

Advice for those attending Public Worship at All Saints', Cotgrave.

Before you come to Church

Please consider whether you are confident about coming to Church. We have done our best to assess the risks and to minimise them, but you may want to consider the added risk to yourself in a public gathering and the risk that you may pose to others.

If you, or anyone with whom you have been in contact in the past two weeks, show any symptoms of Covid-19 you must stay at home and follow NHS guidelines.

On arrival at the church, and within, we are maintaining 2 metre social distancing as far as possible and wish for all to observe this.

There is a limit to the number of people who can safely attend Church. Please be understanding if we cannot accommodate everybody.

Social distancing also means that you may not have a good view. We're sure you'll understand why this is.

The government has made the wearing of a face covering mandatory in a range of indoor venues, including places of worship, unless you have a legitimate reason not to do so. Face coverings need not be worn by worshippers when they consume the consecrated bread.

Arrival in Church

We will be entering the church through the usual door, the 'south door' on the Plumtree Road side of the church. The handrail will have been sanitised and cones will mark 2 meter spacing along the path.

Part of the door will remain open at all times. Please do not close it behind you.

When you arrive we may ask for your details for contact tracing purposes and keep them for 21 days.

You will be asked to sanitise your hands and we will direct you to a seat. An order of service will have been placed on the seat beforehand. Large print versions are available on request.

We are directing people to be seated in the following order, which might mean that you will not be sitting in your 'usual' part of the church:

North isle

North Central Nave

South Central Nave

South isle

Music, on the organ & recorded, may be played before the service and at other points. Please do not sing along.

Please remain seated throughout the service.

The Ministry of the Word

The readings for the day will have been recorded at home and played over our speakers, as will the sermon.

The Peace

Please respond verbally to the words of the peace, but do not share the peace with anyone.

Receiving Communion

Communion will be in one kind only and the wafers will have been kept in a sealed ciborium until the point when Communion is administered.

Although the symbolism of receiving communion in both kinds is good, and normal practice, the Church has always taught that you receive the fullness of the sacrament if you receive in one kind. For many Christians this has always been normal practice.

Please stay in your places to receive communion.

The priest will again sanitise his/her hands, and bring communion to you in your place from a ciborium that has been sealed for 72 hours.

Face coverings need not be worn by worshippers when they consume the consecrated bread.

If you wish to receive the host please cup your open hands as the priest approaches your chair. It will be dropped into your hands to avoid contact.

If you wish to receive a blessing instead keep your hands by your sides or in your lap.

If you don't want either, please cross your arms over your chest when the priest approaches you to indicate this.

The Dismissal

At the end of the service please remain in your places, until invited to move. We will depart in a reverse order to that in which we were seated:

South isle

South Central Nave

North Central Nave

North isle

Please take away any printed material.

A plate will be placed by the door for a collection on departure.

We understand that you may want to talk to your friends after the service. If you wish to do this, please move away from the paths so that other people can pass safely. Please observe all other government advice including keeping at least 2m distant from others.