

## Church Family Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Church Family,

You will no doubt have seen that Covid is again rising across the country and our area, and I wanted to make clear **three options you have to engage with services through this time:**

### Morning services inside: Frant 9:30am, Eridge 11:15am

These services include 2 metre distancing and masks at all times, churches across the country are taking safety extremely seriously and we are too. They are said services with times of reflection with music.

### Afternoon service outside: Festival Church 5pm

For some, you may not feel comfortable being inside, so we have an outside option for you in our field behind the stables, while ensuring social distancing and no more interaction than groups of 6. You will need to **bring your own chair, dress warmly**, with hat, scarf, and we recommend bringing your own hot water bottle to put down your coat! Our forest school style **Sunday Club** is popular, so **you will need to book in with Ed: [frantyouth@gmail.com](mailto:frantyouth@gmail.com)** Clocks change next week, and it will be dark, but we have plans for thousands of fairy lights, plus flame torches and fires!

So far only the children have had fires, but we think that's not very fair on the adults! So we have fire pits hopefully for everyone from next week... **We will need fire marshals** for this! As part of this you will need to light fires at 4.45 (we have eco logs that are very easy to light with a simple firelighter) make sure there is plenty of buckets of water around, and keep an eye people are safe around them – email me back if you can be a fire marshal.

### Online

We recognise that some people will not feel comfortable joining us inside, and not able to join us outside, particularly as it gets colder. We always upload our talk on our YouTube channel, along with a song so you can participate with us online.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDtsdqyqX6S8yZZI5S-pK6Q>

With those three steams and ways of joining us we hope we can safely cater for everyone during this challenging time.

## This Sunday: God's calling

Looking at Exodus 3:7-17 we will see how **God comes to call** and lead his people to become who they are made to be: **made to worship**.

## The Eridge Harvest Supper Takeaway Tomorrow!

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> when you come to collect your delicious meals

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

## Church Annual Meeting (APCM)

Thanks to all those who were able to join us for our Annual Meeting last Monday.

We re-elected three of our wardens:

**Stephen Barnes (Eridge), Jonathan Lynn (Eridge), Jane Emler (Frant)**

You will notice that Crawford Burden has stepped down after 2 years of being a warden at Frant. Much thanks to him for his service and ministry over that time, particularly during the interregnum as Chair of the PCC. I know his work will have been much appreciated.

Our new deanery synod representatives:

**Caroline Creedy Smith, Ann Huggett, Ed Pascoe, Anne Pybus**

Much thanks also to **Susanna Hall** who has now finished her time as Deanery Synod Representative, and to **Andrew Best** who stepped down from PCC during the year. Serving the church on its leadership team is such an important work and we appreciated your time with us.

The rest of the PCC remains unchanged as they were not up for election this year.

If you haven't yet caught the rectors report you can see it online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awgqUkvo7iE&t=6s>

## Share for Prayer

**Yvonne Bowman** slipped after church, and having been in hospital for 9 days is now thankfully at home again. Particular prayer needed for her to have help at weekends.

For **Annette Carruthers**, now recovering at home with help.

Let's continue to think of **Helen Carpenter**, and pray for her, as she gets used to her new carer and the new routine. We also pray that she will continue to improve and build up confidence to manage on her own.

For **Anne Pybus**, who is continuing to have to go daily to London for her treatment for, and we pray all healing, strength and endurance for her.

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

[office@frantanderidgechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@frantanderidgechurches.org.uk)

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Every blessing,

-Rev Brendan