



INFORMATION FOR THOSE ATTENDING PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

What to expect

Before you arrive:

- Due to 2m social distancing, numbers attending will be limited so we will ask you to book ahead to avoid disappointment. You can book Monday to Friday via email admin@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk or by calling 07541 698235 and leaving your name, number of seats and contact number.
- When you book, we will take some contact details. These will be kept for 3 weeks after the service and given to Track and Trace if someone from the service later tests positive for coronavirus. They won't be used for any other reason and if they are not needed for this purpose, they will be securely disposed of after 3 weeks.
- Upon booking if you are on email a copy of the order of service will be emailed to you. You are encouraged to print off your own copy and bring this to the service.
- We ask you to consider your own risk of attending an indoor gathering. While we will be taking a number of steps to keep you safe, we cannot make this risk-free. You might want to look at the NHS guidance on whether you are at higher risk of coronavirus and be guided by their advice:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>

- We ask you NOT to attend the service if you have:
 - A new cough
 - A temperature
 - A recent loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- You may want to bring your own hand sanitiser, although hand sanitiser will be provided for everyone to use as they enter and exit the church building.
- The wearing of a mask/face covering is mandatory in places of worship unless you are exempt. Please remember that face coverings protect others from your germs – they are not very good at protecting you from other people's germs. They are not a replacement for good social distancing, hand hygiene, and self-isolating if you have symptoms.



When you arrive

- The doors will open 15 minutes before the service. Before that you will need to wait on the church path. 2 metre markings will be chalked on the path to help you stay a safe distance from others in the queue.
- A sidesperson will let people into the building in households/bubbles. You will be asked to sanitise your hands on arrival, then go immediately to a seat in church. The next household/bubble can then be let in.
- The seats in church will be arranged in twos at 2m intervals from each other. We ask you to go straight to a seat and remain there for the duration of the service.
- The North, West South and Vestry doors will be open to allow some ventilation so you may notice it is a little cooler than you expect

During the Service

- The service booklets will be on the seats. You are asked to leave it on the seat at the end of the service.
- We hope the service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page, but those watching at home will only be able to see anyone leading the service.
- Due to risk of aerosol spread, there will be no congregational singing during the service. We ask that when you are saying the responses that you speak quietly and prayerfully - again to reduce risk of droplet spread.

At the end of the service

- A sidesperson will ask people to leave a row at a time, starting with the front row. Please wait for the sidesperson to ask you to leave.
- Please do not stop to chat while leaving the building. Once out of the building you are welcome to talk in small groups of not more than 6 in the churchyard.
- Please do not block other people's exit from the building.
- Please remember to stay 2m apart from people from other households.
- If you test positive for coronavirus up to three weeks after the service, please let us know.