



# A SAFE WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS!



**St Michael's Church is open to the community again. By following these steps we will all be able to worship together and keep safe. If you are in the moderate - high risk category, over 70, or if you feel unwell, please do stay at home. Attendance at a service is entirely your choice.**



## **Entering church**

Everyone is invited to enter through the glass doors of the Threshold. Please wait outside, maintaining social distancing, as those in front of you register and enter the church. Please aim to arrive early as registering will take time.



## **Track and trace**

In accord with government guidelines, we will ask for your name and phone number. This is for 'track and trace' in case someone attending church should be found to test positive to Covid-19. We will keep the records for 21 days after which time they will be destroyed. We will not use the information for any other purpose.



## **Social distancing**

You will need to observe the 2 metre rule at all times, including when you share the peace, when you wait to receive Communion and when you enter and exit the church. We have implemented a range of measures to aid distancing including a one-way route through the Nave and distanced seating.



## **Protection and peace of mind**

We strongly recommend the wearing of face-coverings and ask you to bring a scarf, mask or other suitable item for covering your mouth and nose. We will keep the church ventilated and open doors where possible. It is not possible to eliminate every element of risk from Covid-19.



## **Singing, music & worship**

Although singing is not permitted, we will be allowed a single voice (cantor) to help with the liturgy. The organ/piano will also be played at certain times during the service. Spoken responses should not be projected but said quietly. Please print out the readings sheet at home if possible. An order of service will be placed on your seat, please leave it there after the service.



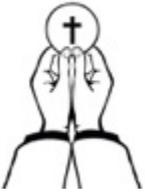
### Hygiene

We will only be keeping one toilet open in the Threshold. We will keep this toilet clean. Please wash your hands thoroughly before and after. When in church, please do not touch surfaces unnecessarily. Hand sanitizers will be situated at various points in the church.



### The Peace greeting

The 'kiss' of peace is not permitted but we can share the peace using sign language, a bow, or even a wave! Social distancing is required at all times but you can share the peace in the normal way with those in your bubble or household.



### Receiving Communion

It will be necessary to administer the sacrament in one kind (the host). A sidesperson/welcome will invite you to join the line to receive, always keeping two metres apart. The priest will wear a mask and gloves during the administration.



### Exiting the Church

Once the service is over, the congregation will be encouraged to leave the church building promptly through the north or south doors (which will be open), so that contact with others is minimised. Sadly, we cannot offer coffee or refreshments, but we will be able to meet up for 'Coffee after Church' Zoom meeting at 11.30am each Sunday.



### Live streaming

Each Sunday, we will 'live-stream' the 10am Sunday Eucharist - so you can still worship from home if you would prefer to. The service can be seen live or viewed another time on our website or on our Youtube channel – Summertown Parish Church:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFx4HGfklx1GCGp9Sc2oNAg>



### Children

Children are always welcome, but for reasons of hygiene, the children's area and toys are not available. Children should remain with their parents/carers at all times. Children's Church or creche will not take place but please feel free to bring craft materials and take them home again afterwards.

**We recommend you keep updated with COVID-19 guidelines which can be found here:**

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>