

COVID-19 Policy applicable from 1st August 2021

The Government has removed most legal restrictions that apply to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, we still have a Duty of Care towards everyone who uses our premises, particularly as some may not be vaccinated (either through choice, opportunity, or for medical reasons) and some may be clinically vulnerable. We therefore very strongly recommend that the following advice is followed:

1. If you feel unwell or have any of the many possible Covid symptoms, please do not attend any function. If such symptoms arise after attending, please let the Church or your Group organiser know as soon as possible.
2. Track and Trace lists should still be compiled by all groups and kept for 21 days before secure disposal. Alternatively, QR code posters are available which can be used by those with the NHS App.
3. Face masks should be worn in the building unless exempt. Masks may be removed while consuming food and drink provided people are suitably socially distanced.
4. Hand sanitisers should be used when entering and leaving the building.
5. Social distancing remains a priority throughout the building at 1m or more. This also applies when arriving and leaving the premises and visitors should remain in the same seat throughout their visit.
6. Maximum ventilation of the building, when and where possible, should be obtained.
7. Cleanliness remains important and surfaces likely to have been touched by users, should be cleaned after use. This includes chair arms, door handles, tables, etc.
8. Before entering the toilets please sanitise hands and clean the surfaces after use in consideration of the next user.
9. To avoid groups inadvertently meeting, only one group is permitted on the premises at a time.
10. Speakers using the lectern or pulpit in the Church may remove face masks while addressing attendees but should replace them afterwards. Speakers should also maintain the maximum sensible distance from any listeners.
11. If microphones are required in the Church, only one person should prepare the two personal clip-on radio microphones and the hand-held microphone for use on the stand. Microphones and the lectern/stands should not be shared.
12. Only one person should prepare and operate the CD player. The piano/organ should only be played by one person per session.
13. Singing is allowed but only whilst wearing a face mask.
14. Please do not move any chairs in the Church without authorisation.
15. All printed handouts are to be taken away by users and any spares collected by gloved hands and safely disposed of.
16. All attendee's personal belongings should be kept with them at all times.
17. When chairs or/and tables are put out in the Hall, disposable gloves should be worn. This also applies to crockery as well as foodstuffs and drinks.
18. All users are urged to consider the sensitivities of others, particularly when moving around inside and when entering or leaving the premises.
19. The maximum numbers that may use the various parts of the building are as follows:
 - a. Main body of Church (including Gallery) - 120 (seating plan attached)
 - b. Hall - 60
 - c. Church Vestibule - 20
 - d. Zone - 15
 - e. Choir Vestry - not in use at present.