

Church Family Newsletter 6th February 2021

Dear Church Family,

This week I really appreciated the sun coming out and seeing the bulbs coming up! The sense of optimism and hope that nature gives us that the dark days of winter will not last forever.

And now I am all excited that there might be snow tomorrow they say... how I long for snow... we can't go out anyway, so might as well enjoy the sight of the snow on the trees and hedgerows for a little while! The perfect time for a flutter of snow I feel.

That sense and hope of Spring in the midst of the reality of winter is I suppose how we feel in life generally. May God lead us to cling to him through these days in hope and expectation of new life to come... and when it does, this year more than ever, the beauty spring, the smell of the flowers, the warmth of the sunshine on our face, will feel sweeter than any year before.

This Sunday: Acts 13:32-43 Scoffer or Saved?

There is a stark reaction to Paul's message this week, some believed, and others scoffed and drove him out of the city...

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Join us after the service for zoom coffee from 10:15am (30 minutes)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86311650257?pwd=NTMvcm91MXR0K0o3QWtmbTJoRlVnZz09>

Meeting ID: 863 1165 0257

Passcode: coffee

See what Ed is doing to help another church...

Ed writes: "I have now started doing weekly online youth talks for the parish of Hartfield and Coleman Hatch churches. So far they have had more views than they thought they would, and comments they have received are all positive. After half term I am going to do some special online assemblies for their local school, as well as Frant, on the theme of Lent, as well as some online zoom meetings with their youth. I love that we can support other churches through this time and I am really honoured to be able to have this opportunity, and so would really appreciate your prayers for building up the body of Christ."

It is wonderful that we have a wider church than just our villages in which we can encourage and support each other.

See what Ed is doing here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3qjkif0jXZ89_bLS2eYhsQ

Share for Prayer

It would be good to continue to pray for **Gifty**, after the shock passing of her husband Roy, ongoing prayers for her through this.

Pray for those working in intensive care. Pray for those crucial people keeping our hospitals and doctors and crucial services running amongst the difficulties.

Pray for all those who are grieving.

Pray for all those for which life is particularly difficult, perhaps they are ill themselves or have an ill family member, for those that are struggling financially, pray for those awaiting treatments. Pray that anyone who is struggling is able to reach out for help and support.

Prayers of thanks for all the vaccines and those helping to roll out the vaccines.

Pray for wisdom for the leaders of countries and churches that wise decisions will be made amongst the difficulties of the pandemic.

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

office@frantanderidgechurches.org.uk

Do let us know if we can help you in any way during this time.

Every blessing,

-Rev Brendan

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