

## What to expect when the Churches are open for Private Prayer

<p><b>Quiet Prayer</b></p>	<p>Whilst we have all missed our good friends within the parish, we have been allowed to open the Churches to provide a space for personal prayer. If you wish to stop for chat please do so outside in the church yard.</p>
<p><b>Keeping the Church Clean</b></p>	<p>Viruses can remain on surfaces for a number of hours. One of our key protections is that after use, we will close the Church for 72hrs. The schedule of open times has been set to create a period of “self-cleaning”.</p> <p>Please do avoid touching things in the church</p> <p>We will be leaving the doors open during private prayer sessions so that no one has to touch the door handles. But that does mean that the church may be chilly, so bring a warm layer!</p> <p>Initially we are asking that the Church Care Team do not resume their work – there will be more plans on regular care and housekeeping later.</p>
<p><b>Entry</b></p>	<p>Sanitise your hands just prior to entering the church and again when leaving. Sanitiser is available at each door for everyone to use.</p> <p>At St Bartholomew’s there is a one-way system to avoid passing face-to-face (entry by the main door, and exit near the vestry)</p>
<p><b>Social Distancing</b></p>	<p>There will be a volunteer welcomer when the Church is open to assist if you are unclear on the rules</p> <p>Please keep 2m distance.</p> <p>At St Bartholomew’s pews have been taped off, and at St Christopher’s seating has been set, to help provide separation</p> <p>You are asked to choose a seat that is 2m from anyone already seated. This means leaving 2 empty rows between people, and not sitting directly across the aisle from someone.</p> <p>People from the same household may sit together.</p> <p>Each seating area will be used only once.</p> <p>A prayer sheet will be on each available area. You are asked to turn the sheet over as you leave to show a “no entry” sign, indicating that the seat has been used and is now not available.</p>
<p><b>WC</b></p>	<p>The WCs are not available, to avoid the need for volunteers to clean them.</p>
<p><b>Masks</b></p>	<p>A fabric mask may protect others, however the 2m rule should still be respected.</p>
<p><b>Illness</b></p>	<p>If at any time after visiting the church you develop Covid like symptoms AND test positive for the virus please let the Parish Office know, so that we can take any necessary precautions.</p>