

## Returning to Services at St Paul's Ansdell and Fairhaven

From Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, a service of public worship will take place at 10.30am. This return to public worship in a limited way has been thoroughly risk assessed and every effort to make it 'Covid-secure' has been taken. 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.

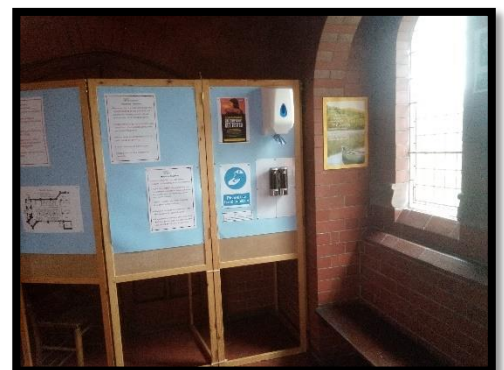
### Arriving at St Paul's

- The service will begin at 10.30am sharp. It will last for 40-45 minutes.
- The church building will be open from 10.15am. We ask that people do not all arrive at 10.15am or 10.29am! From 10.29am we will have a time of quiet as we prepare our hearts.
- The service will be filmed for live-streaming. If you do not wish to be filmed please make a welcomer aware.
  - There will be a one way system around the building. Please enter through the North door (with ramped access) near the hall. 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.



2m queueing at entrance

Hand sanitiser station



- When there is space, please enter the vestibule and apply hand sanitiser to your hands.
- Please do not congregate at the rear of the church building, but head down the main aisle following the arrows.

- Please remain 2m from people (other than those in your own household) at all times.
- To maintain social distancing, please only sit on the pews which are not cordoned off.
- Please fill up from the front of the church building.
- Please move down both aisles on the left hand side of the aisle.



*One way arrow signs show our movement around the church building, as well as acting as 2m markers. Pews with chairs in show areas we will not be using*



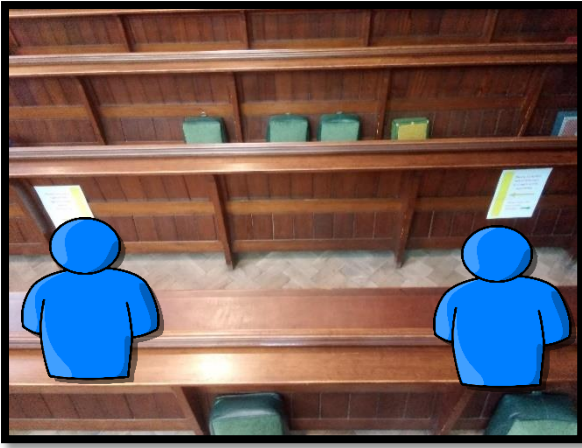
*Yellow markers show the areas of the pews which are 2m from the aisle to sit between*

- In the main central pews, please move across to the right of the pew, seeking not to touch the pew. This allows (where appropriate) another individual to join this pew. The main central pews can hold one household sat together, or two individuals from separate households seated 2m apart. The left hand pews (near the white wall) can hold one household, or one individual. The right hand pews (which will only be used in emergency) can hold one individual.



- Please sit within the yellow marker lines on the pews. These lines show a 2m distance from the centre of the aisles. The yellow markers on the main central pews are also 2m apart from each other. So two individuals sitting in line with the yellow markers would be 2m from each other and from the aisles.
- You may be guided to a pew 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.

*One household (of more than one person) can sit between the yellow markers*



Two individuals from different households can sit in line with the yellow markers to be 2m from each other.

### 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.

### Holy Communion

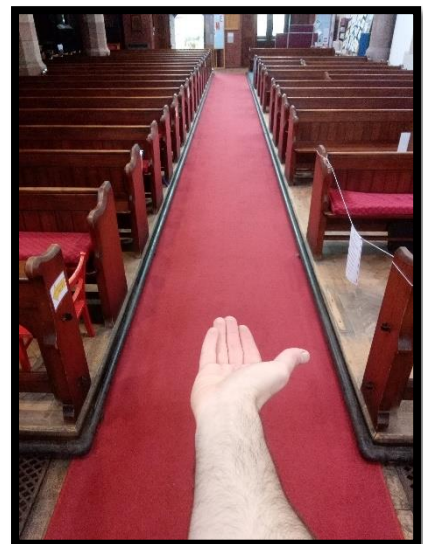
- No-one must feel they 'must' take communion. If you wish not to, please do not worry and simply remain in your seat. It will be served from the chancel step by Paul. He will be wearing gloves.
- A spot on the carpet will mark where the person receiving will walk up to and extend their hands to arm's length. Paul will place the wafer in your hands, also at arm's length.



*A white marker shows where to stand to receive communion*



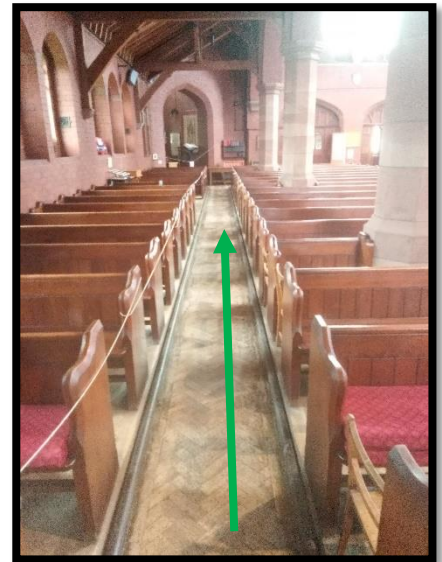
*Please extend your arm to full length to receive the wafer*



*The minister will extend his arm to full length to serve you*

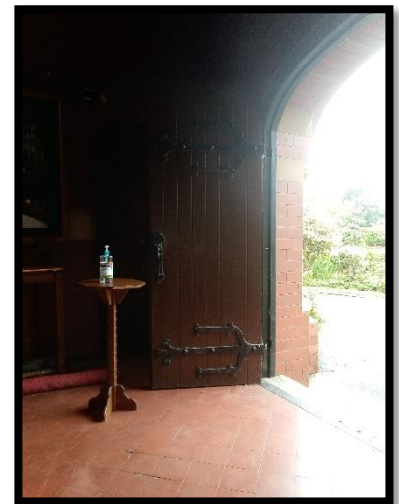
- Communion will only be received in one kind (wafer).
- There will be an order to people coming up following a one way system. It will begin from the back of the main central rows. Those on that row will come up the main aisle and queue at a 2m distance. Arrows on the pews mark this distance. Once a person has received communion, they will then pass down the side aisle, round the back of the pew and into their seat. When one pew has received communion, those on the next pew from the back will come up the main aisle and so on. Once all those in the main pews have received, we will begin at the back of the side pews, working forwards.
- If someone is unable to receive at the front, the bread will be brought by Paul wearing a face covering.

*One way system – up the main aisle and back down the side aisle*



## Leaving Church

- We will leave one pew at a time, following the one –way system. It will begin at the back of the main central pews and work forward. It will then carry on from the front of the left hand pews backwards.
- If anyone is unable to leave by the one way system because they need the ramp, please stay seated until people have left and you will be escorted out of the ramp exit.
- 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.



*Exit via the West Door. Sanitiser on exit*

- 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.*