

Risk assessment

Risk assessment for Eucharist/Parish Eucharist at Barnsley St Edward the Confessor from 19th July 2021 following government and Church of England guidance. Updated following the lapse of Plan B protections on 27/1/22.

Updated 15/3/22 following government guidance after the lifting of all protections by the government on 24/2/22, and the church AGMs on 13/3/22.

This risk assessment supersedes all previous risk assessments

Hazard/risk factors	Exacerbating factors	Mitigating factors	Who is responsible?	Review	Comments
Covid-19 infection Protection of CEV people in church	People attend church who have tested positive for or have symptoms of Covid-19 or have been told to self-isolate	Clear messages/notices that such people should NOT attend, including at the church door and in the pew sheet, on the website and on social media Closing the church for 48 hours, and cleaning (wearing PPE), if an infected person has been in church, Reminder that lateral flow tests can be taken before coming to church Suggest that face coverings are worn to protect both wearer and others in the congregation while	JG & MG	Each PCC meeting	This may result in cancellation of services at short notice if clergy and/or readers are unavailable.

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		moving around the church. Face coverings can be removed while members of the congregation are seated if they wish			
Covid-19 droplets and aerosols	Poor ventilation	Keep church door(s) open before and throughout services	Deputy churchwarden on the day		
	Singing	No restrictions	Clergy and PCC	PCC meeting	
	Being too close to other people	Continue social distancing in pews Keep one way system in church Passing the peace with minimal movement and contact Congregation to take communion from chancel steps and return to their pews using the appropriate side aisle No communal chalice at the moment	Clergy and PCC	PCC meeting	
Fomites	Passing on the virus by touching infected surfaces	Service books and hymn books will continue to be	Deputy churchwarden	PCC meeting	

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		<p>quarantined between services</p> <p>Hand sanitiser (and hand washing facilities) will be provided</p> <p>Paper towels will be used and disposed of in a safe manner</p> <p>Cleaning to be done if more than one service takes place within 48 hours (see C of E guidance on cleaning)</p>			
Serving of refreshments	<p>Mingling closely</p> <p>Ventilation</p>	<p>Tables set up for small groups</p> <p>Access to vestry from outside rather than down the internal staircase so that the vestry door can stay open.</p>		PCC meeting	
Baptisms, weddings and funerals			Clergy to discuss guidance with families in view of the above risk assessment		