



**Attending Worship at
St Peter and St Paul's Flitwick
during COVID19 –
What To Expect!**

Before you arrive:

- We can only accommodate 28 people at a service, so please consider only attending one service each week; either the Wednesday 10 am service or the 9 am Sunday Celebration or the 10:30 am main Sunday service.
- We ask you to consider your own risk of attending an indoor gathering. While we will be taking a number of steps to keep you safe, we cannot make this risk-free. You might want to look at the NHS guidance on whether you are at higher risk of coronavirus and be guided by their advice:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>
- We ask you not to attend the service if you:
 - Have any symptoms of COVID 19
 - Are self isolating
 - Are shielding or a member of your household is shielding
- You may want to bring your own hand sanitiser
- You will need to wear a face covering as we comply with government guidelines. Please remember that face coverings protect others from your germs – they are not a replacement for good social distancing, hand hygiene, and self-isolating if you have symptoms.

When you arrive

- The doors will open 15 minutes before the service. Before that you will need to wait on the church path. 2 metre markings will be chalked on the path to help you stay a safe distance from others in the queue.
- At the door, we will take some contact details. These will be kept for 3 weeks after the service and given to Track and Trace if someone from the service later tests positive for coronavirus. They won't be used for any other reason and if they are not needed for this purpose, they will be securely disposed of after 3 weeks.
- The welcomer will let people into the building in households/bubbles. You will be asked to sanitise your hands on arrival, then go immediately to a seat in church. The next household/bubble can then be let in.
- Pews in church will be marked at 2m intervals. If you sit in a household group, please turn over the other seat sign on the pew. We ask you to go straight to a seat and remain there for the duration of the service.

- The South doors will be open to allow some ventilation so you may notice it is a little cooler than you expect.

During the Service

- An order of service and readings sheet will be on your seat; please take the readings sheet home with you for disposal after the service.
- The 10:30 am Sunday service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page, but those watching at home will only be able to see those on the chancel e.g. the priest, someone leading the prayers etc. To ensure we include those worshipping at home, some elements of service (e.g. a reading, the prayers or a sermon) may be given by someone at home. You will be able to hear this through the speakers.
- Due to risk of aerosol spread, there will be no singing during the service.
- We ask that when you are saying the responses that you speak quietly and prayerfully – again to reduce risk of droplet spread.
- When we share the peace, we cannot move from our places – we will simply make a sign of peace to those in other households.
- During distribution of communion, only bread will be distributed. The priest will wear a visor and face covering, and sanitise her hands before distribution. You might want to use your hand sanitizer (if you have brought some) before receiving communion. Communion will be given at the Chancel step – please keep a 2 m distance up the main aisle and return to your seat up the side aisles.
- If you do not want to receive communion for any reason, that is absolutely fine – just stay in your seat. Alternatively, you can come forward and receive God's blessing.

At the end of the service

- After the priest has processed out, the welcomer will ask people to leave a row at a time. Please wait for the welcomer to ask you to leave.
- Please do not stop to chat while leaving the building. Once out of the building you are welcome to talk in small groups of not more than 6 in the churchyard. Please do not block other people's exit from the building. Please remember to stay 2m apart from people from other households.
- If you test positive for coronavirus up to three weeks after the service, please let us know.