**St Mary’s Church – Braughing, Furneux Pelham and Stocking Pelham**

**What to expect at our Church services (post-lockdown)**

* On entry and exit of the church, please use the sanitiser.
* Please try not to touch any surfaces as you enter but proceed (with your household) to one of the pews as indicated (2 metres apart with a ‘please sit here notice’).
* There will be a sides-person on duty to show you where to go if need be.
* Please enter by the south door and exit the church by - the smaller nave chapel door (Furneux Pelham), exit north door (Stocking Pelham) and exit through the kitchen door (Braughing).
* The government advice is that you must wear a face covering in church (unless you have a medical exemption, or you are a young child). We have some spare disposables if you don’t have one. Remember my mask protects you, your mask protects me – love your neighbour!
* Church doors will remain open during the service whilst the weather is warm enough.
* If we don’t know you and do not already have your contact details, we will need to take them for possible track and trace purposes. All contact details taken will be destroyed after 21 days.
* We will send the words of the service to you by email on request [churchoffice@braughing.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@braughing.org.uk), please print the service sheet off and bring it with you (there will be a few available in church for visitors who haven’t received an email).
* Sadly, we are not allowed to sing in church however, we will use music (including hymn music) to enhance our worship.
* We will make sure the church has had the necessary cleaning – we are leaving the church for 72 hours between each use – the church is closed the rest of the time. If for some reason there hasn’t been 72 hours we will do the necessary deep clean.
* Please keep 2m distance apart from others at all times (unless you are with those from your household group).
* We will take a retiring collection (the plate will be available as you exit the church – please gift aid if possible using the envelopes provided in the pews).
* The toilets will be open and they have separate instructions available on the toilet door, for your safety.
* If it is a communion service, you can bring your own bread and wine. Alternatively, communion will be given in kind only (ie bread only), the common cup will not be shared. If this is the case the Rector will come to you in your seat, keeping as much distance as possible to drop the wafer into your hand and will be wearing a face covering. If you normally receive a blessing this can be given by the Priest from the altar: no laying on of hands.
* The sides person will indicate when and where to exit the church at the end of the service.
* Remember – if you are unable or would prefer not to come to services in the church building, it’s possible to follow the service on zoom. The zoom meeting link is available from [churchoffice@braughing.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@braughing.org.uk) or the Rector 01920 823531.

**Parents with children**

Our family services are usually no longer than 30 minutes and we try to engage our younger church family members as much as possible. If your child usually uses the children’s corner (or back of church if at Stocking Pelham), I’m afraid it is not available however on entry to the church there will be activity boxes available. Please take one to your pew with your child(ren) or alternatively you might like to bring a favourite book or some quiet activity with you from home for your child to use. Please leave the activity box at the door on leaving the church.