

## St John the Evangelist, Bradshaw

# Risk Assessment Protocol

As we transition into relaxing of restrictions, we are conscious that there is still some way to go, and people's welfare and safety, both yours and ours, remain our priority.

With this in mind, certain measures will stay in place:

We will continue to ask you to use hand sanitiser as you come into church and to leave your details for test and trace.

We strongly encourage that you continue to wear a face covering while in church.

While social distancing and sitting in bubbles only is no longer mandatory, we ask you to give each other space, and not to congregate inside the church to talk.

There will be no change to how we currently conduct and celebrate Holy Communion.

We will be singing hymns again and offering refreshments in the Parish Centre following our Sunday Service.

## The conduct of Public Worship

### Service Time

Sunday 9.30am

### Arriving and Leaving

Churchwarden/Sidespeople will:

- Ask every person to use hand sanitizer on entry
- Encourage use of QR code venue scanning service, or take and record person's contact details for track and trace purposes (to be destroyed after 21 days)

Worshipper will:

- Take an Order of Service and hymn book and take a seat, respecting other people's need/wish for space
- Not congregate at the entrance or in the aisle to talk
- At the end of the service, leave church one pew at a time, starting from the back
- Place their Orders of Service and hymns books in the box/space provided
- Sanitize hands on way out
- Not congregate outside entrance

## The Liturgy

- There will be no procession
- There will only be one Priest taking the whole service
- There will be no server
- There will be one person only to read both lessons from the lectern
- There will be one person doing the prayers
- There will be no physical exchange of the Peace
- There will be no taking of Collection – worshippers may leave their collection on the plate at the back of church either on entering or exiting church

## Holy Communion

- The Priest alone will take the Sacrament in both kinds; everyone else receives the bread only
- At the Consecration, the congregational wafers will be contained in a closed/covered ciborium
- The Priest will have a large wafer on a paten for manual actions and the Fraction. This will be consumed by the Priest only
- The Priest will sanitize their hands before the Consecration Prayer and again before the distribution of the bread, or wear gloves
- One pew at a time only to receive the bread
- Everyone to receive one at a time, standing in front of the dais, hands extended
- Should a blessing be required instead, person to come forward as if to receive the sacrament, but keep their hands down by their side – blessing will be without physical contact

## After the Service

- Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre
- Hands to be sanitised on entry into the Centre
- Tea and coffee, including milk and sugar if required, will be served to you

## Face Coverings

The wearing of a face covering in Church is no longer mandatory but strongly encouraged.

## The Children's/Family Corner in church

The Children's/Family Corner has been removed and is unavailable for public access, including for worshippers to sit there, for the foreseeable future.

The space is fenced off and is to be reserved as an emergency area, should this be required, or should anyone become ill or unwell during a service.

The children's toy bags have also been removed. Quiet toys or books may be brought to church from home by the parents and taken back home after the service.

Children are welcome to attend church for any service, however they will need to sit with, and remain under the supervision of their parent(s)/responsible adult throughout and will not be able to wander about.

St John's PCC  
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