

CONDUCT OF SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS' COMPTON

(Similar procedures are expected to apply to other churches in the Benefice)

Public Services will be permitted from 4 July 2020. The Government has issued advice for the opening of places of worship and from this the Church of England has produced guidance for the its churches. Based on this advice All Saints' will open for an 11.00am Sunday Morning Service starting on Sunday 5 July 2020.

The following procedures have been adopted by Compton to ensure public safety based on the basic principles of physical distancing and hygiene and the Church of England advice. We ask you to read this carefully before you arrive at the church.

ARRIVAL

The North and South doors to Compton will be open and will remain open during the service.

Entrance will only be through the North Door.

Please do arrive in good time as there may be a delay in entering the church.

Please use this entrance and keep 2m away from anyone in front of you.

On entering you, or your family group, will be asked to hand sanitise (we will provide) and then shown to a pew. (Pews will be used from the front to back so you will not necessarily be in your "usual" pew.)

To ensure social distancing only every other pew will be used and we have removed the kneelers. Please remain in your pew for the duration of the service unless directed otherwise.

You will not be offered any hymn books, bibles or service sheets as the service will use the projector and screen in lieu of these. (This is to protect against cross contamination).

SERVICE

The service will not include Communion this week and will follow a similar outline to that used for on-line service over the past few weeks. The Rector will provide more details at the start of the service.

However, you need to be aware that while music will be played during the service there will be no choir and the congregation should not sing but should listen and read the words on the screen (This is to reduce the possibility of droplet contamination).

Families are very welcome but those with young children need to be aware that they should be under parental supervision at all times. Please bring toys and books with you to keep young children amused and please remember to take them home with you.

DEPARTURE

Please remain seated at the end of the service. A sidesman will tell you when it is your turn to leave and you should depart straight away through either the North or South Door.

Once outside the church please do not congregate near the door or on the path to the gate to allow others to leave with safe distancing.

TOILETS

The toilets will be open for anyone in desperate need. However, please follow these procedures.

Please use the hand sanitiser before entering the toilet, the door of which should be open when you arrive.

Once you have finished please wash your hands and dry them on the paper towels provided putting the wet towel in the bin.

To leave the toilet please use a fresh paper towel to open the door and then put the towel in the bin. Please leave the door open

Before re-entering the church please use the hand sanitiser again

THE VULNERABLE AND OVER 70s

Assessment of risk is an individual consideration but the Church of England advice is as follows:

Certain groups of people may be at increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19. Including people who are aged 70 or older, regardless of medical conditions. Individuals who fall into this group are advised to stay at home as much as possible and, if they do go out, to take particular care to minimise contact with others outside their household.

AND FINALLY

Anyone with coughs or sneezes or any of the signs of COVID-19 symptoms should not attend these services.

Anyone testing positive for COVID-19 up to 21 days after the service should inform the Rector by telephone or email immediately.

Please be aware the during the service we are advised to make a record of the people attending the service to assist the NHS Track and Trace System in case a COVID-19 case is detected in the congregation. This record will be kept for 21 days.

All above advice and procedures only apply to Communal Worship at Compton. Somewhat different procedures will apply for weddings, funerals, and other services.

Thank you for your co-operation.