

Church Family Newsletter 4th December 2020

Dear Church Family,

We are **back in church this Sunday** for those that are able to come. Due to Covid regulations we continue to wear masks inside and there is now no chatting inside the church between households please.

Christmas services are ready to be booked and due to covid **booking is essential** as we have limited numbers we can safely accommodate. There will be our usual spoken services in the morning Frant 9:30 and Eridge 11:15.

We abide by the same covid regulations in tier 2 as tier 3, and I have had confirmation from the diocese this week, that **travel across tiers is not prohibited in order to worship at your church, as worship is unaffected by the tier systems**. There may however be those who feel uncomfortable with that, and we hope to fully support you with things online.

Our usual Festival Church will be restarting, but due to all the exciting Christmas services, we will restart 10th January.

If you can help us steward our outdoor services at Frant on the 13th and 24th December please let me know.

Christmas Services

To let you know our plans for this year! Services may have to move online if we can't do them in person. See our website for details from December!

Limited numbers due to Covid to ensure safety, **booking will be essential**.

Sunday 13th December

5pm (this is updated): Frant Outdoor Carol Concert Service

Book: <https://frantchurch.churchsuite.com/events/ld4upafi>

Sunday 20th December

5pm: Eridge Outdoor Nativity Service

Book: <https://frantchurch.churchsuite.com/events/9ubkyoqa>

Christmas Eve:

4pm Frant Outdoor Crib Service

Book: <https://frantchurch.churchsuite.com/events/mmtpyar>

11pm Eridge Midnight Communion

Book: <https://frantchurch.churchsuite.com/events/kkv4pgsd>

Christmas Day:

9:30am Frant Family Celebration

Book: <https://frantchurch.churchsuite.com/events/zzjq2eal>

11:15am Eridge Christmas Communion

Book: <https://frantchurch.churchsuite.com/events/9t0zayee>

This Sunday: Second Sunday in Advent!

This Sunday in church Imtiaz will be leading and reflecting on how God might be speaking to us through coronavirus, which is very relevant during this time of advent.

Frant 9:30am Morning Prayer

Eridge 11:15am Communion

We will also have short reflection on our video channels:

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/frantchurch>

Helping others in need this Christmas...

- **Family Support Work – hampers for families in need in Sussex bring by Monday**
- **Women's Refuge – toiletries**
- **Book sale from Friends of Bells Yew Green – buy books**
- **Food bank – food**

Share for prayer

Continued prayers for **Colin and Ros Burgess' family: Daughter Claire, husband David and their family** who lost their home last Wednesday to a tragic fire taking everything but thankfully not their lives. Pray as they come to terms with the trauma they have gone through but also guidance for the future as they rebuild their lives.

Remember **Audrey Dicker** after her husband Roy passed away.

Also pray for **Roy Randall** who is awaiting heart surgery.

It would also be good to pray for our local hospital and GP surgeries. I have been told that with Covid things are getting busy at Pembury Hospital. We must pray for tired and stressed staff, particularly over Christmas. For safety, and that these vaccines might bring some relief soon.

Thanks to those who joined us in the Church of England's month of prayer and fasting for covid through lockdown.

Every Blessing,

-Rev Brendan