



# Christ Church, Buntingford

Baldock Road, Buntingford, Herts. SG9 9AA

**PLEASE READ & RETAIN**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHURCH REOPENING**

To all regular members of the congregation,

A majority of the Members of the church, who expressed a preference, have agreed that we should re-open the church for worship as long as it can be done in a Covid-secure way and is permitted by UK Government restrictions. Currently we hope to be able to re-open the church for Sunday morning worship from 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020, though this date may change as government regulations change to account for the current situation.

Please read all these instructions and retain them for future reference:

### **What to Expect**

- Services are likely to be shorter than previously
- Services will be all age, as there will be no junior church
- There will be no singing as part of the service
- There will be no tea and coffee after the service

### **Before Leaving Home**

- Do not plan to attend church if:
  - You have been told to self-isolate
  - You have any of the recognised Covid-19 symptoms:
    - High temperature
    - New persistent cough
    - Loss of taste or smell
- Check that churches are allowed to worship by the government– use the church website or call if unsure
- Ensure you bring a mask, unless your health requires you not to wear one
- Bring a bottle of water with you if you will require a drink

**Please turn over**

### **Entering Church**

- Put on your mask, unless your health requires you not to wear one
- Ensure you maintain a 2-metre gap between you and people not in your household bubble.
- Enter through the main church door unless you need to use the easy access entrance on Meeting House Lane
- If entering through the hall give way to anyone in the vestry between the church and hall
- Use the hand sanitizer provided
- Ensure you register on entry to facilitate contact tracing if required

### **When in Church**

- Once registered move to your pew and maintain a 2-metre distance from anyone else who is moving around the church
- Try not to touch any surfaces, except for the pew you will sit in
- Only sit on pews whose cushions are the right way up (alternate pews are open to ensure social distancing is preserved)
  - If you are on your own please sit in the centre pew
  - If with a member of your family or household bubble sit in a pew on the left or right of the church
- In your pew will be a Bible and hymn book for prayers, these are safe to handle, and are not touched from week to week
- Keep your mask on unless your health requires you not to wear a mask
  - You can remove your mask to drink, take Communion or give the Bible reading
- Please remain seated and do not move to a different pew
- Please do not move around the church unless essential
  - If you do move ensure you maintain a 2-metre distance from anyone else who is moving around the church
- The toilet will be open but will require cleaning with anti-bacterial wipes after every use
  - If you need help with that please let one of the Elders know

### **When Leaving Church**

- Please leave the hymn book and Bible in your pew.
- In order to safeguard our cleaners please take any rubbish you made with you
- Please wait in your pew until asked to leave, those at the back of the church will be invited to leave first
- Please leave the church by the door you entered
- When leaving please maintain social distancing
- Please do not block the exits after leaving and move away from church in order to maintain social distancing

Please let me know if anything is unclear or you have any questions.

With very best wishes,

Peter Godbert (Secretary)