capability at all! And this less than two miles from the centre of Tunbridge Wells! We are persevering though and next week we have our first 'Zoom' meeting!

Now is probably a good time to complete the Parish Questionnaire if you have not already done so. There are hard copies and it is available on our web site. It is very important that the Parish Council represents your views as best we can so completing the questionnaire is really important. You may not realise it but it will affect the future of our Parish and greatly influence the discussions we have with District and County authorities.

On the good news front it is a relief that the Brecknock will rise again once the pandemic is sorted. A new local Landlord and Lady are taking it over and we wish them every success.

Hopefully by the time you read this there will have been an easing of the lockdown and some sort of normality will have resumed.

In the meantime stay safe and well.

Eridge Newsletter

Thank you to Hannah Burridge for taking over the circulation of “Eridge Round Up” – the regular online newsletter containing all that is going on in Eridge. If you do not currently receive this and would like to, please email hrrburridge@gmail.com.

Below are some excerpts from the latest newsletter for those of you who may not yet have subscribed including scheduled events for May/June (which may or may not go ahead). Please do keep Hannah posted with any events you'd like to promote, announcements or news you'd like to share.

Support during COVID-19

I hope everyone is staying safe during the pandemic. A volunteer network has been set up in Eridge to assist those who are vulnerable or self isolating. Elsewhere locally, Rotherfield Parish Pals and Frant Church are also offering assistance. Please contact them directly for more information. I've left in details of future events below, but please note that they will only run if the government restrictions have been lifted, and if it's safe to do so.

Newspaper deliveries

Garners News are now delivering daily newspapers in our area. If this would be of interest to you please contact them direct by visiting their website.

Eridge Community WhatsApp Group

If you have WhatsApp and would like to be added to the village group to keep in touch with your neighbours during lockdown, please contact me and I will be pleased to add you.

Events

Friday 15 May - Guitar virtuosos at Frant Church - CANCELLED

The May 'Six Hands' concert has had to be postponed due to the coronavirus outbreak. We are intending to present the concert next year, probably in May, and any tickets purchased will of course still be valid. If you prefer a refund please call Stuart Jackaman on 07950 286864 if you bought tickets from Frant Stores or at Britten's Music Shop. If bought via 'wegottickets' please get in touch with the website direct.

Friday 22 May - Plant Swap

Organised by Eridge Garden Club. Our annual plant swap which everybody enjoys, will be hosted this year by Nicky McGuckin, from 10.30am - 3.30pm. Social distancing guidelines will be observed at all times.

Sunday 14 June, 12 July and 16 August - Yoga at Hargate Forest
10 - 11am. £12 per person. Booking essential.

Community support for Frant and Eridge Parishes

- Dial2Drive has been set up to enable residents to access GP and hospital appointments. Please click here to apply online, and contact Andrew Macdonald-Brown for a home visit or to discuss over the phone - 01892 891273.

- Young at Heart is one of the activities run by the Frant parish friendship group at The Stables. To get involved, please contact Gill Barnes on vicbarnes480@btinternet.com or 01892 752232.

- Podiatry is run by Kay Bowles, you can ring her on 07792 641299 to book an appointment. The sessions are held at Bells Yew Green village hall. 6 week courses are available at £22 per session.

- Wealdlink Community Transport provides access to local towns and villages and is funded by Frant Parish Council. Click here to see if you qualify.

Classes in the Eridge Village Hall

Eridge Village Hall is currently closed to all hirers but we are frequently reviewing the situation. To make a future booking please visit the EVH website. Thank you, Hannah Burridge

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Frant School News

I spent quite a while working out how to start this news update from school and what to include. As you all know, school is currently closed to all but keyworker and vulnerable children. However, I felt it was important you heard what we have been doing in recent weeks to keep the children learning.

When we closed on Friday 20th March, we said goodbye to the children at the gate and handed them all an Easter egg. Our PTFA had organised an Easter Egg Hunt for the end of the term but realising this was not going to be possible, they kindly gave the children an egg as they left. It was a lovely way to say goodbye for now.

The staff in school have been amazing. They have all worked as a team to produce lesson plans on a daily basis, provide personal feedback to every piece of work that was submitted and to constantly adapt plans to meet as many of the needs as possible. Staff have been on a rota to ensure we remained open for keyworker and vulnerable children during term time and throughout the Easter holidays. All the teachers have spoken to all our families at the start of term 5 and are constantly updating the school website with work and new activities. I cannot praise them enough.

We know it is not easy for all our families who are balancing work, home and school issues. I want to say a huge thank you to all our families who have taken on the role of home teaching brilliantly. They have set routines, sent in work for us to see, asked for support and kept their child's learning going as much as they can. Thank you and well done. If anyone is now interested in a career in teaching after this please do come and speak to me!

In recent weeks we have received notification of our new joiners in September so will be planning transition arrangements in the coming weeks. Unfortunately, our school residential weekly trip has been cancelled for our year 5 and 6 children. We are hoping school will reopen with enough time for us to plan some lovely activities for our year 6 children before they leave us for pastures new.

Take care and I look forward to writing of school news in the next edition.

—Mrs J Challis, Head of School



Parish Past

Writing this during lockdown my mind turns to a previous, much greater disaster - the so called Black Death or bubonic plague, which also originated in China. This struck England in 1348 and re-occurred periodically for the next 300 years.

The first 14th century waves resulted in a horrific death rate of between 30 and 50% of the population (compared to around 2% for corona) and brought huge economic dislocation. There is no direct evidence for the plague's impact on Frant parish but some figures do survive from Tudeley Forge 8 miles away which suggest that both prices and costs had doubled by 1350 largely due to shortage of labour; ten years later the forge closed forever. Frant probably followed the pattern common to SE England and lost around a third of its inhabitants - certainly there is little continuity of names from the 14th into the 15th century. By 1500 only two families are known to have survived from before 1348: the Tworts in Frant

(the last descendant only died in the 20th century) and the Maynards in Eridge. Maynards Gate near Crowborough probably remembers them.

On a positive note those who did survive inherited a better life: landlords had to entice the remaining workers with a much better deal if their land was to be cultivated and within a generation serfdom had largely disappeared, rents had dropped and production per head picked up as efforts were concentrated on the most fertile areas. More goods and land were available for a shrunken population and opportunities opened up for the enterprising - a new lord mayor of Bristol was the son of a serf. So good could come out of appalling devastation.

Briefly changing the subject, it is remarkable that the last time churches were completely closed was 1208 when the evil deeds of bad King John prompted the Pope to place England under an interdict. In effect the church withdrew all its services, from clerical to ceremonial, and oaths became invalid. This eventually panicked John when he

realised his already mutinous subjects were released from their oaths of loyalty, and in order to get the interdict lifted he “Fully and Freely gave” his realm of England to the Pope in perpetuity! Needless to say no subsequent monarch took this seriously. But perhaps in law...

—Pat Wright

Catherine Hamlin obituary

Catherine Hamlin was a good friend of Frant resident, Annette Carruthers. Annette and her husband became acquainted with her whilst working in Addis Ababa where they met patients and staff in the hospitals. Her remarkable work detailed in this obituary is supported by a group of Frant ladies who knit beautiful shawls for the patients in the Hamlin Fistula hospitals. As referred to in the Frant Parish Friendship Article, they have sent over 200 shawls over the years which is a lot of knitting!

Catherine Hamlin at the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in 2008. She continued to operate well into her eighties

When one of Oprah Winfrey's producers told her about the work of Catherine Hamlin treating the young women who visited her hospital in Ethiopia, the television presenter thought that no “soccer mom” in America could stomach hearing about it while making dinner.

Although they might be inspired to hear of the decades that this elderly, deeply religious Australian lady had spent treating sick women in Africa, the viewers would surely change channels when they heard about the ailment she was treating them for — holes inside their bodies called obstetric fistulas, ripped open by traumatic childbirth. Through such a hole, urine and faeces can leak into a young woman's vagina, releasing a malodorous smell for which she could be ostracised by her community. Surely, none of Oprah's viewers would want to hear about that.

The producer persisted, telling Winfrey she believed “in her soul” that Hamlin's story had to be told. Oprah, won round, decided to devote an entire episode to the story. Hamlin appeared on her show in January 2004. While telling her story she became almost tearful, asking viewers to spare a thought for girls in Ethiopia who were engaged to be married as young as eight or nine, and had their first child in their

early teens; who were physically so unready for the struggle of childbirth that it tore their insides, making them incontinent for life.

Hamlin had been treating such girls since 1959, when she arrived in Ethiopia with her husband, Reginald, who like her was an obstetrician and gynaecologist. Wishing to do some good in a developing country, they had answered an advert in *The Lancet* for a gynaecologist to teach midwifery at the Princess Tsehai Memorial Hospital in Addis Ababa. They intended to stay for three years, but ended up spending the rest of their lives in the country. Realising that women with fistulas were shunned by their families, they felt compelled to found a specialist facility to cure or ameliorate the condition.

Hamlin set up a hostel for these women. As word of it spread, and as she and her husband recognised they would also have to treat the many appalling conditions correlative with fistulas — such as excoriated skin and limb flexures from enforced immobility — they realised that they would have to set up an entire hospital. The Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital, built on a hillside on the outskirts of the city, opened in 1974. The couple ran the hospital through turbulent times, weathering the revolution that followed the assassination of Emperor Haile Selassie in 1975, and the famine of 1983 to 1985.

The Hamlins trained local doctors and midwives who could then treat fistulas in their own communities. They took deep joy in their work, believing that God had given them a mission to accomplish in Ethiopia, and saw his providence in the fact that though money was often short, it never ran out. Hamlin enjoyed the scenery of the country, and felt that she got along easily with the women she healed. “I can’t help loving these women,” she said in a different interview. “I’m sure God has given me this love for these women.”

Reginald would greet patients by ebulliently telling them of how, when they returned cured to their villages, people would look out of their homes and ask who was the beautiful woman walking confidently towards them. “We’re not patching up old people for a few more years,” Hamlin told Winfrey. “We’re giving a young, beautiful woman a new life and this is why I stay in Ethiopia. I love them.”



“What can we do to help?” Winfrey asked. “The main thing is we need money” she replied. “My husband used to say we are professional beggars.”

Winfrey later recalled: “I just got up and I said, ‘OK, I’m going to write you a personal cheque’, and this was the first time this had ever happened, that everyone in the building came handing over money to her. Before she walked out she had a skirt full of money. We were changed by it.”

Hamlin felt awkward when her work was compared to that of Mother Teresa. Elinor Catherine Nicholson was born to Theodore and Elinor in 1924, in Sydney. Her father, an engineer, had grown rich from the sale of elevators. She went to Frensham Boarding School in Mittagong, then studied medicine at the University of Sydney, and met Reginald Hamlin while studying obstetrics at the Crown Street Hospital in Sydney, where he was superintendent. “We went to a hotel and had a meal together,” she recalled. “So that’s when I first started to go out with him, and then we got married after about six months.”

They had a son, Richard, who would later become a trustee of their foundation, and were unsure whether to take the opportunity to go to Ethiopia because they did not know whether he would be able to go to school there. In a twist of fate, Reginald went to mull over the question in a pub, only to sit next to a man who told him about the wonderful time he had just had in Ethiopia, and his son’s excellent schooling there.

They established a busy practice in the country, treating both the poorest and the Ethiopian royal family. When the Queen visited Ethiopia in 1965 she presented Reginald with the insignia of

the OBE at the British embassy.

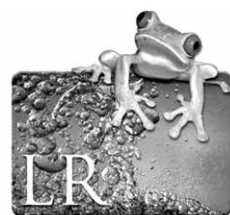
After Reginald’s death in 1993, Hamlin took over his leading role. She oversaw the building of five regional fistula hospitals and a midwives’ college. Hamlin was twice nominated for the Nobel peace prize. She lamented never getting it, because her charity could have done with the prize money. She was seen by many as a Mother Teresa-like figure, but this made her uncomfortable because her cures were hardly miraculous — any gynaecologist could have performed them. She continued to operate well into her eighties, and visited the wards often in her nineties.

Spending her final years trotting the globe to raise funds, Hamlin hoped that one day there would be enough midwives in Ethiopia to prevent fistulas altogether. She did live to see a drop in demand for the hospital’s services, but ironically this led her into distress, because it provoked an argument between board members of her charity about the future of the hospital. She hoped it would become a maternity hospital. The disagreement led her to cut ties with her funding organisation.

Yet she did not need her fundraisers’ praise to know that hers had been a life well lived — the gratitude of her patients was evidence of that. As Richard put it at her 90th birthday, referring to the number of women she had helped: “Catherine has one son, and 35,000 daughters.”

Catherine Hamlin, gynaecologist, was born on January 24, 1924. She died on March 18, 2020, aged 96

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