

## Coronavirus 2020

As the Coronavirus spreads across the world, advice received from Church House in Manchester and Lambeth Palace in Westminster is being updated almost daily.

The practical effects of that in the Parish of Tonge Moor are given below:

- Tue 5th 2021    Third National Lockdown comes into force in England, but churches remain open for public worship.
- Dec 2nd        Our two churches reopen for public worship.
- Nov 5th        Churches close **except** 1) for funerals; 2) for private prayer; and 3) for the streaming of acts of worship.
- 24/25th July    Our two churches reopen for public worship. *Deo Gracias!*
- July 4th        With (again) little notice, the Government permits churches to open for public worship, provided they are made “Covid Secure”.
- 23rd May        Live-streamed mass resume in St Augustine’s.
- 22nd May        Church grounds can again be maintained. Social distancing must be maintained, and shared equipment should be sanitised before and after use.
- 7th May        Clergy are once again allowed to enter their churches for the purpose of prayer and celebrating the mass.
- 24th March     All Church of England churches will close with immediate effect both for public worship and for private prayer  
There will also be no weddings or baptisms  
Funerals may now only happen at the Crematorium or at the graveside. Only immediate family members can attend (if the crematorium allows) – that is, spouse or partner, parents and children, keeping their distance in the prescribed way.
- 20th March     The Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting deferred, and now to take place before 31st October. PCC members will remain in Office until then; Churchwardens will remain in Office until 31st January 2021 and members of the Deanery Synod will remain in Office until 30th October.
- 19th March     Chrism Masses (7th April) cancelled.  
National Pilgrimage to Walsingham (25th May) cancelled

- 17th March: All public worship suspended.  
Churches kept open for private prayer.  
Daily Mass and Daily Office of Morning and Evening Prayer to be maintained, but not publicly.
- 16th March: Messy Church, Wednesday Coffee Morning all cancelled until further notice.
- 11th March: Communion in one kind only.  
No physical contact during the Peace or personal blessings.
- 6th March: At the Distribution, the Host is to be placed onto the hand, not into the mouth.
- 1st Feb 2020: Parishioners with coughs and sneezes should refrain from clasping hands during the Peace and receive Communion in one kind only.  
Priests presiding at the Eucharist, Eucharistic Assistants and servers should wash their hands, preferably with an alcohol-based (minimum 60%) hand-sanitiser.  
Intinction is strongly discouraged.