## Church Family Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

Dear Church Family,

Happy new year! Praying for a more positive year we can look forward to.

Considering the situation we have been in we were very grateful at Christmas to be able to at least have a carol service at both Frant and Eridge, though sad we had to cancel the Christmas Eve services. However, we had a great response to our online Christmas service which had almost 300 views.

As you will know our area is now in tier 4 "stay at home" and therefore we are suspending all services including tomorrow (3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021).

Things are looking very difficult indeed with this new variant and hospitals struggling to cope, and the church is again acting to reduce the risk of transmission as far as possible in these critical weeks. The suspension of services will be reviewed regularly. Our churches remain open for private prayer, see our website for details of opening times. If you need help, let us know, we have people who would love to help out if they can.

## This Sunday: Jeremiah 31:7-14 2021: A Year for Community: Pray and prepare for the Gathering of the Scattered Church.

At the start of 2021 we will look in hope as a church for what God might do with his church this year, with a renewed focus for gathering our community as we look past covid.

Services will be online:

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

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

And just personally we really have appreciated your cards and lovely messages over Christmas, we really do feel supported so much from the church family, so thank you so much for everything you all do.

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Every blessing for this new year,

-Rev Brendan