**How services work at St Mildred’s**

It is essential that you book in with Janet (Palmerjal@aol.com ) if you wish to attend stating which service you wish to attend.

**Face Coverings**

Face-coverings are currently required to be worn in church – unless medically exempted or under 11 years of age.
Face-coverings are available for sale at £3, profits donated to organ fund.

**Toilets**

There are no toilet facilities available except for emergencies as the centre is closed. In such an emergency, speak to the warden at the back of Church & he/she will open the music room toilet. If you do need to use this facility, it is vital that you use gel on entering, wipe all surfaces with disinfectant tissues (provided) and re-use gel when re-entering Church.

**services**

Entering:

We must take particular care when entering & leaving. We must take care to maintain strict social distancing of 2 metres between households when arriving and leaving, with no mingling at any time.
If we can stagger arrival times as much as possible we avoid queues. The choir practise from 9.45, so those who arrive by this time get some bonus music. If you possibly can arrive by 9.55, that would be great, but we will keep spaces at the back for late arrivals.

Checking in will be inside the Church.
There will be a Churchwarden braving the conditions outside to welcome you & to sell masks if needed & supply gel. As you come into Church, please check in on the left hand side just inside the main door.

During the services:
Please sit down as soon as you have come into Church. Please do not approach within 2 metres of somebody who is not part of your household - you may be happy to get close to them, but they may not be happy for you to get close.

Service sheets will be on the chairs - if you are in a household group, you can move them to sit together, but please ensure that you leave 2 chairs between you & any non - household person.

Please sit in a seat with a service sheet on it, not the one next to it as that means you will not be 2 metres away from the next person.
Once you have sat in a seat, please stay in that seat.

Please do not move any chairs. In the unlikely event of furniture removals being necessary, please ask a Churchwarden or sidesperson.

At The Peace, we remain seated, and at the response, we can nod, wave to our neighbours, or put our hands together in a prayerful manner (Thai style).

At the Communion, please remain seated. Our Vicar or the server will bring bread to each of us. It is important that when they come to you, you extend your arms to the maximum to receive Communion; if you would like a blessing, please keep your hands on your chest.

Leaving:

There will be a retiring collection on the way out.

Please leave by the door behind the pulpit as organised by the Churchwardens. There should be no exceptions other than those who have a physical problem with the steps at the exit.

Please take the service sheet home with you. You should not need to touch hymn books or bibles but if you do so, please leave it in the box for touched books at the exit. You will leave from the emergency exit near the pulpit. Churchwardens & sidespeople will be on hand to guide & assist.

We are fortunate that as a Church we are not restricted to 30 people but are now required in our current ‘Alert Level’ not to mingle and maintain strict social distancing between members of different households at all times’. We all love to chat, but sadly in the current circumstances it is not permitted.