

Keeping services safe

1. We shall continue to have services on-line which can be found on <https://www.westofsevernchurches.org.uk/sunday-services/> We expect more people will continue on-line than attend services in church. You will also find there the 'daily reflection'.
2. We are starting at Staunton Church on July 19th and July 26th at 9.30am and 11am for a service of **Communion**.
3. Please arrive promptly, and *not too early*. You will be told where to sit when you are outside the porch. We want time to clean the church after the 9.30am service. And we don't want too much mixing of congregations.
4. We are conscious that particularly those seventy and older, who are not shielding, will be making choices about whether it is safe for them to go into a public place.
5. We shall be at the same church for two successive weeks in July and August.
6. We shall move to Maisemore Church on 2nd and 9th August at 9.30am and 11am. The next church to hold the services on 16th and 23rd August at 9.30am and 11am is to be decided. As is the case also for the service on 30th August. Details will be put on our website (see point 1).
7. In September we hope to have a different pattern of worship.
8. We are running a track and trace system. Those attending the Sunday service please book so we do not run out of spaces. Book with John L-H (phone 01452 700965 /email vicar.westof7@gmail.com) and with Steve Godsell (phone 07752 463536/email curate.westof7@gmail.com). If spaces are short, we might ask late bookers to move to the other service. Please check the website for up to date information on booking.
9. Please try not give lifts to more than one person. Keep the car windows open and ask your friend to sit in the back of the car, preferably with a mask on.
10. Please bring your hand sanitizer. Sanitizer will also be available in church.
11. We encourage masks to be worn in church.
12. Keep a safe distance from other members of the congregation. There will be no socialising in the service, and no 'Peace'.
13. There are a limited number of places. People will sit in every other row. Household can sit together in the same row.
14. There is a one way system in operation.
15. The collection will be taken as you leave. For sanitary reasons we would much prefer people to give to church by direct debit. Information will be provide as to how to give regularly to church through the Parish Giving Scheme. However, a cheque (paid to 'X church PCC') is preferable to cash as we will know which church you are giving to.
16. No hymns will be sung.
17. Copies of the service will be found on your seat. The first person/family to arrive sits on the front row, the nest two rows behind.
18. The priest will lay out and clear the table of the Communion elements. There will be no Deacons. Only the priest takes the cup of wine at the service. He will wear a visor. Everyone will wash/sanitize our hands before the bread is distributed.
19. When told to do so, after sanitizing hands, people will come forward to receive Communion. We will receive the bread (wafer) one at a time, keeping to the one way system in the church. Receiving the bread will be done standing.
20. Catching up with friends can be done outside, as long as people keep at a social distance, and so long as it is a meeting in groups no larger than six. Please do not stay too long outside after the 9.30am service.
21. The church will be closed for 72 hours after Sunday so any threat of lingering virus will be gone.