

## COVID ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Following the Government's decision lifting most restrictions in England, we have been reviewing our risk assessments against the latest guidance. Whilst encouraging us to remain cautious in protecting each other and especially the most vulnerable, we thought it would be helpful to let you know the arrangements we will put in place for Sunday services. The process of change will be gradual over the weeks ahead of us; whilst taking personal responsibility for our actions, we also must take care of each other. This approach should ensure everyone feels safe and no-one is excluded:

**Face coverings:** It is no longer a legal requirement to wear face coverings in church. Out of consideration for the health and feelings of others, we will encourage people to wear a face covering on entry and when moving around the building.

**Seating:** We will maintain social distancing. We will reserve areas of seating for those who wish to maintain face coverings in place throughout (North side pews and around the font), and for those who once seated and the service begins can remove their face coverings (South side pews and the holy space).

**Singing:** Congregational singing of hymns will be reinstated initially. We will move forward to singing the communion setting and re-introducing our choir in the weeks ahead. Both doors will be kept wide open to improve ventilation.

**Hand sanitising:** We will continue to provide hand sanitising stations for people to use on entry and exit.

**Holy Communion:** In the weeks ahead, we will move to experimenting with simultaneous administration of communion in both kinds near the communion table. More will be explained at the time.

**Track and Trace:** We will continue to provide a QR code for the track and trace app, or to record attendance on paper, but this is no longer obligatory.

**Feeling unwell:** Please avoid attending services if you are feeling unwell or when experiencing any of the possible symptoms of Covid.

**Refreshments:** As an option, refreshments may be served with caution.

Decisions on risk assessments remain a joint responsibility of the working groups, PCC and clergy. Thank you for helping us keep each other safe.

Rev Alison Way - July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021