

What to expect as we re-open for services at All Saints Rotherfield Peppard, St John the Baptist Kidmore End, and Christ the King Sonning Common

- The services will be the Eucharist/Holy Communion. We will be following the latest guidance from the Church about how to celebrate Communion safely. However, please feel under no pressure to receive Communion (the wafer only) if you would prefer not to.
- When you arrive, a Steward will ask you to use hand sanitiser and will record your name and phone number, which will be kept for 21 days, as per the government's request to enable track and trace.
- Another Steward will direct you to a seat. People will have to keep a 2-meter distance from each other (unless from the same family/household). They will also encourage you to take a single use service sheet, which you should then take home after the service and dispose of.
- Because of social distancing, numbers are much more limited than in normal times. We have decided not to implement a booking system or have more than one service per Sunday in each church, as the response from last week's request to let us know if you are planning on coming on the 19th has not been large. **We are doing our best – please do not be offended if, when you come on Sunday, the Steward informs you that the church is full and we cannot safely accommodate any further people in the building.** If that is the case, we will look at ways of avoiding this in the future.
- At the time of writing, the wearing of face-coverings is voluntary. Do feel free to wear one. We will let you know if the guidance from the government and the Church changes.

Do remember that if you fall into the **high risk** category (clinically extremely vulnerable), the advice from the government and the Church of England is not to attend church services during the pandemic. People at **moderate risk** (clinically vulnerable) are still being advised by the NHS to stay at home as much as possible. See <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>)

For those who will not yet be coming to church services, an online service will continue to be available.

Do contact me for any further information.

The Rev'd James Stickings

Rector

12th July 2020