

*Before you arrive:*

- Due to social distancing we are limited to how many people can enter our buildings.
- In advance of entering the churches you will need to fill in and sign a GDPR form. This is to consent to us taking your name as you enter the church buildings, so we are able to liaise with the government Track and Trace Scheme.
- We ask you to consider your own risk of attending an indoor gathering. While we will be taking a number of steps to keep you safe, we cannot make this risk-free. You might want to look at the NHS guidance on whether you are at higher risk of coronavirus and be guided by their advice:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>
- We ask you NOT to attend the service if you have:
  - A new cough
  - A temperature
  - Lost your sense of smell or taste
- You may want to bring your own hand sanitiser
- You must wear a mask.

*When you arrive*

- The doors will open 15 minutes before the service. Before that you will need to wait on the church path respecting social distancing.
- The welcomer will let people into the building in households/bubbles. You will be asked to sanitise your hands on arrival, and then go immediately to a seat in church. The next household/bubble can then be let in.
- The seats in church will be arranged in ones and twos at 2m intervals from each other. We ask you to go straight to a seat as indicated by the welcomer and remain there for the duration of the service.
- The doors will be open to allow some ventilation so you may notice it is a little cooler than you expect.
- There will be neither kneelers nor pew cushions.
- The collection plate will be by the door – if you bring an offering with you to worship please place it here before the service starts. We strongly encourage you to join the planned giving scheme so as to avoid dealing with cash at this time.

### *During the Service*

- The Liturgy you need for the service will be published in the weekly email and we encourage you to print these yourself. If this is not possible, ask the person who welcomes you for a service booklet. This will then be your personal copy. Please take it home with you after the service and bring it back next time. There will be no pew sheets at this time.
- We will continue to livestream our services online. This will not be from the church buildings.
- Due to risk of aerosol spread, there will be no singing during the service.
- We ask that when you are saying the responses that you speak quietly and prayerfully – again to reduce risk of droplet spread.
- When we share the peace, we cannot move from our places – we will simply wave or acknowledge those in other households
- During distribution of communion, only bread will be distributed. The priest will wear a mask and sanitise their hands before distribution. The bread will be brought to you at your seat. You might want to use your hand sanitizer (if you have brought some) before receiving communion. Please hold your arms outstretched and the priest will drop communion into your hand. There will be no words said at this point.
- If you do not want to receive communion for any reason, that is absolutely fine – just bow your head and keep your hands in your lap. The priest will pray for you and symbolise this by making the sign of the cross.

### *At the end of the service*

- After the priest has processed out, the welcomer will ask people to leave a row at a time. Please wait for the welcomer to ask you to leave.
- Please take any orders of service home with you.
- Please do not stop to chat while leaving the building. Once out of the building you are welcome to talk in small groups of not more than 6 in the churchyard. Please do not block other people's exit from the building. Please remember to stay 2m apart from people from other households.
- If you test positive for coronavirus up to three weeks after the service, please let us know, by informing the Rector or a Church Warden.

**Changes in government guidance may mean this advice has to be amended at short notice.**

6<sup>th</sup> August 2020