

Worship after lockdown at St Peter's Church, Maney



Before you arrive:

We ask you to consider your own risk of attending an indoor gathering. While we will be taking a number of steps to keep you safe, we cannot make this risk-free. You might want to look at the NHS guidance on whether you are at higher risk of coronavirus and be guided by their advice: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>. If you are at risk, you can still join in the service from the safety of your home by watching live on Facebook, @StPetersManey.

We ask you NOT to attend the service if you have:

- A new cough
- A fever
- Lost your sense of smell or taste

You are welcome to wear a mask/face covering. Please remember that face coverings protect others from your germs – they are not very good at protecting you from other people's germs. They are not a replacement for good social distancing, hand hygiene, and self-isolating if you have symptoms.

When you arrive:

The doors will open 20 minutes before the service. Please access through the North doors. The link doors will be available as an accessible entrance.

We can accommodate 30 households at a service with one pew for each household. If we are full when you arrive, we will ensure you have a space saved for the following Sunday we are open. You may need to queue outside as people come into church, please keep a 2m distance.

A welcomer will be at the entrance. You will be asked to use hand sanitizer on arrival, then go immediately to a pew in church. Please do not sit in a pew where someone else is sat. The pews are clearly marked to show which are in use and which are not. If you are coming in households/bubbles, you are able to sit together. We ask when you have chosen your pew, you remain there for the duration of the service, other than to come out for communion. **Please do not sit down and then move to a different seat.**

Gentle music will be playing to help you pray as you wait for the service to begin. We ask that you don't gather for conversation.

There are no bibles or donation envelopes in the pews, you won't be handed anything by the welcomer, everything you need will be in your pew. At each space there will be an order of service, a track and trace form and a pen. Please write your details on the track and trace form. This will enable us to contact you within the guidelines of the track and trace system. We will shred these forms after 21 days in line with the guidelines and data protection.

The North doors will remain open throughout the service to allow some ventilation so you may notice it is a little cooler than you expect.

Sadly, the children's corner will not be available and there will be no Sunday Club. However, we warmly welcome children to join us for worship.

Toilets will be open but for emergency use only. If someone is in the toilet, please wait outside until they come out. Wash your hands for 20 seconds before leaving the toilets and dry using a paper towel, then use hand sanitizer as you come back into the church building.

During the Service:

The service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page, but those watching at home will only be able to see those in the chancel e.g. the priest, someone leading the prayers etc.

Due to risk of aerosol spread, there will be no singing during the service. However, there will be music from the organ.

We ask that when you are saying the responses that you speak quietly and prayerfully – again to reduce risk of droplet spread.

When we share the peace, we cannot move from our places – we will simply wave and smile to those around us.

During distribution of communion:

Only bread will be distributed. The priest will wear a visor and sanitize their hands before distribution.

You will be invited to queue by a warden, please only come out when they have indicated that you can do so. As you queue, please keep a 2m distance from the person in front of you. Please use hand sanitizer before you receive the bread. You will remain standing to receive and your arms should be outstretched to keep as much distance as possible. Please keep behind the line indicated on the floor in front of the priest. There can be no words spoken so we will say the words of distribution as the priest receives, and all will reply Amen.

For those who come for a blessing, the priest will sign the cross without using words. You can indicate that you would like a blessing by keeping your hands down.

If you are unsteady on your feet, please remain in your seat and the priest will bring bread to you. Unfortunately, we cannot use the pews to steady ourselves and we cannot offer an arm to help you.

At the end of the service:

After the priest has processed out, the warden will ask people to leave a row at a time. Please wait for the warden to ask you to leave.

Please take your order of service home with you and place the track and trace form in a box on your way out, leaving the pen in the pew.

Please do not stop to chat while leaving the building. Once out of the building you are welcome to talk in small groups of not more than 6 in the church grounds. Please do not block other people's exit from the building. Please remember to stay 2m apart from people from other households.

If you test positive for coronavirus up to three weeks after the service, please let us know.

We look forward to welcoming you and continue to pray for you all. If you have any questions or concerns, please do contact us.

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