

## **Covid-19 precautions for Sunday worship, from 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

### **Services:**

- 8.30am BCP Communion on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, not live-streamed.
- 10am Service of the Word (with Communion on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday), live-streamed, containing an all-age talk and SONlight.

### **Coming in**

- A maximum of 50 people is allowed in the building at any one time.
- If anyone has Covid-19 symptoms, or is self-isolating because someone from their household/bubble has symptoms, they should not be allowed into the building.
- Anyone who is a vulnerable group should make their own decision about whether or not to attend the service.
- Hand gels are to be used on the way in and the way out.
- Everyone needs to “check in”, by either leaving their name and phone number, or by scanning the QR code on the NHS poster using the NHS Covid-19 app. (The paper record of those attending will be kept for 21 days and then destroyed.)

### **Face masks**

- Face masks must be worn, which safely cover the nose and mouth and fit securely around the side of the face. Exceptions to this include:
  - Young children under the age of 11.
  - Those who are unable to wear a face covering due to physical or mental impairment.
  - Those who give assistance to someone who relies on lip-reading.
- The service leader, preacher and president will wear a visor throughout the service, and put a face mask on for speaking to people before and afterwards.
- Everyone else taking part in the service (reader, intercessor, the person who gives the mission update) will wear a face mask for the service, remove it to speak, and then put it back on again afterwards.

### **General precautions**

- We will observe the 2-metre distancing rule as far as possible, and avoid physical contact and touching things unnecessarily.

- The chairs have been arranged to allow for the 2-metre rule. These can be moved to accommodate larger households or bubbles.
- There will be no children's toys (the play room will not be in use), and any children present must stay with their parent/carer.
- SONlight will have its own risk assessment.
- We will observe the "Rule of Six" before and after the service, which means no gathering for social time in groups of more than 6 people.

### **The service**

- Only the service leader, preacher, president and musician shall sit on the stage, and they will be sitting apart. All others taking part in the service (reader, intercessor, the person giving mission update) will sit with the congregation.
- The vestry prayer for service leader, preacher and president will take place in the chancel.
- For the 8.30am service, everyone will be issued with a Prayer Book. They will bring this to every 8.30am service, and take it home again afterwards. It will remain at their home for the foreseeable future, and will not be touched by anyone else.
- At the 10am service, there will be no books, sheets or Bibles available – all words will be on the screen.
- For those who struggle to see the screen, the service leader will send out a service sheet on e-mail in the previous week, which members of the congregation are welcome to print off at home and bring with them. (This service sheet will also be used by those who would like to watch the live-stream from home rather than come into the Church building.)
- There will be no congregational singing. At this stage, we have decided that the choir will not sing to the congregation either.
- There will be no refreshments.
- The reader, intercessor, and the person giving the mission update will bring their own Bible or notes.

### **Microphones and sound desk**

- The service leader, preacher and president will use radio microphones, and each person will be the only person to touch their microphone.
- One stand-alone microphone will be used for all others who will speak (reader, intercessor, the person giving mission update).

- Only the sound engineer will touch the sound desk.
- The laptop to control the Powerpoint presentation is the responsibility of the service leader or president. Only that person will touch the laptop, the remote control, and the screen.
- The mobile phone to live-stream the service, together with its stand, is the responsibility of the service leader or president, and only that person will touch those things.

## **Holy Communion**

- Only the president will touch the Lord's table, patten, chalice, jugs, purificators, and the Communion elements.
- The priest will use hand gel before handling the elements, and will not speak over the elements.
- The priest will receive both bread and wine, but the congregation will receive Communion in one kind only (i.e., bread only).
- Wafer bread will be used.
- Everyone who would like to receive Communion or a blessing will be invited to stand in front of their chair, and the president will take bread to those who are standing. People will remove their face mask to receive Communion, and place it back on afterwards. There is no need to use hand gel at this point unless there is physical contact between the president and the congregation member.
- The president will drop the wafer into the hand of the recipient, and will do so in silence.
- For anyone who like a blessing, the president will say a socially-distanced prayer.

## **Cleaning after the service**

- We only need to clean if the building is to be used again within 72 hours.
- If cleaning is needed, all hard surfaces that are likely to have been touched will be cleaned with anti-bacterial/viral spray.