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## News Sheet number 12

16<sup>th</sup> August 2020

### Sunday Worship in Church

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August we are holding a service of Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church, South Wootton. Including those who are leading the service 35 people have a seat reserved. This means that we are unable to offer any more places. However, if you have not responded to our invitation yet and are hoping to attend please let me know by email, phone or message and I will let you know of any last minute cancellations. On that note, if you have reserved a place at Sunday's service and find that you are unable to come please let me know by 5pm on Saturday so that I can re-allocate you place

### Our invitation extends...

Now that our Churches are open on Sundays again, we are really pleased and encouraged by the numbers of you who wish to attend. We heard many comments last week from people who did feel safe, and who thoroughly enjoyed being back in church. ***For these reasons we are offering two services every Sunday from 23<sup>rd</sup> August. For reasons of safety the services will have to be held in separate church buildings.***

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Therefore, from 23<sup>rd</sup> August, and for the time being our weekly pattern of services will be:

**9.00 am Holy Communion at St. Mary's**  
**10.30 am Holy Communion at All Saints.**

If you would like to come to church next Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup> August) please let James know by email, phone or message by 5pm on Friday. And please do remember to let him know which service you would like to come to.

### Breakfast at when?

At least until the end of October, and probably beyond that date, South Wootton Village Hall is not available for us to hold Breakfast at 10. Our plans to deal with this issue are still in formation but from Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup> and each Sunday following we invite you to bring a picnic breakfast to All Saints Church from 9 am onwards. Breakfast at 10ish activities will be available and those who come along will be able to stay on to be part of worship from 10.30 am if they want to. There will be more news and details about how this will all work shortly.

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### **For those of you who have reserved a place for Sunday worship:**

1. When you arrive at church you will be welcomed and asked to use hand sanitiser.
2. We ask you to bring a mask and wear it all the time you are in church. If there is a medical reason why you cannot wear a mask, please explain this to whoever welcomes you.
3. We will ask you to observe social distancing as you wait to be shown to your seat. Please remain in your seats, or at your place during the service.
4. Music will be played during the service but we are not allowed to sing in church
5. Single-use service sheets will be provided each Sunday. You may take them home with you or dispose of them in the bin provided in church.
6. The Holy Communion service tomorrow is expected to last about 50 minutes
7. We are not allowed to share the peace physically next Sunday and communion will be offered to you in one kind only i.e. bread in the form of a wafer.
8. James will be presiding this Sunday and will consecrate and receive bread and wine. Some of you will be invited to the front of the nave and stand in a socially distanced line to receive the bread. Those of you further back in church and on the balcony will have bread brought to you by Dan.
9. At the end of the service you will be guided out by our stewards and we will empty the church from the back, and the balcony first.
10. If you wish to catch up with friends after the service, please do so outside in the churchyard – weather permitting!

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11. James, Dan and Linda are taking part in the service tomorrow. Whilst they are speaking through microphones, well away from anyone in the congregation, they will remove their masks.
12. The service will be filmed for distribution after the service and, as a one off shared with the Minster. But only those leading will be visible on the edited recording
13. **Please do not come to church tomorrow if you feel unwell or think you may have been in contact with an infected person. Please come to church only if you have reserved a place with James.**

I'm sorry all this sounds rather restrictive and formal, but I'm sure you understand we are required by law to set out and follow these guidelines. We are aiming to provide all of us with a safe and secure environment in which to worship God.

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### Weekday Prayer

Now that we are opening both of our churches for worship each Sunday, we can only offer weekday prayer on Wednesdays from now on. If you would like to pray privately in church please go to either church on a Wednesday between 9 am and 12 noon.

### Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms in Church

We are allowed to conduct funerals in church again, but with restrictions. Only family members of the deceased can attend and some friends, up to a maximum of 30 people. We are still not allowed to sing in church for any service, so only recorded music, or music played on the organ is permissible at the moment.

We are now able to hold weddings and baptisms in our churches again but for both numbers are limited to 30 and again, only recorded music, or music played on the organ is allowed.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in church soon

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