

# GUIDELINES FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 10am

St. Michael's Church Pelsall is resuming public worship.

It will be a simple Said Holy Communion which will last for approximately 30-35 minutes. In order that you feel comfortable on your visit we ask you please to take note of the following guidance before you arrive:

- Entrance is through the normal foyer doors and exit is via the West door
- Hand sanitizer is available on entry which **must** be used before entering the church and on exit
- Chairs are placed according to social distancing regulations and seating will be allocated for you to ease flow of movement around the church building
- Toilets, coffee area, kitchen and parish office are restricted areas and are not in use
- Holy Communion will be in one kind and will be given into the hands with arms outstretched (if possible)
- Congregation will remain seated throughout the service including during the receiving of the Sacrament
- Collection plates will be available at the back of the church
- Congregational singing is not allowed and responses during the service must be in a normal speaking voice
- There is no exchange of the peace
- It is not possible to offer lifts to and from church for the time being

- At the end of the service please leave immediately and take the opportunity to socialize using the social distancing rules outside in the church grounds
- Order of services will be placed on your seat and on leaving you must place the books in a box which will be kept closed for at least the 72 hours as suggested.

This will be our first attempt to open for public worship so once again we are applying a cautious and measured approach. Our top priority is keeping you safe whilst being with us, so we're taking great care to put social distancing, hand sanitizer arrangements and cleaning measures in place. A risk assessment is in place.

Sunday 26th July 2020 may look and feel different due to the public health and Church of England guidelines. It will also mean that **seating will be limited** although we intend to cater for as many as legally and feasibly possible.

**Therefore it will be helpful and useful if you please make contact with Rev. Alison by 12 noon Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020 if you intend to come.**

This means that the churchwardens can prepare seating in line with social distancing according to the requested numbers. If you are coming as a couple and wish to sit together or as a family group do please indicate so that we can allocate those seats in line with the recommendations.

As a church community this will be something very new to our way of worship. So if there are any questions do please contact Rev. Alison during the week. There will be further detail available via Facebook, the website, ACNY and other communication.

Finally, may we ask you please to commit this to **prayer**. We are looking forward to seeing many of you back in the church but we ask you please to be patient and good-hearted in your response as we cautiously move forward together in our worship.

17.7.20 Rev. Alison M. Morris