**Guidance for worshipping at St Andrew’s from 12th July onwards**

**General guidance**

**If you are feeling unwell or showing any of the symptoms of Covid-19 please do not attend church.**

**If you are self-isolating due to a possible or confirmed case of Covid-19 or have been asked to do so by NHS Track and Trace, please do not come to church.**

**If you are aged 70 or over, or in another group which is classed as either clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable you are advised to make sure you are aware of the up to date Government guidance for these groups.**

**If you become ill after attending church, please inform the Reverend Camilla White as soon as possible (**[**camillawhite@waitrose.com**](mailto:camillawhite@waitrose.com) **or 01483 892645)**

**Please observe social distancing both inside and outside the church building.**

The church has been thoroughly cleaned and a risk assessment carried out. Please ask if you would like to see the risk assessment – a copy is available in church.

We shall be following the recommendation to keep a record for 21 days of who has attended church.

**What we are asking you to do at St Andrew’s on Sundays**

* Use only the south door on Sundays.
* When you come into church use the hand sanitiser provided at the entrance for at least 20 seconds.
* Fill up the pews from the front sitting only with a member of your own household in the spaces indicated or as directed by the person on duty.

At the end of the service leave from the back of church first and move away from the door.

* Remain seated as much as possible.
* Hand sanitiser will be available in many of the pews but it would be helpful if you could bring your own.
* We are advised not to use communal books, so you will find a service booklet on the pew if you come to church on 12th July. Please take it home with you and put your name on it, bringing it with you to church thereafter. On subsequent Sundays there will be different arrangements for people who have not yet got a booklet.
* Take the weekly noticesheet home. It will be on the pew when you arrive.
* If you are able to make a donation to the work of the church by bank transfer rather than through the weekly collection plate that would be helpful. If you do still wish to make a cash donation, please place it in the receptacle provided at the entrance.

Holy Communion

* In celebrating Holy Communion Camilla will observe the guidance for priests issued by the national church.
* Only the bread will be distributed to the congregation. Please remain seated in your pew to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive Communion or prefer to continue to make a Spiritual Communion, please keep your head bowed.
* The words of distribution will be spoken to the whole congregation from the altar and no words will be spoken during the administration of Communion.

**What we are not able to do.**

* Sing either inside or outside church
* Share the Peace by physical contact
* Serve coffee after the service

**What you might like to do**

* Bring a cushion - we have currently removed the runners from the pews
* Bring a jumper – we are planning to keep the doors open to improve ventilation
* Bring your own hand sanitiser
* Bring your own coffee. We can sit and chat outside after the service providing we follow the social distancing guidelines i.e. in groups of up to 6 people from different household observing social distancing within those groups.

**Guidance for flower arrangers**

We would be delighted to have flowers once again in church.

At present in order to avoid the need for additional cleaning we would ask you:

to come into church **only on a Wednesday afternoon** either to arrange or to refresh the flowers and not at any other time

or to bring a small ready prepared arrangement with you when you come on Sunday morning.

We realise that these notes are lengthy and detailed but hope that you will understand that we are endeavouring to keep us all as safe as we reasonably can. If you find some of the points a bit irksome, please bear with us! We will be reviewing them regularly. Thank you.

Camilla White Penny Overton

Priest in Charge Colin Parrott

Churchwardens

St Andrew’s Church Grafham

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