

St Matthew's COVID Newsletter

5th January 2021 Lock Down 3

Yesterday's Government guidance on Lock Down 3

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home> allows you to leave home "to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship". Although some churches are closing and moving to digital services we are confident that St. Matthews is sufficiently spacious to allow us to continue our services at the current level. So there will be a services on Sunday at 4pm, and on Friday, at 12 noon.

The Church will also continue to be open for Private prayer between 10 am and 11am, Tuesday to Friday.

If you are unsure about attending the church the Phone-in Services will continue on Sunday at 10:30, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8pm

All this information is liable to change at any time if additional guidance is available, but we will try to keep you informed.

Of course if you are clinically vulnerable to Coronavirus or in a household or bubble with a possible or confirmed Coronavirus infection you should not attend Church.

Guidelines for attending Church

- 2m social distancing to be maintained at all times
- Masks Must be worn at all times, except when receiving communion
- Use hand gel on arrival & departure, & before Communion
- Sit only on marked pews (couples/households can sit together)
- If children come they must sit with carers for the whole service
- No singing, no raised voices – silence in church is best
- No collection plate to be passed round (offertory bucket at the back) or a link to the On-line Giving App will be provided
- Approach one by one for Communion, standing (not using rails)
- Communion will be in one kind (wafer) only
- Chat after service outside (still keeping 2m apart)
- Very Limited Toilet facilities will be available
- Worship with joy in our hearts and pray for those who can't come

Remember Hands Face Space

Janet and Tim

Contacts

During the vacancy, if you urgently require the ministry of a priest, any of the people below will be able to put you in touch with an appropriate member of the clergy.

Parish Office (open weekday mornings)
Administrator Ann Harrison 0121 360 6964

Churchwardens

Janet 07957282433
Tim 07957415887

Children & Families Worker

Ros Hardy 07578 985 665

Phone-in Service Co-ordinator

Paul Phipps 07542 188 890

Christening & Wedding arrangements

Ann Gadd 0121 360 1558

Pastoral Concerns

Rosemary Williams 0121 355 4119

Daily Prayers for the Sick, the Departed, or any special need

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