



ST MARY MAGDALENE WITH ST PAUL IN THE BAIL AND ST MICHAEL ON THE MOUNT, LINCOLN

Returning to church – a helpful guide to welcoming you back to church

We hope that this information is helpful to you. We have completed a risk assessment and we are following guidance from the Church of England. To read this guidance, please use the following link: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

Important note: if you have, or suspect that you may have, any of the symptoms of COVID-19 you must not attend. Instead, you and your household should follow the latest government advice.

What to bring with you:

- Please bring as little with you as possible
- It is strongly advised that you wear a face covering while you are inside the church building.

When you arrive at church

- We will open the doors when we are able to do so – if you are required to wait outside, please remember to maintain social distancing between yourself and other people, as required
- When you come in, please cleanse your hands using the provided sanitiser dispensers
- We are required to take your name and telephone number for the purposes of Track and Trace. Please complete the provided form. We will keep this information for 21 days and then destroy it.
- Seating will be limited. The available seating has been arranged in accordance with the advice on social distancing. Please look for an available seat and take your seat.

During a service

- We will send out orders of service via email and also make them available for download from our website. We will also have a small supply at church. If at all possible, please print the order of service at home and bring it with you. Please take your order of service away with you after the service.
- We ask that people do not share the Peace through the use of physical contact
- During the distribution of Holy Communion, only bread will be distributed. The priest will wear a face covering and will sanitise their hands before distribution. The bread will be brought to you at your seat, and you will be invited to sanitise your hands just before receiving the bread.
- If you do not wish to receive Communion, that is fine – please indicate this to the priest(s) by holding your order of service in front of you or indicate this with your hand
- The church doors will remain open throughout the service to allow for ventilation of the building.

After a service

- Please take your order of service with you
- Please leave the building as directed, and sanitise your hands
- An offertory plate will be available by the door, should you wish to make an offering
- If you wish to greet other people, please do this outside while remembering not to block the door and by maintaining social distancing
- If you test positive for COVID-19 in the weeks after the service, please let us know as soon as you can.

For those who do not wish to attend services in church, or who are prevented from doing so, please be assured that we will also be seeking to provide worship online – all are welcome to share in this. Please see our website at www.stmarym.org.uk and also our social media (links are on the website).