

## **All Saints Hackbridge and Beddington Corner**

### **What to expect at a Covid 19 service of Holy Communion**

The Church of England have produced two documents Covid-19 Advice on the administration of Holy Communion and Covid-19 Advice on conducting public worship. These are available on the Church of England website

#### What information will I receive before the service?

Before the first public service and when the seasons change, Rev Lynn will send out by e-mail or by post a service booklet.

Each week Rev Lynn will send reading sheet, notice sheet by e-mail or post which will need to be brought to every service. Any booklets or other sheets left in church will be disposed of.

Face coverings – from the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020 it is mandatory to wear face coverings in places of worship, unless there are reasons why face coverings are not advised. The Church of England is also working on further guidance.

#### Will I have to book?

Yes. We have rearranged the church for 2m social distancing. Anyone wishing to come to a service on Wednesday, Sunday or another midweek Eucharist service will need to book through the church office either by e-mail or phone. Given the limited space, we cannot allow anyone to block book services.

You will be allocated a pew. We have 10 pews available for one person per pew or one household per pew. (Our longest pews will accommodate a maximum of three to four people from the same household)

In accordance with NHS Test and Trace, we have been asked to collect the following information for people attending services; Name, Telephone No and consent to this information being used for NHS Test and Trace. This is voluntary, but a consent form with privacy notice will be available near the entrance of church.

#### What if I have Covid 19 symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has?

Please do not come into the church or grounds if you have Covid 19 symptoms, have been in contact with someone who has Covid 19 Symptoms within last 14 days or you have been told to isolate.

#### What happens when I arrive at church?

If you arrive early, you may be asked to wait outside and there will be 2m social distance markers in the grounds.

Please use the sanitiser and follow the one way system to your allocated pew. The one-way system is up the side aisles and down the central aisle, both sides. Please also take a laminated card 'I Sat Here' from the table near the entrance.

### I normally give by envelope or cash, can I still do this?

We are encouraging as many as possible to give via their bank, by either standing order or via the CAF donate button on our website (see the Donating to All Saints page on our website). For those who prefer to give by envelope or cash, a collection plate will be placed on the table by the font. It will be brought up during the peace and left on the table in front of the chancel to be blessed by the president of the service. The person bringing the plate up will wear disposable gloves. The plate will remain on the table until after the service.

### Where do I stand if I am reading or leading the intercessions

Readers & Intercessors will be allocated pews on the North side (lectern side). Please leave the pew by the side aisle and use the lollipop mike set up by the lectern. (The lectern will be for the sermon only) and return to your pew by the central aisle.

### Can we sing?

No one in church will be able to sing. Those participating on Zoom will be able to sing at home.

### Can we share the Peace?

No, we won't be able to share the Peace. Everyone will stay in their pews but we can share the peace by nodding or waving.

### How will I know the communion wafers are Covid-safe?

The ciborium (the lidded vessel for the wafers) will be pre-loaded in a hygienic manner with small wafers before the service and the lid will remain on throughout the service until the distribution. This will protect the wafers from droplets while the presiding priest is speaking at the altar.

The presiding priest will sanitise their hands before distributing the bread. Those receiving are also asked to sanitise their hands before receiving and we advise each person brings a small bottle of sanitiser with them.

During the administration of communion – no words of distribution will be used – there will be a general 'The Body of Christ' said prior to distribution.

A table will have been placed in front of the chancel steps to ensure social distancing.

The presiding priest only will consume the priest's wafer which has been elevated and the wine.

#### How will I receive the bread?

Please leave your pew socially distancing up the side aisle and you will be invited to stand one at a time in front of the chancel steps to receive the bread. For anyone wishing to be blessed, the priest presiding will simply make the sign of the cross in front of them – no touching.

All who regularly receive communion are welcome to receive. Please stand in front of the table at chancel steps with your hands cupped. The bread will be dropped into your hands. Please do not consume the bread until you have returned back to your pew. If the priest and communicant's hands touch, both will need to sanitise.

#### I or my children normally receive a blessing, can I still come up for a blessing?

The presiding priest will say a general blessing for those who don't normally receive the bread. The presiding priest will make the sign of the cross in front of you or your child, if you come up to the chancel.

#### What happens at the end of the service?

The dismissal will be done from the front. At the end of the service please place the 'I Sat Here' card(s) in the place(s) on the pew where you have been sitting including any children who sit in the pew. This helps with identifying sanitising and cleaning points and also advises others not to sit where you have been sitting for at least 24 hours.

Please leave your pew at the end of the service in a socially distanced way down the central aisle and leave the church.

We are not allowed to serve refreshments so please do not congregate at the back of church. After each service all potential touch points will need to be sanitised.

#### Will the toilet be open?

Yes, we ask that you sanitise your hands before entering the toilet – there will be a bottle of sanitiser on the bookcase near the toilet.

We have installed a SafeSeat sanitising unit in the toilet so that you can sanitise the toilet seat before and after you use it.

I would like to stay with Zoom, how will I hear the service and can I still be on the reader and intercessor rota?

Yes, those on Zoom will be able to hear the sound from the lectern and the mike near the lectern, through the laptop microphones we are using for Zoom. A speaker plugged into the laptop will allow those in church hear anyone reading or leading the intercessions on Zoom.

What if I get Covid 19 or have been told to self-isolate within 14 days of attending a service at All Saints?

Please let Rev Lynn and the church office know so that we can inform London Borough of Sutton for Test and Trace.

What will happen if someone with Covid 19 has entered All Saints church?

If we become aware that someone with Covid 19 has entered All Saints, we will close the church for 72 hours. If this includes a Wednesday or Sunday the service will be Zoomed from Rev Lynn's house.

Pastoral implications

There is no pressure on anyone to return to church and Zoom will be continuing as will the pre-recorded service accessible from the All Saints website.

I hope that for those who do choose to come into church, the experience will be a positive one.

With every blessing

Rev Lynn Billin

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