

Church Family Newsletter 16th April 2021

Dear Church Family,

It's our Annual report time of year, and as part of this we are looking back on 2020, but also looking forward with our vision for the future of our churches, and how we can together build (we pray) out from lockdowns and covid. We hope this will be helpful and uplifting as we serve together to build God's Kingdom in our place.

As we head towards our APCM Monday 26th April 2021 at 8pm in Frant Church, check out our reports, finances and vision:

Agenda for APCM 26th April 2021

Minutes of APCM 2020 (12th October 2020)

Trustees Report 2020

Church Accounts 2020 which are signed off by our external examiner

Our Gratitude and Generosity encouragement

Vision 2021

Each of these is available by clicking on this link
https://frantchurch.org/Articles/607929/Annual_Parochial_Church.aspx
and selecting the item you wish to see.

This Sunday (18th April 2021): Ephesians 1:15-22 Gratitude for God's Church

We continue our Gratitude and Generosity series for April, looking in **gratitude** for all God has done for us, and being inspired by his **generosity** to us, to be generous ourselves.

In person morning prayer: Frant 9:30am Eridge 11:15am

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

Planting help needed next week at Frant!

Last year we were doing some clearing of the forest school site and other places, and realised that having some extra hedging plants would not only be great to shelter the space, but also great for the environment and the local ecosystem.

Turned out you could apply to the Woodland Trust for free community tree packs, and we got it!

That was last year, and we hadn't given it a lot more thought, until now! It's been delivered earlier than expected, today!

So we want anyone who can, to come plant a few saplings next week, it may involve clearing a bit of space, and then planting it up. They are small saplings with a bare root, and quite simple and easy to plant.

We have wonderful selection including hazel, blackthorn, crab apple, dog rose, rowan trees, hawthorn, rowan, blackthorn, to plant around the edge of our land, and in sparse patches of our hedges around. A variety of plants means lots of wildlife and birds encouraged in their habitat!

This is a first small step towards our hope to develop our creation-caring vision, and we want lots of people involved!

Get in touch with Ed and we can give you details. We can't all do it at the same time due to covid, so will have different times throughout next week!

Email Ed for details: frant youth@gmail.com

Share for Prayer

We had sad news this week that **Marion Mansfield** passed away. Marion was well known and liked at Frant, and considering she only moved here 3 years ago had settled in amazingly well. Please pray for her family, friends and all the funeral arrangements for next Friday

Please continue to pray for the family of **Jenny Dyer**, who tragically died in a cycling incident in Groombridge. Please pray as her family as they remember and mourn her loss this week at the funeral I will be taking on Thursday.

Please pray for the funeral of **Bridget Capsey** next week Wednesday 21st April at midday at Eridge Church, and the friends and family coming together for that. If you knew her and would like to come, could you please let me know as soon as you can, there are just a handful of places left of the legal number 30 available to those who knew her locally. We ask that you please don't simply turn up as we are limited in numbers due to covid.

Please pray **for the APCM** coming up, and that each of us pray and reflect in how we can respond in generosity and service to God and his church.

Every blessing,

-Rev Brendan

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