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Dear friends,

I am delighted to inform you that our regular pattern of services will resume on Sunday 12 July at 8am, 9.30am, and 6.30pm. The 10am Wednesday Communion will resume on 15 July (no coffee morning). There will be several changes and adaptations to keep everyone safe. To prepare you for our services, below are the guidelines we will have in place and which must be strictly observed:

Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell) should not attend the place of worship due to the risk that they pose to others; they should self-isolate at home immediately with other members of their household.

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 within 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 of their household. For more information, please read the current stay alert and social distancing guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing>. Alternatively, you may request a hard copy from Fr. Reid.

The NHS has written to around 2.2 million people who are considered to be extremely clinically vulnerable to COVID-19, advising them to shield. Shielded patients are currently advised not to meet more than one person from outside of their own household, and therefore not currently advised to attend places of worship.

Doors will open for the 8am service at 7.45. After the 8am service the doors will be closed as pews are cleaned, then reopened at 9am for the 9.30am service. Doors will open at 6.15pm for Evening Prayer at 6.30pm. We will disinfect pews that have been used before and after each service.

We have a capacity number and, once that is reached, we will not be permitted to allow anyone else into the building. **We are requesting that you pre-register by contacting Linda on lizzielunn@blueyonder.co.uk or 01702 597596 by noon on Friday for the following Sunday** to prevent being turned away. She will record the name and contact number of each person attending to help with NHS Track and Trace. This information will only be used where necessary to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Social distancing measures will be in place in relation to seating to keep 2m apart as required by the government and Church of England guidelines. Upon arrival, people will be welcomed and asked to wait to be shown to specific seats by our stewards. Household groups can be seated together. If your group is larger than 2 people, we will try our best to seat you together, but may have to separate you. Once in these seats, people are asked to remain seated for the duration of the service unless instructed otherwise. **Please pre-register to help us safely fit the maximum number of people possible at each service.**

Hand sanitizer will be made available when entering and exiting the building.

Single-use service sheets will be provided for you to use. Please take these home and dispose of them in your home bin.

Singing is not permitted at this time although music will be played from the organ.

During communion, the common cup will remain suspended, as will the sharing of the peace. The bread may be shared according to the following:

Both celebrant and recipient must wash / sanitize their hands before and after, hand sanitizer gel will be available.

Arms must be kept at full extension during this time, to maximise distance.

There will be a strict flow in place to maintain social distancing measures during this process, please follow instructions from stewards.

The priest will wear a facemask during administration of communion. The bread will remain covered during the prayer of consecration.

When exiting the building people will be asked to follow guidance from stewards to ensure we exit in a socially distanced manner.

Refreshments after the service will not be available at this time.

The toilets will not be open. We are unable to provide an adequate cleaning regime for it currently, but we are working to implement one as soon as possible.

The service may also be recorded for our website as we know this has been a welcome addition to our regular weekly services and there are members of the congregation who will not feel able to leave their homes at this time.

Surfaces within the church are being regularly cleaned and sanitized each week by our cleaner and will be wiped down after each service.

It is not a requirement to wear face masks to attend the Sunday service, although if you would feel more comfortable with a facemask, you are welcome to do so.

Certain areas of the church will be closed to public access, these areas will be clearly marked.

We are grateful for your cooperation and look forward to seeing you again soon.

With every blessing,
Fr. Reid