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Before attending church:

- **Those who are clinically more vulnerable or over 70 are advised to stay at home. While wholeheartedly endorsing the official advice, we acknowledge that this is a personal choice.**
- We must ask that **NO** car sharing arrangements be used to attend church, except with those from the same household/bubble.
- People with any coronavirus symptoms must not attend church.
- We can accommodate a MAXIMUM of 30 people attending church in a service. We will use an online booking system for the reservation of places in advance of the service. This data will be used to aid 'Track & Trace' if we have any member of the congregation report Covid symptoms. The records will be kept for 21 days and then destroyed/deleted.
- For those who choose not to attend the services at church either because of preference or for health reasons, we will continue to provide online services and resources.

On arrival at church:

- People in the same household/bubble should remain together at all times.
- 2 metre distance markings will be placed outside the church to aid social distancing.
- **The use of face coverings is mandatory (these will not be provided). Admittance will be refused for those without a face covering.**
- There will be a one-way system for people to follow – one way in (Main hall entrance), a one-way flow inside the building and one way out (via the foyer corridor at the side of the church). People flow **MUST** be maintained to aid social distancing.
- Everyone will need to sanitise their hands as they enter and exit from the building with provided sanitiser.
- Stewards will carry out the required checks before entry is allowed into the church. They will direct you to appropriate seating.
- Only the entrance vestibule toilet or the single-occupancy disabled toilet (accessed via the corridor next to the church office) will be available and should only be used if essential.
- External doors and windows will be opened to maximise the flow of air through the hall. As the seasons progress, we will review this measure.
- The balcony seating will remain closed for the foreseeable time due to Covid restrictions (requirement for one-way system in church).

The Service

- Prayers will be led by the minister only.
- Singing and praying out loud is not possible within the current guidelines.
- Communion will not be available.
- At the conclusion of the service, stewards will indicate for each row to leave in turn with sufficient timing for social distance.
- Offerings are encouraged via standing order.
- No refreshments will be available before, during or after the service.
- Away from the premises, you will be free to talk to your church family whilst maintaining social distancing.

For more information about coronavirus symptoms and NHS guidance, go to:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>