

CHRIST CHURCH

— Southgate —

How to Come to Church for Said Eucharist from 5th July 2020.

Amended 23rd July.

We are following and implementing all the Church of England and Government guidelines to make the building as Covid safe as possible, but you must make your own judgement about whether it is safe for you to visit.

If you have been asked to read or lead intercessions – print off and bring your own copies of the words as they will not be available in church. Use the stand microphone at the front without touching it. Do not use the Eagle lectern.

If you will need a cushion or want to use devotional materials – please bring your own and take them away with you. Please remember to bring a face covering and personal sanitizer.

Children are very welcome to bring their own activities and colouring sheets, including pens and crayons. Children's corner will be closed, so they will sit in a household space with a parent or guardian and must be supervised at all times.

Queue outside whilst maintaining 2m distance along the front of church – the church site will be closed to traffic and parking.

Enter via main door at the back of the church. You will be asked for your name and contact details to assist with Track and Trace. This information will be held securely for 21 days and then destroyed.

Disabled access will be dealt with by the Churchwardens on a case by case basis.

The use of face coverings while in the building is strongly advised. A 2m distance can be maintained throughout.

Sanitize your hands upon entry, as instructed. Use the back of one hand to depress the nozzle to deliver a small amount of hand sanitizer into your other palm. Do not pick up the dispenser.

Only touch the surfaces in the church that you need to touch.

No books or sheets will be distributed on entry.

Using side aisles only, moving forward to fill up the available spaces from the front. Each space is strictly for a single household or support bubble, following the guidance of those on duty.

Each available space will be marked by a sign on the pew. If a pew sheet or service booklet is required, it will be in the space.

There are a limited number of spaces to ensure adequate distancing when seated in the pews. When these spaces are full, the Wardens and those on duty will add suitably distanced chairs at the back. Once we are full more people will not be allowed in.

There will be no collection during the service. Please use either the contactless card reader to make a donation on the way in, or there will be a retiring collection on the way out.

During the consecration the host wafers will remain closed in the ciborium until the point of distribution. The bread and wine in the open, and spoken over, will all be consumed by the celebrant. All the elements and vessels used will be prepared and touched by the celebrant only (after additional sanitizing).

Communion will be distributed as bread only. Stay in your place and the celebrant (wearing a face covering) will come down the side aisles to each pew. No words will be spoken at the point of administration. Please sanitise your hands before and after removing your face covering to receive the bread, and before and after putting it on again. Hold your hands outstretched to receive so that the priest's hands do not touch yours. If they do, both you and the priest will need to sanitize again.

At the end of the service wait in your place until directed to leave by those on duty. Take any pew and other sheets, and your own materials with you, follow the one-way system to the front of the church to leave by the small north door (by the Lady Chapel). Given the space available the celebrant will not greet you at the door. Please sanitize your hands on the way out and please maintain social distancing when outside.

The Lady chapel is strictly out of bounds as it will be used as a quarantine area for vestments.

The toilet is closed, except for emergencies agreed by a Churchwarden and it will need to be cleaned by the cleaning team after each use.

Children's corner and Remembrance chapel are closed.

The choir vestry and sacristy are out of bounds and are strictly for the use of the celebrant only.