**COVID ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Following the Government’s decision lifting plan B measures 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 and other services. We will continue a safety first approach, 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, when moving around the building and when receiving communion.

**Seating:** We will maintain 1 meter social distancing when practical to do so. We will reserve areas of seating for those who wish to maintain face coverings in place throughout (North side pews), and for those who once seated can remove their face coverings (South side pews, round the font and the holy space).

**Singing:** Congregational singing and choral singing will be a regular part of our worship. The south door will be kept slightly ajar during services to improve ventilation.

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

**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.

**Lateral Flow tests:** It is wise and considerate to other worshippers, to carry out a lateral flow test before attending.

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

Thank you for helping us keep each other safe.

Rev Alison Way – January 26th 2021.