

Guidelines for attending services at St Peter's Church

We are extremely lucky that places of worship are exempt from the Government's rule of six, so long as we put measures in place to make the church as safe as possible and observe 2 metre distancing. The Rector and the Church Warden have worked to ensure that as many as possible can attend St Peter's as long as they follow a few simple guidelines.

The people taking part in the service have places reserved for them at the front of the church so that they don't walk through the congregation during the service. Anyone who has a legitimate reason for a seat with arms can reserve one when they book up, otherwise you can't choose where you sit as we must fill up from the front to avoid people encroaching on the 2 metre rule. The sides will show you where to sit. With the risk of infections on the rise again please could you note the following:

- Wear a face covering while in church except when receiving communion (which will be brought to you)
- Observe 2 metre social distancing
- Use the hand sanitiser provided when entering and leaving church
- Give your name and telephone number to the sides person as you enter church (your details will be destroyed after 3 weeks)
- Please only use the seat that the sides team show you to.
- Avoid touching anything except your chair
- Fill up seats from the front, only use 2 seats together if from the same household or bubble

CHAIRS MUST NOT BE MOVED

- The people at the back should leave first
- Please when entering and leaving the church keep two metres apart
- Please don't have long conversations in the queue for entering or leaving church, it causes the queue to bunch up. Please have the conversation on the pathway below the church steps where you can socially distance.

This is for the safety of the whole congregation many of whom are in the vulnerable age group.

- If you develop Covid 19 within 14 days of attending the service please contact the Rector (Janet) on 737223 or Church warden (Mark) on 07802 539918

Finally, the heating system in church, being a hot air system, could spread any virus about the church. It has therefore been decided that it won't be put on during the service. It will be put on for about half an hour prior to people coming into church to take the chill off the building, but will then be switched off. Please bear this in mind when deciding what coat to wear to church.

We all wish that church could return to normal but in the meantime please help us to keep everyone safe.