

## Attending Worship at Holy Trinity, Leverstock Green, during COVID19 What To Expect!

Welcome back! We look forward to worshipping in our church again. Clearly this will not be for everyone, as some are more vulnerable and keeping up their isolation. Please don't feel any pressure - you know what's right for you. We are working hard to help one another stay safe, so if you expect to attend, please take note of the following guidance. Thank you.

### *Before you arrive:*

- We can accommodate 22 people at a service if we maintain 2m distancing. If you are able to wear a mask to church we can reduce the distance to just over 1m, and could then accommodate 35 people. We have had just over 30 people indicate they wish to attend on 12th July so masks would be much appreciated. It would also be helpful if some of those who can attend on Wednesdays do so, to ease the pressure on Sundays.
- We ask you to consider your own risk of attending an indoor gathering. While we will be taking a number of steps to keep you safe, we cannot make this risk-free. You might want to look at the NHS information and be guided by their advice:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>
- We ask you NOT to attend the service if you have:
  - A new cough
  - A temperature
  - Lost your sense of smell or taste
- You are welcome to bring your own hand sanitiser, though gel will be provided at sanitising stations.
- Please do not share lifts except with those in your household or 'bubble'.
- Pew cushions have been removed, so you may wish to bring your own cushion if you need one for your own comfort.

### *When you arrive:*

- The doors will open 20 minutes before the service. Before that you will need to wait in the churchyard, 2 metres apart.
- Access is only via the main porch doors. The sidespeople will let you in individually or in households. You will be asked to sanitise your hands on arrival, and follow the one way system. Go straight to a designated pew, filling from the front of church. Only the pews with cushions removed will be in use. Please sit apart from others, and leave a 'one person' gap at the end of the pew so that you are not too close to people moving in the aisles.
- A collection will not be taken during the service, so your offering by cash or card can be made as you enter or on the way out.
- The porch doors will remain open to allow some ventilation so you may notice it is a little cooler than usual.
- The sidespeople will take some contact details which will be kept for 3 weeks and given to Track and Trace if someone later tests positive for coronavirus. They won't be used for any other reason and if not needed they will be securely disposed of after 3 weeks.

### *During the Service*

- You will be given an Order of Service which will then be your personal copy. Please take it home with you after the service and bring it back week by week.
- The service will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel but those watching at home will only be able to see those in the chancel i.e. the priest, the reader and the person leading the prayers. For those worshipping at home, some elements of the service may be adapted to ensure it does not run too long, eg there will be only 2 of the 3 readings.

- Due to the risk of airborne droplets, there will be no singing, though there will be organ music and some recorded hymns may be played.
- We ask that when you say the responses you speak quietly and prayerfully – again to reduce risk of droplet spread.
- When we share the peace, we cannot move from our places – we will simply gesture a sign of peace to one another. Please do not raise your voices.
- During the distribution of communion, only bread will be shared. The priest will wear a mask and visor and sanitise her hands before distribution.
  - Starting with those at the back, leave the pew by the side aisle, keeping your distance, and proceed to the crossing at the back.
  - Sanitiser will be offered, or you may want to use your own.
  - Go up the central aisle, keeping your distance, and receive Communion standing in front of the priest. Return to your seat via the side aisle.
- If you do not wish to receive communion for any reason, that is absolutely fine. You are welcome to come forward for a blessing or to remain in your pew.
- There will be no Junior Church and no children's corner. Children are, of course, most welcome but they must remain in the pew with their families and not wander around as younger children will not understand how to keep their distance. Please bring some toys or colouring from home, if your children need them.
- Only one toilet is in use, and this is accessible by going out of the porch and in the Trinity Room door. If there is a queue, please keep a 2m distance.

*At the end of the service*

- After the priest has processed out, the sidespeople will ask you to leave a row at a time, starting at the back, so please be patient until you are asked to leave.
- Please take your order of service and bulletin home with you.
- Do not stop to chat while leaving the building, and sanitise your hands on the way out.
- Once in the churchyard you are welcome to talk in small groups of not more than 6, but please do not block other people's exit from church, and remember to stay 2m apart from people from other households.
- If you test positive for coronavirus up to three weeks after the service, please let us know.

Thank you.

The Rector and Church Wardens.  
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