

Sunday Worship Moving forward together (October review)

From 19th July the government made all restrictions that have been in place during the pandemic optional and a matter of personal choice. We know that many of the restrictions we undertake are not for our own benefit but for the benefit of others. Taking advice and being aware of the current local context, Churchwardens and I have thought hard about the best way to move forward together, prioritising those things that make the greatest difference to our worship.

- We strongly advise that people continue to wear a face mask during the service. Those preferring not to will be asked to sit to the front of church, so that they do not project over others.
- Hand sanitizer will continue to be used at the beginning and end of services.
- The track & trace app will still be available but we no longer require everyone to sign in.
- It will be left to individuals to decide if they wish to maintain social distancing but everyone is asked to respect others' need for space.
- The congregation may stand to sing hymns but we ask that people continue to wear masks while doing so.
- We will request that people remain in their seats during the peace but make sure there is enough time for people to greet everyone.
- At Communion we will retain reception in one kind only until there is clear guidance on how we can return safely to the common cup.
- Refreshments may be served after services.

These decisions will be reviewed in November.

Weddings and funerals, the recommendations will stay the same as above, but we will offer flexibility with regard capacity, whilst ensuring that vergers, clergy and organists are able to maintain social distancing.

Baptisms will take place outside of main services for the immediate future to manage capacity. The baptism family will be encouraged to come to a family worship service where they will be welcomed into the church family.