

Protocol for Public Worship

The PCC of St John & St Luke Clay Hill is pleased to announce that, following the lifting of government restrictions, public worship will once again be held in our church buildings, from Sunday 26th July.

The PCC has undertaken a Risk Assessment, adopted a Public Worship Implementation Plan, and produced this protocol, which outlines in brief how worship will be conducted. All of these documents have been put together based on the guidelines set out by the government and the Church of England.



All who attend public worship must be alert and vigilant and remain responsible for their own safety and the safety of others. You must not come to church if you have any of the symptoms of COVID-19.

Our church buildings have been laid out in such a way as to ensure social distancing of 2 metres at all times; please play your part in ensuring this so as to help others remain and feel safe.

Our buildings have a reduced capacity of up to 11 households (St John's) and approx. 32 households (St Luke's); please arrive early as we unfortunately cannot admit people once we have reached capacity.

Children are welcome; however, they must stay with their family throughout the service.

Please enter St John's by the south west porch, and St Luke's by the north west (double) door. Those at St Luke's with restricted mobility may enter via the north door by the Lady Chapel.

Hands must be cleansed with sanitiser on arriving and leaving church, which will be made available.

Face coverings are not required in church, but can be worn if people choose to do so.

We have been requested to record worshippers' names, with their permission, for the government's track and trace programme should the need arise. These names will be kept securely for 21 days.

Stewards will welcome worshippers and direct them to a seat; places in St Luke's will be marked with a tick.

Orders of Service will not be handed out, but can be downloaded on our website and brought to a service.

At the present time, singing is not permitted under the government's regulations.

Holy Communion (in the form of the bread only) will be distributed to those who wish to receive it – there is no obligation to do so. The priest will bring the sacrament to people in their seats.

Stringent cleanliness and safety procedures (including the wearing of a mask) will be followed by the priest to ensure that Communion is prepared and administered in as safe a manner as possible.

There will be a toilet available at both church buildings; services will be shorter than usual.

There will be a box into which you can drop a donation by the doors on your way out; however, we would love you to donate online (or even join our stewardship scheme and give regularly).

At the end of the service, please wait to be directed to leave by a steward. Refreshments won't be served.



For more information, please visit clayhillparish.org.uk and visit our Worship in Church page.

We very much look forward to welcoming you back to St John's and St Luke's.