

Rules for Coming Back to Church – St Andrew's Church Services

Volunteer to welcome people outside church door. Another volunteer will greet inside the building to advise on hand sanitising, social distancing and seating

Your name will be taken as you come into church, and you will be asked whether or not you wish to receive Holy Communion (see below)

Service sheets will be laid out on pews, seating marked by a green coloured 'tick'. Please sit in one of those spaces. You may only move closer to someone else, on the same pew, if you live in the same household.

During the service, please do not move from your seat unless you are reading / saying prayers / or need to use the loo (see below)

Masks must be worn at all times unless you are reading / saying prayers or leading the service

No one should go into the 100 Room except once person to ring the bell or to use the loo (see below), or for washing up after Communion.

The loo may only be used in an emergency.

There will be no singing in church. All music played will be from Clarissa's Ipad, through her amplifier.

Before the service, Clarissa, not anyone else will set up for Holy Communion. After the service, someone else will clear the altar, remove what is necessary to the vestry and wash the vessels in the 100 room.

Clarissa may remove her mask during the first part of the service but will wear it during the celebration and distribution of Holy Communion. She will also wear gloves for the celebration and distribution of Holy Communion.

Holy Communion will be distributed in one kind (the host) only. Please note that it is not canonically allowed for people to bring their own recepticals and receive in that way from the chalice. Neither is dipping the host into the chalice allowed. Nor are we allowed to receive from the chalice at the moment. Clarissa will bring the ciborium down and distribute Communion in this way. In order that she knows who wishes to receive, you are asked to hold your hands out to clearly indicate that you would like to receive. No words will be spoken at this stage, they will be said beforehand. Please keep your mask on while you receive the host, and then lower it to consume.

At the end of the service, you are asked to leave from the back of the church first, as indicated. If you wish to stay and pray, please remain quietly until after everyone has gone. If you are sitting by the aisle the person sitting by the window may not squeeze past you. There will be no refreshments after the service. Please go out of the church and if you wish to talk to anyone outside, please ensure that you observe social distancing.