

Church Family Newsletter 29th January 2021

Dear Church Family,

Some good news for you! Our new office is finally finished!



It took a long time due to covid delays, but we are super excited. Sarah Davies, our Church Administrator has been setting it up this week, and we are really impressed with how it looks and what it will mean for greater accessibility and connectivity of our church office and our community.

Many thanks are needed to be shared for those that have enabled this to happen.

Firstly, much thanks to those that gave towards this new office. I was astounded at the generosity shown with this. I think we announced our desire to raise funds for the new office just two weeks before the first lockdown last year, which made me really nervous we wouldn't get the funding. But thanks to so many of you who saw the real potential of what this office will mean we raised the money within weeks, and ordered soon after! Much thanks to all who give not just for the office, but enabling us to continue and grow ministry in Frant and Eridge. It will not only be a place to work, but a place for us to meet couples for weddings, or a family for funerals. It will be a place where people can drop by to engage with church, or seek help.

Special thanks to David Torr who worked very hard to organise and project manage the works, he did a brilliant job of keeping the price down and getting it delivered through a difficult covid time.

Thanks to our warden Jane Emler for organising the giving towards this, and our Treasurer Jeremy Halmshaw for his oversight and guidance, and the super volunteers who helped paint it!

And to our Administrator Sarah for working so well when she had no office to work from in her first months!

Join us in our Sunday online service, when I will pray for God's blessing for our new office.

Obviously because of covid the office is currently closed for visitors.

Giving in Lockdown

While mentioning the good news of what your giving has enabled, I wanted to make clear how you can continue to give in lockdown. Obviously covid has significantly hit every church financially including ours, and I know some people who wanted to give, but have struggled to give online and I wanted to share all the ways you can give right now:

- **Telephone/online - Parish Giving Scheme: The best way to give regularly**

Sign up (or adjust you existing giving) with the Parish Giving Scheme (details on that below). This is set up with the Church of England's national scheme and does not include fees for our church to pay. Gift aid if you can, so we can reclaim tax.

Call their dedicated telephone number: **0333 002 1271**

(Lines are open Monday to Friday, between 9 – 5pm.)

Or set up donations online: <https://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk/>

Two things you will need to do that:

Your bank account details (Number and sort code)

Our parish name and code: Frant Parish Reference code: 10-3060482-CHICH

Eridge Parish Reference code: 10-3060480-CHICH

- **Online - Churchsuite: the easiest way to give one off**

Go to: <https://frantchurch.churchsuite.com/donate>

Fill out that short form and you can give by direct debit – and gift aid if you can so we can reclaim tax.

- **Bank Transfer - from your online bank**

Our bank details are:

A/c name: **Frant with Eridge Parochial Church Council**

Sort code: **20-88-13**

Account Number: Frant Church **90357316**

Account Number: Eridge Church **00329827**

- **By post – we can still take cheques!**

Simply post us a cheque to the address below made out to "**Frant with Eridge Parochial Church Council**" - if you want to give regularly and you pay tax, worth contacting us so we can gift aid also.

Church Office: The Stables
Church Lane
Frant
East Sussex TN3 9DX

I hope that makes it clearer how you can give during lockdown. Every gift you make enables us to sustain, and develop our ministry here in our villages.

This Sunday: Acts 12:25-12

Set Apart for God's Mission

God guides his people by his Holy Spirit into his mission together to share the good news of Jesus further afield. The church prayed, Paul and Barnabas were sent, and people saw the light of Jesus and believed.

Join us to be encouraged in our mission as a church from 9:30am

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

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

Join us after the service for zoom coffee from 10:15am

It was great to have a short time (30 minutes) of seeing some faces and catching up last week. Love you see you this week if you can!

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89999422418?pwd=cGZxSG96MERQTFRDc2NTcjhGYXZSZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 9942 2418

Passcode: coffee

Share for Prayer

Pray for **the new office!** Prayers of thanks, prayers of dedication, prayers that the space would be utilised to aid and support the work of the church.

We have had two funerals recently, **pray for those that are grieving** and because of covid couldn't have the funeral they would have chosen. We had Betty Leefe's funeral yesterday and it was good to be encouraged to hear of her life of service to her country and her church.

Continue to pray for those who are suffering due to **covid** and those helping them, and for the continued vaccine roll out.

Thank you for prayer for **Melissa**. She came home from hospital yesterday and although she has a long road ahead it is encouraging news considering how ill she was.

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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