

## **St. Christopher's Church, Pott Shrigley**

### **Briefing Information for Attending Services in Church during COVID-19 Precautions**

Please:

- Do not attend the service if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or are self-isolating because of contact with an infected person.
- Contact Duncan Matheson (Tel 01625 574983, Mobile 07854 884145, email [dmpott@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dmpott@yahoo.co.uk)) in advance to let him know that you plan to attend the service, so that we have an idea of how many people wish to attend.
- "Plan accordingly" so that use of the toilet in church is minimised (to help us manage how often we need to clean it).
- Note that you will need to bring your own face covering/mask to the service (both 8.30am and 10.45am). Face masks/coverings are not required for children under 11, people with disabilities, people with breathing difficulties and people accompanying anyone who relies on lip-reading for communication.  
Distancing will be 2m or more at the 8.30am service, and 1.5m or more at the 10.45am service.
- Bring your own refreshments with you if you wish, to consume in the churchyard after the service. No refreshments will be served in church.
- Bring your own activities or toys for children with you, if required. We are sorry that we are not able to run Junior Church or offer use of the crèche toys in church at the current time.
- Note that windows and some doors will be left open during the service to provide increased ventilation, so it may not be warm in church – dress accordingly.
- Wait outside (with 2m between household groups) until invited to enter the building – remember to bring appropriate weather protection. Entry will be via the South (Porch) door. You will be invited to start entering the building approximately 10 minutes before the start of the service.
- Put on your face mask/covering before entering the building. Some face masks should be available from the sidesperson if you forget, but please don't rely on them being available. Face masks/coverings are not required for children under 11, people with disabilities, people with breathing difficulties and people accompanying anyone who relies on lip-reading for communication.
- Be prepared to tell the sidesperson your name if they do not know it. (We are requested to keep a record of who attends each service to assist with any contact tracing that may be later required. This will be a list of names handwritten in a book by a sidesperson. The list

will be retained by the church for 21 days and then destroyed.

- Follow the request of the sidesperson (who will be outside by the door) as to where you should sit when you enter the building. In general, seats are to be filled starting furthest from the door and working back towards it.
- Use the hand sanitiser on entering.
- Make your way to the appropriate pew and sit in the place(s) where paper order of services or coloured cards have been left.
- Please minimise what you touch as you move to your pew and once you are in it.
- Remain in your pew during the service – sitting or standing as guided by the minister.
- Do not use a raised voice when speaking to anyone or speaking any responses.
- Use the toilet if necessary – use hand sanitiser before entering the toilet (near toilet door) and use the wipes provided to wipe over the main surfaces afterwards (see notice provided in the toilet). Wash your hands in the wash basin after using the toilet and wiping over the surfaces, and dry them using the hand dryer.
- At the end of the service, take away any Order of Service provided and dispose of it at home.
- At the end of the service, remain in your pew until requested by the minister or sidesperson (who will be at the front of church) to leave the building. In general, people will leave starting nearest the door and working away from it.
- Use the hand sanitiser just inside the door as you leave the building. Leave the building via the South (Porch) Door.
- Respect physical distancing if you stop in the churchyard to talk with other people. Please do not stop on the main path to the Lych Gate to do this as it will block the route for others.

Services will likely be of shorter duration than in normal times. Current guidance means that hymns will not be sung in the building.

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