Church Family Newsletter 25th March 2021

Dear Church Family,

We head towards the most solemn and celebratory week in our Church Calendar - Holy Week starts on Sunday.

I hope you might be able to find space each day to think about those most momentous events in Jesus life, death and resurrection. You could perhaps slowly read from Mark 11-16 over Holy Week and immerse yourself in those events of that week leading up to Easter.

This Sunday: Mark 1:1-11 Palm Sunday: Our Humble King

Jesus begins his last week as he heads to the cross – his entry into Jerusalem showing us that he is a very different King to what we would expect, one that is humble, serves and will even die for his people – to which our response is worship and praise!

Live! Frant Church 9:30am - book here:

https://frantchurch.churchsuite.com/events/k2xjalxs

Live! Eridge Church 11:15am (booking not required)

Online from 9:30am on YouTube:

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

Easter Services 2021

Maundy Thursday Online 7:30pm – Behold the Lamb of God

Join Imtiaz as well as others across the globe for an online special service from release international – you need to register for access below, and they will send you a link to join online:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/behold-the-lamb-of-god-worship-and-communion-event-release-international-tickets-142093442311

Good Friday Reflective Service

10:30am Frant – book here: https://frantchurch.churchsuite.com/events/lqb8autv 2:30pm Eridge – book here: https://frantchurch.churchsuite.com/events/d5az3huu

Plus online on our YouTube Channel from 10:30am

Easter Sunday Celebration

9:30am Frant – book here: https://frantchurch.churchsuite.com/events/i9ocn5z4
11:15am Eridge – book here: https://frantchurch.churchsuite.com/events/doib3op5
Plus online on our YouTube Channel from 9:30am

If you can't book online contact our church office: 01892 752261

Remember you can make an Easter Garden!

We would love you to share your own Easter Gardens, which include the cross and the empty tomb...

If you want to make a garden in the next couple of weeks and send a picture to Ed, we hope we can include them it for our Online Easter services! **frantyouth@gmail.com**

Next month: Gratitude and Generosity

This April we will be releasing our **Annual Reports** for our churches, which includes a review of the past year and our financial statements. This will be sent online, as well as available on paper.

As part of our report, we don't just want to look back, but want to look forward, and so we are outlining **our exciting vision for 2021** and beyond, as we look to recover and grow as we come out of lockdown.

During this time we will have a **month of Gratitude and Generosity**. With a month to look to God and all he has done for us, and out of that thanking him and offering ourselves and our resources into his service. We hope this will enable us to **grow our ministry** in 2021.

'Giving Sunday' will be on 25th April, where I will outline our vision, hopes and dreams in our service for this year and beyond and we invite you to give towards God's ministry that we believe he is calling us to.

Our annual meeting (APCM) is in Frant Church on Monday 26th April 8:00pm.

Culminating on 'Thanksgiving Sunday' 2nd May, where we thank God for all he has done and is doing amongst us. Festival Church relaunches on this day also, so will be a great time to celebrate what God is doing as we emerge from lockdown.

Share for Prayer

Please continue to remember **Marion Mansfield** is very poorly and in need of prayer at this time, so please do pray for her.

Also continue to pray for **Piotr Adamczak** – so many people praying and he is showing visible signs of improvement, with facial expressions and less chaotic movement. His brother says: "Piotr is much more responsive overall. Still needs a lot of time and lot of work but he is recovering."

Pray for our **Easter Services**, they will be again very different from normal this year, but pray that they would nevertheless touch people's souls with the hope and life that we all need.

Pray for our **Gratitude and Generosity** month of April, that God would move us as individuals and as churches, towards his will for our lives and community.

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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