



## Making Christ Visible

### Re-entering our buildings

During the continuing pandemic we are glad to welcome people back to public worship within our church buildings, while at the same time we respect and support all those who are advised or prefer to remain at home for the present. We are all joined spiritually in the one body of Christ and our worship continues on 'zoom' to include everyone as far as possible.

These notes, in accordance with the Government's and Church of England's guidance, are to help ensure that those gathering in church do so with confidence and with minimum possible risk.

- As you arrive in church, please sanitize your hands, and then you (and any members of your household) will be invited to sit in an unoccupied seating area.
- The Government directs that face coverings should be worn when attending places of worship unless your circumstances prevent you from doing this. We have disposable masks available at the back of church – please ask if you have forgotten one
- People involved in leading parts of the service will remove their mask when speaking but will replace it at other times particularly when preparing the communion elements.
- A collection plate is not passed around during the service. If you wish to make a cash offering please use the plate at the back of church, either before or after the service.
- We are directed not to sing at this present time, and responses and prayers should be spoken confidently but quietly. Music will still play a part in the service but will be used differently.
- The celebrant will handle directly only the 'priest's wafer' that is held aloft at the consecration and which they alone consume, with the wine.
- The Communion will be offered in one kind only (bread which will be covered until to the point of distribution). We will receive communion standing coming up one at a time, there is sanitiser for you to use before you receive. The words of distribution will be given once to all in the church rather than to each person as they come up.
- If you prefer not to receive communion that is of course fine and you shouldn't feel pressured to do so if you have reservations.