

COVID ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Following the Government's decision to implement 'Plan B' in England in the face of the challenge of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, we are applying the latest guidance to our worship and activities in Church. Here are the new arrangements for Sunday services and special seasonal occasions. The situation is very fluid currently. Whilst taking personal responsibility for our actions, we also must take care of each other, and take a safety first approach.

Face coverings: It is again a legal requirement to wear face coverings in church from December 10th 2021. When reading, singing in the choir or leading worship, a face covering can be removed.

Seating: We will maintain social distancing between households when practical to do so (i.e. when numbers attending allow).

Singing: When we can social distance effectively, the congregation will be able to remove face coverings for singing only. Doors will be kept ajar to improve ventilation.

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

Holy Communion: We will continue our practice of receiving the bread (dipped in the wine if desired) standing at the front. Please take your communion back to your seat before consumption. Please consider sanitising your hands before receiving communion if you have been handling your face covering.

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: Face coverings can be removed when eating or drinking..

Thank you for helping us to keep each other safe.

Rev Alison Way – December 10th 2021

St Peter and St Paul's Church, Wincanton

Based on <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-12/COVID%2019%20Guidance%20v2.3.pdf> and <http://www.rscm.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/FAQs-re-Singing-9th-Dec-2021.pdf>