

Arrangements For Opening Church During COVID19

The Rural Dean and Select Vestry have made the decision to re-open the Church of the Holy Name for worship on Sunday 6th September. It will be wonderful to praise God together again, but please note and follow these rules if you intend to come to church:

The service will begin as normal at 10:30am, and last forty minutes. Please use hand sanitiser when you enter the building. You must, if possible, wear a face mask. If you wish to wear gloves, please wear a fresh pair that have not been worn elsewhere.

For the purposes of contact tracing if someone falls ill, your name and telephone number will be recorded each time you come to worship. There will be a one-way system: You will enter through the foyer of the halls, and exit through the external door of the church

The rows of seats have been spaced out further, and a distance of two metres will be maintained between members of different households. You will be instructed where to sit by the Churchwardens, filling up from the front of the church

Instead of a printed order of service, the text of the service will be displayed on the projector screen.

There will be no congregational singing, but there may be a small choir who will sing one or two hymns.

Children will remain with their parents throughout the service.

If there is Holy Communion, you will remain in your seat, rather than moving forward to the communion rails.

To limit the amount of movement within the church, there will be no FWO collection during the service. Any FWO envelopes or loose money should be deposited before or after the service in the marked box at the back of the church.

Except in the case of serious emergencies, the toilets will be unavailable as otherwise they would need to be cleaned thoroughly between each person using them.

At the end of the service, you should remain at your seat until the Churchwardens instructs you to leave.

Despite our understandable desire to have a chat with those whom we haven't seen for a few months, groups of people will not be permitted to form inside the church building and will be strongly discouraged on church grounds.