

# What to expect when attending St Peter and St Paul Wincanton for worship

MARCH 2021



Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

cf Ephesians 2.15,16



## St Peter & St Paul's Church

### EASTER SERVICES



We hope to be able to welcome you to church this Christmas, and have arranged the following services, which you will be welcome to attend by **booking a seat**:

**Maundy Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April – COMMUNION SERVICE at 7:00pm**

**Easter Day, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April – COMMUNION SERVICE at 11:00am**

Due to the current restrictions placed on our church by the Government and the Church of England, we have to offer these services at a reduced capacity, and need to ensure your safety at all times. Please contact Rachel at the Parish Office to book a seat for yourself and your family: 01963 824503 [office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@wincantonparishchurch.co.uk).

Closing date for bookings is Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

We will be keeping up to date with the latest Government guidance, and will keep the Church Website updated with all the latest information:

[www.wincantonparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.wincantonparishchurch.co.uk)

**We are hoping to hold our first Sunday service in Church on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am which will include the distribution of palm crosses for use during Holy Week.**

*Preparing to come*

- For some services it will be necessary to book a few days ahead so we can best fill the available space inside the building.
- Coming to Church remains an individual decision to be made carefully and prayerfully. Please refer to the specific guidance from the Government if you are in a vulnerable or extremely vulnerable group.
- If you have any symptoms associated with Coronavirus or are self-isolating, please do not attend church for public worship. (If you have booked a place, please let us know so we can offer your place to someone else).
- Please bring with you anything you may need (no shared resources will be available – kneelers, cushions, books, toys).

- Face coverings are required unless you have a valid exemption.
- Please bring a small pot of hand sanitiser with you if you intend to receive communion.

### Arriving

- Come to the South Door of the church.
- (If this is a service with booking) someone outside will check your booking
- If you are using the NHS track and trace app please scan the QR code which will be on an outside noticeboard by the door. If not, please bring a slip of paper with your name and phone number which will be kept for 3 weeks for tracking and tracing purposes.
- Please sanitise your hands on entry and follow the one-way systems in place.
- Put any offering you may wish to give on the plate by the entrance.
- Due to current restrictions *'you must not socialise with people from outside of your household or support bubble while you are indoors.'* This will only change when the 'Rule of Six' applies inside currently provisionally 17<sup>th</sup> May. Also, after March 29<sup>th</sup> it will be possible to socialise outside within the confines of the 'Rule of Six' if it is in place by then.
- Help will be at hand to guide you to your pre-allocated booked seats.
- Please stay in your seat and prepare to worship quietly only socialising within households or household bubbles and maintaining appropriate social distance (2m) from other worshippers.

### Worshipping

- Please speak quietly when giving responses.
- Congregational singing is not allowed currently – so any music included will be played or recorded. A soloist may sing also suitably socially distanced from the congregation and in keeping with guidance for indoor singing.
- Hands must be sanitised immediately before receiving communion.

### Leaving

- Please take the order of service you have handled home with you for disposal.
- Please leave the church quietly as directed by one of the wardens at the end of the service via the South Door.
- Please sanitise your hands on exit.

Sources of the guidance – if you wish to read for yourself are: -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-from-2-december>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

If you wish to discuss aspects of this – please get in touch with Alison in the first instance. She should be able to explain our reasoning – but has no control over what the guidance from the Government / Church of England requires of us. For all our safety in these challenging times, we need to work within the confines of this guidance.