

ASCENSION CHURCH BATH

REOPENING FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

Key notes on how we plan to do this during the Covid-19 pandemic:

as you arrive

- Please try and arrive early as getting people through the door and into the church will take some time - even 15 minutes early!
- A steward will welcome you as you arrive
- Please keep 2m distance as you approach the church and enter the porch (between bubbles if that applies). If it proves necessary in practice, 2m markings will be placed outside
- For track and trace purposes, please give your name and contact number on the sheet in the porch (under 13s - parents can do this for you) on the sheet provided
- Wall mounted sanitizers are there to use on the way in and out. They will be in the porch, by the office, and outside the toilet

during the service

- Face coverings must be worn by all attending by anyone aged 11 or over (unless you know you have special medical reasons meaning you don't have to)
- Those leading the service, reading, doing prayers etc. may remove their face coverings while they speak
- 2m social distancing must be observed in the building including when sat down (households/bubbles can sit together)
- We are putting out 35 chairs, and you are free to move these into family or bubble groups, provided a 2m distance is then maintained between individuals and such groups. A few extra chairs will be stored near the coffee station in case groupings are such that mean we can accommodate more than 35
- We will keep the building well ventilated (how this will work in winter we are not sure!)
- Singing is not permitted, and you are asked not raise your voice unduly
- Microphones will be used, but allocated to individuals, or sanitized between each user
- Please keep out of roped off areas
- Cash offerings will be possible in the usual bowl, although giving on line is safer for us

those at higher risk

- We have to say that those 'at extra risk and the clinically extra vulnerable' (including over 70s) need to be advised that there is a higher risk attending a mixed congregation, although you can come to any service provided you understand the decision to come is yours alone
- Until advised otherwise, the Wednesday service is solely for those shielding or over 70. This is so those who come can be assured they are mixing only with others who are less exposed to risk.

coffee, toilets, bins, and cleaning after the service

- For now, we will not be sharing coffee after the service, even on a bring your own basis. We hope this will change as and when we manage to open the café safely under Covid-19 guidance.
- The toilets in the church will be open, but please keep the 2m distance from others if waiting (as per floor markings). There are clear instructions in the toilet on how to clean the surfaces after each use, sanitizer and antibacterial soap etc. Please use paper towels and dispose of in the bin provided.
- A bin will also be provided near the porch for disposal of any tissues, anti-bacterial wipes used while at the church.
- We will be asking a few people to stay at the end of each service to wipe all surfaces likely to have been touched with anti-bacterial wipes (we'll show you what's needed!)

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