

Church Family Newsletter 15th January 2021

Dear Church Family,

As you know our PCC made the decision to suspend services in church because of the increasing risk of coronavirus in our Parish. This decision was further confirmed this week when our Bishop (Bishop Will, Lewes) forwarded this request:

"The Head of Environmental Health for Rother and Wealden Councils, in discussion with the Director of Public Health and East Sussex County Council, has requested that we voluntarily close places of public worship until cases decline across all East Sussex districts."

Having spoken with Bishop Martin, Bishop Will encouraged every church to comply with this request.

Services for us will continue to be online.

I know people are doing such good work to keep each other safe right now, and we look forward to the vaccine bringing an end to these restrictions. I have personally heard of lots of people who have had the vaccine so far so we can be thankful for that, and we look forward to our eventual coming back together, and the joy that will be for us.

This Sunday: Acts 11:19-30 Scattered Church: Remain true to the Lord with all your heart.

Everything right now feels so discouraging, and I am sure the scattered Church in Acts must have felt similar, they were away from each other because of persecution.

In our passage Barnabas encouraged the church to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.

They worked together, they served together, they helped each other practically.

Join us for their encouragement to us online from 9:30am.

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

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

Share for Prayer

Please pray for **Gifty Goodship** today. Our Reader Roy Goodship's funeral is today, and I know this will be a hard day for her. She appreciated the cards and support everyone gave and has felt uplifted by prayers for her at an awful time.

Pray for **Roy Randall**, recovering from an operation this week, now out of intensive care but still needs prayer for recovery, plus for Judith and Roy's family.

It would also be good to pray for **our local shop, pubs and businesses** for which coronavirus continues to be such a struggle, they are such a big part of our village life. Pray for those locally on furlough. Pray for those that work in the shops as they support so many local people with the food and supplies they need.

Having had the letter about coronavirus this week from our Bishop it would be good to pray for **our Bishops** this week, for our Bishop Martin at Chichester, and his suffragans Bishop Ruth at Horsham and our local Bishop Will at Lewes. Much strength and wisdom is needed in these challenging times for our church leaders.

Pray for a swift and safe roll out of **the vaccine**, not only in our own country, but also across the world, especially remembering poorer countries.

Plus, **who lives near you and is perhaps on their own or perhaps facing difficulties at this time?** Maybe you could pray for them and then ring them to see how they are doing?

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

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Every blessing,

-Rev Brendan