

Church Family Newsletter 27th February 2021

Dear Church Family,

To update you about how and when services will resume! As you may have been aware, all churches in East Sussex were asked by our local county medical officer to suspend services due to the high rate of Covid-19 in Sussex, this was not a legal requirement to not meet, but rather a request, in which all Church of England Churches in East Sussex complied. That request has now come to an end, and churches in our area are beginning to resume services, mostly around when schools go back.

We plan to slowly start to resume services from Sunday 14th March 2021.

Initially our main service will remain online.

Services from the 14th March initially will be a simple short morning prayer service of readings and prayers. At the moment there is no social interaction (chatting) allowed either inside or outside church, and face masks must be worn. Being able to meet is great but with that comes the responsibility of abiding by the rules so that we are seen as a good witness in our community.

Because of the continuing restrictions we are not at this point able to do children's work, and hence online will remain our main service for the time being.

We are of course seeing what we might be able to do for Easter Services, and will let you know nearer the time.

After Easter we hope we will be able to resume more fully. Again it is very likely that outdoor services will mean we are able to do more this summer, and we are investing in Festival Church again, and have some exciting developments to share with you soon about that.

This Sunday: Acts 15:22-35 The unity of the Scattered Church

The amazing thing was in Acts people were becoming Christians from all over, from all sorts of cultures. See how the church both includes, and unites these scattered Christians in the early church.

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 (30 minutes)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86311650257?pwd=NTMvcm91MXR0K0o3QWtmbTJoRiVnZz09>

Meeting ID: 863 1165 0257

Passcode: coffee

Works to secure historical monuments in Frant Church

Just to let you also know of some works that will be happening at Frant Church at some point. As you may know one of the memorials fell off the wall last year, which we will be securing back in place. While we are there we have four others that we want to secure as well:

Harriet Georgiana Grace d.1884 memorial – this is the one that collapsed on the west wall of the south aisle

Esther March Ashburnham d.1848 memorial located just to the west of the main porch door on the south wall of the south aisle.

Baron Wolff d. 1847 memorial above the sink in the North West corner of the north aisle

Minet d.1837 memorial also in the North West corner of the north aisle on the west wall

Weller d.1781 memorial on the south wall of the Chancel.

If you know of any heirs that could be informed, please let me know ASAP, as we are looking to do this soon.

Share for Prayer

Ongoing prayers for **Lydia Packman**, I corresponded with James this week, and it seems things there has not been improvement for her... we pray on for her and the family. She still has *lots of non-epileptic attacks / seizures each day*.

We welcome **Audrey Dicker** who moved into Frant this week – that she would settle well and quickly into her new house.

It would be good to pray for all those **nurses, helpers, volunteers who are administering the vaccine**, I witnessed it myself this week, and it is such a well-run conveyer belt of action! The people I saw serving in this way must be under huge pressure, and yet did it with a smile and a great attitude. Praise God for the men and women that are achieving an incredible thing for our country, and that we might help other countries in need of vaccines also.

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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