

Going back to church

Eighth Sunday after Trinity, 2nd August 2020

What will a service of Holy Communion be like?

The procedure may be something like this:



- The church will have been closed for 72 hours before the service
- People greeted at the door - shaking hands not permitted
- Sanitise hands on entry to church
- The churchwarden will record who is present (to be kept for 21 days), asking for names/details, if necessary
- Drop any offering into a plate on entry
- Sit in well-spaced household groups, in places indicated by service books laid out 72 hours earlier
- The leaders will process to the front, in single file and well-spaced
- No hymns, although an organist may play on special occasions
- A reading from the chancel step – not using the lectern
- A short reflection on the reading, from the chancel step
- Remain in your place at 'The Peace', greeting others, but not shaking hands
- The priest presiding at communion will go up to the altar and sanitise their hands; they will put on a face covering
- The bread touched by the priest will only be consumed by them alone; all other bread will remain covered during the thanksgiving prayer
- Only a small quantity of wine will be used and this will be consumed by the priest alone
- The priest will invite the congregation to come forward to receive the consecrated bread
- Communicants will come forward as directed and sanitise their hands
- Hands will be extended towards the priest, who will drop, not place, the bread into outstretched hands

- Communicants will sanitise their hands and return to their seats by a different route
- After final prayers, the congregation will be sent out; the leaders will process out of church (weather permitting)
- Please return service booklets to a box for 72 hours of quarantine
- There will be no refreshments
- The collection plate will be quarantined for 72 hours before counting/banking
- The priest will collect chalice and paten, wash them in water and transfer them to the safe
- The church will be closed for 72 hours after the service.

As at 30th July 2020