

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

Following Government and Church of England guidance we restart public worship from 2nd 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.

Face masks MUST be worn - 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 may 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.