

Church Family Newsletter 23rd October 2020

Dear Church Family,

This week the clocks change (feels too soon...!) so do enjoy a lie in in the morning! Festival Church will be our first one in the dark, which we are super excited about (with lights, and fires for the adults in the field), but do bring a torch and wrap up warm! A good test too for potential outside evening Christmas services (yes I know it's October still... but I've already seen the Christmas adverts...)

This Sunday:

Isaiah - God's purpose, despite our flaws

Looking at God's calling of Isaiah in chapter 6, we will see a man who felt inadequate for God's purpose for him, and yet God could cleanse, change and use him for an amazing purpose.

Morning services inside

Frant 9:30am, Eridge 11:15am

Afternoon service outside:

Festival Church 5:00pm

NB. Children for Festival Church:

book in with Ed: frantyouth@gmail.com

(If your Children can't come please let Ed know as we have a waiting list.)

Online:

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

Churchyard Clearing 2020

Autumn is an important time to tend our churchyards, to clear leaves, cut back and get our churchyards ready through winter into next year.

Frant churchyard – each Saturday from 31st October at 10:30am join us to clear leaves and tidy through November.

Eridge – Saturday 21st November 10am – join us for our big clear of the year!

Bring some gardening gear, do feel free to bring your own hot drink and snack!

I am so thankful that our churchyards are both kept incredibly well, and I really think shows respect, love and care to those who have passed, their loved ones and our community. At my old church the warden there called the churchyard "God's Acre" and he really inspired me to the way we can share the love and care of God through caring for his creation around the church. A Churchyard cared for in love shows the church's care and love to those around us.

Still time to give to Shoebox appeal

We have seen an encouraging amount come in for our annual Shoebox appeal, so big thanks to those who support this.

Pat Wright says there is still time this next week to include your gift 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 Pat who 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!

Much thanks!

Much thanks to those who helped at two recent events.

The **Eridge Harvest Supper Takeaway** was tremendously well received with 120 people joining in and raising over £1000 for the church and for Family Support work, which supports some of the neediest families in Sussex. Particularly thanks to:

Anthony and Christine Freeman

Dawn and John Readman

Alison and Stephen Barnes

Gail and Andy Clarkson

And many many others.

And also for a splendid **online bridge and raffle** raising £970. Massive thanks to Alison and Stephen Barnes in particular for their work on that.

It has been amazing that in such a difficult time, such creative ways have been sought to bring fun and the community together this past few weeks. Much appreciation to all.

Share for Prayer

Yvonne Bowman still recovering from slipping after church.

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

Helen Carpenter that she will continue to improve with the help she has had.

For **Roy Dicker** who sadly continues to decline and for Audrey as she and others care for him.

David Emler who has had an operation today for his swift recovery.

For **Anne Pybus**, who has continued to have to go daily to London for her treatment, 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

Every blessing,

-Rev Brendan