

Church Family Newsletter 2nd October 2020

Dear Church Family,

This week: Harvest 2020

Join us to celebrate harvest as we thank God for growing the physical fruit we need, but also look to him to help us grow spiritual fruit in our lives.

Frant 9:30 Harvest morning prayer
Eridge 11:15 Harvest communion
Festival church Harvest 5pm

It may be a bit drizzly on Sunday, or sunny spells, not sure... but for festival church so we are moving things about so a number of people can sit under a marquee and gazebos. The children will have shelter where they are too, but we cannot guarantee covered space so bring waterproofs!

Top tip: bring a brolly, chair, and a hot water bottle to put under your coat!

As Festival Church has worked well, we will be looking to expand our shelters over the next few weeks – we are also looking to get eco log fires for each group!

At the moment, sadly, we are unable to take more children as we are restricted to two 'bubbles' totalling 30 children. If we manage to make another bubble, or signed up children are unable to go we may be able to make space available. To go onto a waiting list email Ed: frant youth@gmail.com

We will be taking gifts for Harvest!

At Eridge our gifts will go towards Family Support Work, and help the needy families in our village.

At Frant our gifts will go towards the Women's Refuge and our Food Bank

Suggested donations include...

Tea / coffee	Jam / honey / marmite etc	Breakfast cereal
Biscuits	Pasta	Tinned beans
Tinned soup	Tinned fruit	Tinned fish
Tinned tomatoes	Tinned spaghetti	Tinned meat
Baked beans	Tinned vegetables	Pasta sauce jar / packet
Long life fruit juice	Sugar	Toilet paper / nappies

Please leave your gift as you arrive in church in the designated place.

For Festival Church, please leave in stables as you arrive.

If you would rather donate money, you can give directly to Family Support

Work: <https://www.familysupportwork.org/single-donation/>

The Eridge Harvest Supper Takeaway!

As the Village Hall is closed due to the current COVID 19 restrictions we cannot hold our usual annual Harvest Supper event. So, we are doing a takeaway instead.....

Saturday 17th October 2020

Menu:

Venison Stew with boiled potatoes, roasted pumpkin and green beans

(all ingredients have been locally sourced or very kindly donated)

Home-made Apple Cake with cream
£10 per meal (you can pay on collection)

Collection from 4pm to 7pm from Hamsell on the Forstal (Antony & Christine's barn)

To book your takeaway, please call or email Dawn
Tel: 07876564333 email: eventsatevh@gmail.com

If you are isolating or unable to collect please call or email Dawn to arrange a delivery.

Raffle

Instead of doing a separate raffle we have joined forces with the Bridge Club event and will be selling tickets on the 17th when you come to collect your delicious meals

A meal for two at the Nevill Crest and Gun
Deer Park cafe voucher for £25
2 x vouchers for £25 for the Gill Wing Farm Shop
Florist in the Forest bouquet voucher worth £20
Birchden Asparagus Voucher for 1/2kg / week for the 2021 season
MOT voucher and car wash and valet voucher
Hamper from Laurel Tree farm shop
Morrison's and Waitrose donations
Fuller's Farm Shop voucher for £25.
Clue Diamond Garden Voucher
Various bottles and kind donations.....

All proceeds will go to Eridge Church and FSW (Family Support Work)

Shoe box appeal

This is the time of year when Pat Wright usually encourages us to fill shoeboxes with small gifts for impoverished families and children in Eastern Europe.

Unfortunately, this is not practical this year and the charity has asked for money instead so they can purchase the gifts.

See their video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5uqK21aQYa8&feature=emb_logo

Website: <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2020/shoebox-contributions/>

Either send direct to Link to Hope, Link House, Park Road, Worthing BN11 2AN or give the money/cheque to me (or through the door) and Pat will send from the church at the beginning of November. It is a charity many people particularly like as the gifts go direct from giver to recipient with the minimum of middlemen!

We still need a foundation governor for our local primary schools

One of the privileges we have as a church is our deep connection and involvement with our local church schools. As a governor myself I see the huge blessing and impact we can have on children's lives.

We are looking for someone from church to be a foundation governor, such a person should have deep personal Christian faith and out of that faith to:

- Encourage our church schools in their commitment to Christian teaching and values
- Help develop our schools to the highest of educational excellence
- Develop good community relationships between the villages, churches and our schools.

It is a real opportunity to directly impact the lives of over 400 local young people for good. Being a governor is to oversee the governance of four local schools who are federated together: Frant, Mark Cross, Mayfield and Five Ashes.

If you think you might have the gifts for this, speak to Brendan. Any foundation governor will be put forward by the PCC.

Church Annual meeting **12th October 8pm, Frant Church**

Sign up now to come to our church meeting:

<https://frantchurch.churchsuite.com/events/orxt5khp>

This is for track and trace and mean we can set up the space best for this meeting. The same rules apply for the church meeting as our church services (masks and social distance).

Reports for this will be sent via email this Sunday!

Church Administrator

We are very pleased to announce that the PCC have decided to employ a part time administrator over 3 mornings a week, which we were given funding specifically for. Sarah Davies, who a number of you will know has agreed to take on this role. Sarah has lived and been a part of Frant community over many years, and has good experience of admin roles in the past including doing the bookings for the Stables in the past. We are thrilled to have her join us and really hope and pray that her role might become a backbone to our mission and ministry as a church enabling us to build and grow what we are able to do at church.

When our new office is completed (hopefully end of November) she will be working in there along with Ed and occasionally myself, and we really hope and pray that space might become a central hub of our church and community work.

Share for Prayer

Please pray for our APCM coming up that God would guide us as a church towards fulfilling his purposes in our Parish.

For **Anne Pybus**. Anne is now having to go daily to London for her treatment for the next few weeks, and we pray all healing, strength and endurance for her.

For **Annette Carruthers**, she is in respite and has seen gradual improvement, but wants to be home, and will need some care to do that.

For **Helen Carpenter**, she is still recovering from a fall, and in particular needs to find carers to help her at home, which has not been straightforward.

If you would like to add someone to our share for prayer, please email the office:

office@frantanderidgechurches.org.uk

Every blessing,

-Rev Brendan