

## Getting back to Church Services after the lock-down – some information:

Following Government and Church of England guidance we restart public worship from 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

**You should only attend if you are well and have not been advised to “shield.”**

This is a time of transition therefore the schedule of services is temporary and the way we worship will be different.

We encourage you to wear a face mask – remember if you plan to take communion you need to safely remove and store the mask (not allowing it to touch the pews) during the service.

Doors & windows will be open during the service for ventilation – bring extra clothing, stay warm!

We will not print weekly pew-sheets – please bring your own Bible to church.

When you arrive for a service:

- Please sanitise your hands
- Give your name to the welcomer (and contact details if we don't know them)
- Maintain a 2m distance from others
- Take a service booklet and keep that to take home with you
- Leave any “collection” you wish to give in the plate at the entrance
- Another welcomer will direct you to your seat (we have marked alternate pews with a “no entry” sign)
- Please avoid touching any surfaces – eg pew ends – unless you need to, to steady yourself

During the service:

- Please remain seated throughout
- The presiding minister will wear a visor and then put on a mask at the altar
- There will not be any singing during the services but do please join in with the responses
- All services currently will include Holy Communion, but you do not have to receive if you do not wish to.
- The congregation will receive only the bread (CofE theology tells us that taking the sacrament in one kind is as effective as in both kinds.)
- You will be reminded to sanitise your hands again before Communion is distributed
- The presiding minister will bring the bread to you (still wearing visor and mask) – please remain seated and hold your hands out if you wish to receive it.

After the service:

- Please leave the building promptly keeping safe distance from others
- Sanitise your hands again as you leave
- Sadly, we cannot offer refreshments after the service
- If you wish to chat and meet others – please do so outside and keep social distance.

Next time you attend:

- Don't forget to bring your service booklet and Bible with you.