

Staying safe through COVID

To care for those who remain very concerned and feel vulnerable or are unvaccinated for any reason, we have a section of church designated for those who wish to wear a mask in our main services, this will be the block to the right hand side as you come in. Please only sit here if you are wearing a mask, you can also sit anywhere else if wearing a mask.

Teams serving during services in close proximity to others will be asked to wear their masks, this will include welcomers, those serving refreshments, duty wardens, and the officiant during communion. We also ask you to remember to be mindful of those wishing to remain at a distance.

A big thing we would like to encourage you to do in care of others, is if you have been out and about in busy places during the week, **please consider taking a Lateral Flow test before coming to Church**, we won't check you have, but this is the best way to check that you are not unwittingly carrying the virus.

If you are unsure of coming to church yet we are continuing to stream our services online. Details of how to join us online can be found on our [Online Services page](#).

Following each service there is the opportunity for fellowship with coffee, just bring your own mug, as we want to avoid extra handling of used mugs and look after our small refreshment team. We will have a small supply of compostable cups available in church if you forget to bring your own, but as we are now unable to pop them in the green bin, if you are able compost at home, please take your used cup home with you.

We are carrying out a weekly deep clean of the building, and following each service and activity all touch points are cleaned, to maintain our covid safety. You can see how we are managing this by viewing our current [Risk Assessment](#), which is reviewed and updated regularly.

A few other things to bring to your attention:-

Are you symptomatic? Showing symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell)? You should not attend Church due to the risk that you pose to others; you should self-isolate at home immediately with other members of your household

Children, Young People and Families There are currently no groups for children or young people during our Sunday morning services. However, people of all ages are welcome to join us on a Sunday morning and we have Happy Bags available for children aged 11 and under. These contain a variety of books and activities for children and can be found on the hooks outside the accessible toilet. Our **Afternoon Praise service** which is held every other Sunday afternoon, is open to all but is particularly suitable for families with primary and preschool aged children and includes lively worship, games and activities, interactive teaching and plenty of fun. Our young people have regular meetings on Friday and Sunday evenings as well as other social events taking place at other times. Please see our **Youth page** for more details.

Giving We now have contactless giving capability in Church, if you give regularly the best way to do this is via BACS, we also have an **online giving** page set up for one off donations, just be aware when using this giving method that a small portion of your gift is taken in fees for using the site. If you want to give with cash or cheque, these can be placed in the plate at the back of Church during services, or in the secure posting box in the Church foyer, or posted through the door of the Old Vicarage in a sealed envelope at any time during the week.

For information on government guidance for vulnerable groups please visit the **government information pages** as this advice is updated regularly