



Dear Everyone,

Covid-19 Update

I thought I would contact you today to update you on our ongoing efforts to ensure that coming to church is safe for us all as we continue to live with the risks of covid-19.

The PCC, church wardens and I feel that the way we are currently worshipping on a Sunday is working well and should remain for the time being including sitting socially distanced and encouraging the wearing of masks. We hope, in this way, that everyone feels confident to attend church; even those of us who are more vulnerable.

Larger Services

As well as this, however, it is important that everyone in our community has the opportunity to attend public worship; especially for festival services, weddings, baptisms and funerals. In order to facilitate this, we have increased the safe-capacity limit for all three of our churches to 80 people. This will mean that at services where the congregation exceeds 40 people, we will advertise areas of general seating and areas of socially-distant seating up to the safe limit of 80 people. You may notice some changes in seat layout or new signs in our churches over the next few weeks that are designed to facilitate these larger congregations. For Sunday worship, however, our routine will remain the same with social distancing and masks encouraged.

Plans for Christmas

In addition to this, as we approach Christmas, attendance at some of our services will require booking in advance for a free ticket. Other services however, that are expected to quieter, will be advertised as such for those who wish to attend a less busy service over Christmas time. Full details of these services will be issued well in advance.

Keep in Contact

We will, as ever, be keeping a close eye on any changes to government advice. If you have any comments or questions regarding this or any other matter do not hesitate to be in touch: rev-richardhanford@hotmail.com, 07508823512.

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