

If after attending a church service, you fall ill with COVID-19 please let Rev Kirsty know ASAP so we can ensure the correct procedures are carried out.

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Returning to St John’s

for worship

Worship is going to look, sound, and feel different, so we hope that this information booklet will prepare you for when you are ready to return.

If you have any questions or concerns not addressed, please do not hesitate to contact Rev Kirsty.

**General Information**

**What have we done:**

* We have carried out a COVID-19 risk assessment.

(Copies available in church and on our Website)

* We have cleaning, hand cleansing and hygiene procedures in place, in line with government guidance.
* We have taken all reasonable steps to help everyone maintain a 2m distance between different users of our church.
* Where possible there will be 72 hours between church uses and service preparation. Where not possible, cleaning will be carried out.

**What we expect *you* to do:**

* Refrain from entering if you are feeling unwell or have experienced any COVID-19 symptoms in the past seven days.
* Take responsibility for your own safety and that of your household and other people by maintaining social distancing and observing hygiene measures.
* Regarding whom can attend church – please ensure that you are practicing government current guidelines for any categories groups you are in.
* Face coverings are optional.

**A Walk through a Service**

**Welcome:**

* Please enter via the front entrance of church (ramp access is still available at the side entrance if needed)
* On entry, following hand hygiene, please sign in with a welcomer for Test and Trace purposes.
* A second welcomer will direct you to your booked seat. Please remain in this seat.
* A one-way system is in operation, please follow the arrows on the floor / map.
* Service books will already be in your seat for use.

**During the Service:**

* We are currently unable to sing. However, we will be using music for reflection at key points in the service.
* There will be no sharing of the peace. (We will review after a few weeks to see if we can introduce sign language again)
* A collection plate will be available at the back of church on entry.
* Communion will be given in one kind only. (Bread)
	+ A steward will tell you when you can go up to receive communion. Please keep 2m distance and follow one-way system. Receive standing up at front of church.
	+ Hand gel will be given as you leave the pew for use.
	+ No responses to be said in giving or receiving the bread / blessing (these will be said before distribution).
	+ If receiving bread – please ensure your hands are tightly cupped at the bottom so the priest can drop the wafer into your hands.
	+ If received a blessing a sign of the cross will be marked above your head.

**End of a Service:**

* Please leave your books in your pew.
* Please leave church promptly using the one-way system.
* If you wish to have a conversation with others, we encourage you to do this outside maintaining social distancing. Please move around to grass side of church, so to keep exit clear.

**Other:**

* If you wish to light a candle, we ask you to do this at the start or after the service, lighting it from another lit candle.
* If you have any concerns, please speak to Rev Kirsty, Tony, or Denise.
* Sunday school will not meet till September. However, colouring packs will be made available for use in pews should you wish to use them. Details re Sunday School protocol will be given in advance of opening.