

Dear Friends,

I am writing to let you know that Christ Church will be opening for worship on Sunday 19th July at 9.30am.

All are welcome to attend but if you do have any Covid symptoms, including mild symptoms, we ask that you please stay away from church to protect others within the community. Our services will continue to be live-streamed onto the Facebook page for those who cannot physically come to church at the moment.

Our services in July will be Services of the Word, and although music will be played singing is not permitted at the present time. Church will look very different, as many pews have had to be cordoned off to ensure that worshippers are socially distanced.

There will be stewards at the door who will guide you to a seat, this may not be where you usually sit, but please bear with us as we need to keep everyone as safe as possible.

The steward will ask you to confirm your name and phone number – this is for track and trace purposes and this information will be stored in our safe and destroyed after 21 days.

You will be required to use the hand sanitiser provided when you enter the building, and when you leave. In line with government guidelines we strongly recommend you wear a face covering in church, however we will not be able to supply these.

The cushions on the pews have had to be removed for hygiene reasons, so please remember to bring a cushion with you as you may find the seating uncomfortable.

Exit from the church after worship will be via the main door and you will be ushered from your seat by the steward.

The toilet will remain locked, however in an emergency it can be opened, and will require the person visiting it to wipe down all surfaces with the disinfectant wipes available, after use.

Unfortunately we are unable to offer refreshments and a time of fellowship after our worship.

Due to our usual worshipping numbers we will need to use a booking system to attend services. Please text 07752 098998 to book your seat(s)

The text will need to contain your name, the number of places you wish to book for, and the date of the service you wish to attend.

The requests for places will be accepted until 12 noon on the day before the service.

When your booking has been accepted you will receive a text message confirming this.

When all the places available are booked (22 under current social distancing guidelines) any further applications will receive a text letting you know that your request has been unsuccessful.

Should you wish to book for the following week, please text back immediately and we will ensure you get a priority booking.

Only those who have booked a place can be admitted to church for worship.

From 2nd August worship will be Holy Communion. **Again booking as detailed above will be required.** We will only be having one service each Sunday during August, which will be Communion at 9.30am. Our service provision for September will be confirmed during August, as we continue to monitor the government guidelines and the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Regards,

Jan & Emma