

wantage parish

Covid precautions – next steps

The churchwardens, Jan and David, are keeping our Covid precautions under review each week, mindful that infection rates remain high and that some worshippers may be particularly vulnerable. We continue to encourage people to wear face coverings in church and to use the hand sanitiser which is available.

Following the latest review of Covid precautions, **the centre aisle pews at the Parish Church** have been put back in their normal positions. If you are comfortable with this, it would be great to see them well used, freeing up the pews in the north and south aisles for those who would prefer to remain more socially distanced. If you need help finding a seat where you feel secure, please speak to a Steward.

The livestreaming team are taking a break. For the future, we are looking at the option of livestreaming regularly once a month, with the possibility of also livestreaming special services at times like Christmas and Easter. Watch out for news of when livestreaming will start again.

On Sunday 5th September, both the 9.15am and 10.30am Masses will include one **hymn**. This will be at the end of the Mass for **everyone to join in singing** if they would like to, as an experiment ahead of discussion at the forthcoming Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting about resuming congregational singing. We should be grateful if you would continue to wear a face covering when singing the hymn.

Our PCC is meeting on 15th September and will review all our Covid precautions then, thinking about how things might evolve in future. This discussion will include the children's play area and refreshments after services. **We are keen to hear what you think.** If you have any views or comments, please speak to one of the churchwardens or the PCC secretary, Bob Chaplow, or send them an email by Sunday 12th September.

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