



Returning to Church - What to Expect

We are very much looking forward to being able to meet together in church on Sundays; although we know it will look and feel different, there is something really significant and encouraging about coming together as God's family to worship.

We have worked hard to ensure we're following the advice of both the Government and the Church of England, and hope the following information will help you understand what to expect.

- Please arrive early enough to give everyone in your household group time to wash their hands and get settled - the church doors will be open 30 minutes before the service begins.
- Please enter through the gate at the top of Vicarage Road and follow the path down towards the main church doors.
- You may need to queue outside the building; please maintain social distancing.
- When you enter the building, a Steward will direct you to the toilets to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Please follow the one-way system around the church, listening to the directions of the Stewards.
- After exiting the toilets, you can pick up Service/Word sheets - please take these home with you at the end of the service.
- You will be directed to a seat by the Stewards - please do not make your own way to a seat but wait to be directed.
- Face coverings are mandatory (unless you are exempt); these are intended to protect other people, rather than the wearer, from COVID-19, and are not a replacement for social distancing and regular hand washing.
- Please bring your own Bible and pen (if you wish to take notes) - you might also want to bring a water bottle.
- Congregational singing is not currently permitted, but you may hum along to the songs if you like.
- The service will be roughly 45 minutes long and will resemble as closely as possible the morning service we are used to.
- Toilets will be available - please use the one-way system to access them/get back to your seat and ensure you wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Refreshments will not be provided.
- Sunday Club will be running at the 9.30 service only (see separate document for information on how this will work).
- At the end of the service, please leave through the tower door as directed by the Stewards, continuing to use the one-way system.
- Please continue to follow current guidance on social distancing as you leave the building and keep the exit clear.

It is essential that you **do not attend church if you or anyone in your household have symptoms of COVID-19 (i.e. a new continuous cough, temperature, loss or change to your normal sense of taste or smell) - you should isolate at home and follow government advice.**