

Guidance for worshipping at St Andrew's Grafham

Updated December 2020 - **changes highlighted**

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 Test 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 or 01483 892645)

A risk assessment has been carried out and is reviewed as necessary. Please ask if you would like to see the risk assessment – a copy is available in church. The church is thoroughly cleaned regularly and in accordance with Government guidelines. Service booklets are quarantined after use.

Our QR code for the purposes of NHS Test and Trace is available in the porch. Additionally we are following the recommendation to keep a record for 21 days of who has attended church. Our Covid privacy statement is available on our website standrewsgrafham.org.uk

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

- Observe social distancing and all other regulations in force both inside and outside the church building.
- **Wear a face-covering in church. Face shields / visors are not considered satisfactory unless you have a medical exemption from wearing a face-covering.**
- 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 except when indicated otherwise.
- Hand sanitiser will be available in many of the pews but it would be helpful if you could bring your own.

- If you wish to keep a service booklet for your personal use, please take one home with you. Remember to bring it with you on future occasions.
- 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.
- If you wish to receive Holy Communion you are encouraged to sanitise your hands before and after removing your face-covering to receive the bread, and again before and after putting your face-covering on again.
- 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 inside 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. It is acceptable to wear a hat, scarf and gloves if you wish. You might also like to bring a rug, warm drink or even a hot water bottle.
- Bring your own hand sanitiser

Guidance for flower arrangers

We would be delighted to have flowers once again in church.
If you are coming to church on Sunday please bring a small ready prepared arrangement with you otherwise leave it in the porch in advance

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
Priest in Charge

Penny Overton
Colin Parrott

Churchwardens

St Andrew's Church, Grafham
4th December 2020