

Information regarding attending a Service in the Church Hall

Please note: There is not pressure to attend or not to attend. Each individual must prayerfully assess the risk and make their decisions accordingly. These instructions are to help those returning understand what will need to happen in order for this to be a safe, supportive environment. It is vital we all follow these instructions if we are returning. If you wish to ask questions, please do not hesitate to contact Paul on 01253 734562.

Before you attend

- It is important that you do not attend church if you or anyone in your household is displaying any of the following Covid-19 symptoms:
 - A high temperature – hot to touch on your chest or neck
 - A new, continuous cough
 - Loss or change in your normal sense of taste or smell.
- The Government guidance is clear that those who are extremely vulnerable (shielding) are not advised to attend places of worship. We support that guidance.
- For those in the vulnerable category (70 or over, or with certain underlying health conditions) the Government guidance is to ‘stay at home as much as possible and, if they do go out, to take particular care to minimise contact with others outside of their household.’ We ask people in this category (and all people) to prayerfully assess the risks of returning to public worship.

Preparing to Attend

- Please plan your journey. Give yourself time.
- Please go to the toilet before you come, and wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Face coverings are not mandatory. But if you would like to wear one, you are free to do so.

Arriving at St Paul's

- The service will begin at 11am sharp. It will last for 40-45 minutes.
- The hall will be open from 10.45am. We ask that people do not all arrive at 10.45am or 10.59am! From 10.59am we will have a time of quiet as we prepare our hearts.
- There will be a one way system around the hall. Please enter through the side doors of the hall, off the car park. There will be a welcomer outside to give you a warm welcome and explain anything you wish to know. They may be wearing a face covering.
- If there are people entering ahead of you, please queue using the cones spaced at 2m intervals. Only households are able to queue together without social distancing.
- When there is space, please enter the hall and apply hand sanitiser to your hands.
- Please remain 2m from people (other than those in your own household) at all times.
- Please stay behind the cones, while you determine a row, or chairs which are free.
- Enter a row of chairs, and move as far to the other end as possible, to allow others to join the row if needed.

- If your household is more than one person, you may move chairs together, however please make sure the end chair nearest an individual from a different household remains on its marker, 2m away.
- Please fill up from the front of the hall.
- You may be guided to a row to help balance the numbers of people in church.
- Once you have taken your seats, we ask that you remain seated, except for Holy Communion, or in an emergency.

During the Service

- Toilets in the hall (Gents and Ladies) will be for emergency use only.
- Children are the responsibility of their parent/ guardian and must maintain social distance. Children's packs will be available to help engage our younger members.
- All words will be projected on the screen. For those who need them, large print copies of the order will be available to pick up.
- There will be no singing during the service, but there will be music to listen to. Said responses must not be in a raised voice.

Leaving Church

- We will leave one row at a time, from the back following the one –way system. We move to the right hand end of the row and head towards the main hall doors into the vestibule.
- On leaving, your name will be recorded on a register. We are required to hold these details for 21 days to support the Track and Trace system. These will be kept securely in line with GDPR. If we do not have your contact details through our Parish List, you will be asked to fill out a post-it note with your details.
- Please apply hand sanitiser on leaving.
- There will be a retiring collection for those who wish to give to the ministry of St Pauls.
- Unfortunately people will not be allowed to congregate or stay after the service to chat.
- No refreshments will be served at this point.

Other information

- At no other time would we ever want to say to anyone *'I'm sorry you can't join us this morning'*! It goes against everything we want to be at St Paul's. However at this time we ask for your patience and understanding. If we reach our risk assessed limit, we will not permit anyone else to be able to enter. If you find yourself unable to enter please accept our sincerest apology. But please be assured the only reason is the safety of yourself and others.
- For those who because of government guidance, personal assessment of the risks, or other reasons feel they are unable to attend, we fully understand and support you in that. We pray that through the online services, you will still be able to meet Jesus in his word, and know his Spirit working in your life. We look forward to the day we can all meet again.

Thank you!

Paul Bye (Vicar) on behalf of the St Paul's PCC.

Hall One Way System for Services

