

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are very pleased to share with you today as we gather to Worship, to Pray and to Share Fellowship.

We need to keep ourselves and each other safe as we gather together in this building in which Prayer has been offered for many centuries. Please read the guidance below and follow any signs, notices and instructions given by the Worship Leader and other Stewards and volunteer helpers.

TEST AND TRACE - You will be asked to supply your name and a contact number as you come into church so that we can support the Government's Test and Trace program. These records are for all our safety and will be destroyed after the following month and will not be used for any other purpose.

HAND HYGIENE - Please cleanse your hands on entry and exit from the building. Please try not to touch anything that you do not need to touch.

SOCIAL DISTANCING - Please follow the current social distancing guidance. Please go straight to your seat as guided by the Stewards and remain there until the end of the service other than when you go forward to receive during Communion. Face coverings may be worn at your discretion.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS - Social distancing dictates that individuals will need to be allocated seats that will maintain the current requirements, but **Family and / or Household Units** may sit together on one pew if they wish to do so. Please only face forwards and **do not move any chairs or pews** from where they have been placed!

SITTING AND STANDING - Please remain seated throughout the service other than when going up to receive. We will not stand at the usual points in the service like the Creed and Gloria, etc or during the Eucharistic Prayers.

MUSIC, SINGING AND RESPONSES - Sadly, for now, there can be no community singing of hymns or responses like the Gloria and Sanctus. There may be one 'Cantor' appointed in a service to sing part of the service but otherwise all responses will be said. We need to say these responses quietly to ourselves as we are led from the front by one voice.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS - Cash offerings, whether loose cash or in envelopes, should be placed by you onto the plate near the entrance to the church and there will be no offertory during the service. If you can then please use the contactless giving system, which has been treated with a durable ant-viral / anti-bacterial finish and will be regularly cleaned, or join the Parish Giving Scheme for your regular giving or the donation button on our Website.

SOCIAL INTERACTION AND THE PEACE - Social interaction needs to happen whilst maintaining Social Distancing, so please only share the Peace by means of a smile and a suitable gesture rather than the traditional handshake or hug!

RECEIVING COMMUNION - Communion will be only in 'One Kind' - i.e. only the Bread will be shared. Please remain in your seat until directed to go forward by a steward and returned to your seat.

BOOKS AND SERVICE SHEETS, ETC. - Please only handle the books and service sheets placed at your seat. Weekly sheets may be taken home, or placed in the recycle box as you leave the building. Fresh books and sheets will be used for each service and quarantined between use as necessary.

AT THE END OF THE SERVICE - Please remain in your seat at the end of the service until a Steward asks you to leave, and then please go directly to the designated exit as guided by the Stewards.

FOOD AND DRINK - There will be no refreshments available after the service, and we ask that if you do bring a drink or sweets that you do not share these with others outside your own household unit.

CONVERSATIONS WITH CLERGY - Unfortunately in order to maintain good hygiene and reduce risks of transmission of virus Clergy will not be able to greet and say goodbye in the usual manner, but are available at other times - see notice sheets / website for contact details.

OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS - Please respect that some areas usually open to the public are currently closed and follow the signs to that effect and/or other barriers.

TOILETS - Please ask if you need to use the toilets so that their use can be monitored and they can be kept clean for use.

