

We look forward to welcoming you to All Saints, Weston Green for public worship whether that be via the livestream broadcast or in person.

As we are sure you are aware, should you be unwell or display any symptoms of coronavirus you should not attend in person and should join via the livestream link on the website from home.

If you are planning on attending in person, please let us know in advance via the email address on the website for this purpose. This will help us manage the number of people attending and arrange seating appropriately.

Whilst it is now permissible for us to gather for public worship, there are a number of measures that must be followed to keep everyone as safe as possible.

The following is to advise you of what to expect if you choose to join us for public worship. As advice and guidance changes, the way we are operating will be reviewed and amended as appropriate.

Within the church building social distancing of two metres must be kept.

The wearing of face coverings is mandatory for attending places of worship from 8th August 2020. Please see government information for a list of people who are exempt from this restriction. The priest leading the service will remove their face covering whilst conducting the service and it is permissible for those assisting with readings and intercessions to do so too. Please note that a visor is now not considered a face covering.

It can be helpful to remember that these are steps back to where we would like to be and not the final destination!

On arrival:

- Doors will be open from 8.40am
- Please maintain social distancing in the car park – social interaction must be limited which we appreciate is difficult after months of not seeing each other.
- Be prepared to queue to enter the church building – remember an umbrella if it's a typical summer's day!
- Please follow the guidance of those stewarding – you will be asked to sanitise your hands and you will be guided to a seat.
- Households and support bubbles may sit together but everyone else will need to sit two metres apart. Those stewarding will manage seating to accommodate all those who wish to attend in the most effective way.
- If children attend with their family, they must stay with their household and not wander away. At this time we are unable to offer any toys and a separate area for children.
- Service books will be used. After the service these will be quarantined until the following Sunday.
- Doors and windows will be kept open for ventilation – please allow for this on chillier days.
- We will be recording the names and contact details of attendees and keeping them for 21 days to assist in track and trace.

The service:

- There will be no singing. Music will be played before the service, during communion and at the end.

- The priest presiding at the eucharist will lead the service from the altar to allow for members of the congregation to participate in the service from home via the livestream
- The camera for the livestream service will not show the congregation.
- There will be no servers.
- For now, there will be one reading and the Gospel.
- The first reading and intercessions may be undertaken by members of the congregation. One from the lectern the other from the pulpit.
- The sermon will be shorter than normal and given from the altar.
- The peace will need to be shared from where we are seated and without physical contact outside of households and support bubbles.
- The elements for communion will be prepared at the altar without a procession and will remain covered until communion.
- The priest will sanitise their hands before distributing communion and may choose to also wear gloves.
- The priest will wear a face covering for the distribution of communion and may choose to also wear a visor.
- Communion will be distributed at the chancel step. Please follow the guidance of those stewarding if you wish to receive communion. For those who do not or who do not wish to or who are joining from home – you may wish to make a spiritual communion.
- Hand sanitiser is provided for members of the congregation to use before removing and replacing face coverings. Please follow government advice on how to do this safely.
- When receiving communion – please extend your arms fully and receive communion the host into your cupped hands. The priest will not use any words at communion.
- If physical contact is made between the priest and communicant, it is important that both sanitise their hands. Please be patient if this happens and delays communion.
- Communion will be in one kind only.

After the service

- Please remain seated until those stewarding invite you to leave.
- We will use the one-way system currently in place and exit through the door by the vestry, where there is hand sanitiser available for use on leaving.
- Please place your used service book in the box near the exit.
- Please maintain social distancing once outside the church and keep the exit area and path clear to allow people to leave behind you.
- After the service, areas that have been used and surfaces that have been touched will be cleaned and seating rearranged before the church is reopened for private prayer.