

Attending Worship at St Luke's during Covid-19 – What To Expect!

We are looking forward to being back together in the church building. We are doing everything we can to create a space where we can worship together whilst also keeping each person safe. That means that there will be some differences. If you could read below we'd be grateful, please get in touch if you have any questions.

Before you arrive:

- We can accommodate approximately 37 people at a service, because of this limited number we are asking you to book a place to ensure that no one needs to be turned away.
- If you are new to us then when you arrive 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.
- 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
 - Lost your sense of smell or taste
- We would encourage you to wear a mask/face covering. 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. **Please note that if you have a medical condition, use hearing aids or suffer from anything else that makes wearing a face covering difficult (including anxiety) you don't have to wear one, please let us know and we will sit you somewhere appropriate.**

When you arrive

- **The doors will open 15 minutes** before the service, please come early if you can. Before that you will need to wait on the church path, please maintain a 2m distance from others in the queue.
- The welcomer will let people into the building households/bubbles. You will be asked to wash or sanitise your hands on arrival, then you will be shown to a seat in church. The next household/bubble can then be let in.
- The seating in church will be arranged in ones and 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.
- Gentle music will be playing to help you pray as you wait for the service to begin.
- The doors will be open to allow some ventilation so you may notice it is a little cooler than you expect

- The toilets will be available if needed. There will be cleaning materials available, please clean the toilet and sink afterwards

During the Service

- The order of service will be available as a pdf document on the St Luke's website in advance of the service (<http://www.stlukemoulsham.co.uk/worship-at-home/>). If possible please could you use this on a phone or tablet during the service. If you prefer a paper order of service, ask the welcomer for one. This will then be your personal copy. Please take it home with you after the service and do not leave it in the church.
- The service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page, but those watching at home will only be able to see those on the chancel e.g. the priest, someone leading the prayers etc. Although we aren't intending to include any of the congregation in the live stream, there may be a possibility of catching you accidentally. If you do not want to be shown please sit behind the camera.
- Due to risk of aerosol spread, there will be no 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.
- When we share the peace, we cannot move from our places – we will simply wave or make a sign of peace to those in other households
- During distribution of communion, only bread will be distributed. The priest will wear a face visor and wash her hands before distribution. The bread will be brought to you at your seat. You might want to use your hand sanitizer (if you have brought some) before receiving communion.
- If you do not want to receive communion for any reason, that is absolutely fine – just let us know and the priest will pray a blessing instead.
- We are unable to pass the collection plate around but a collection will be taken at the end of the service. Please, if you possibly can, use a contactless bank card on our card reader rather than cash.

At the end of the service

- After the ministers have processed out, the welcomer will ask people to leave a row at a time. Please wait for the welcomer to ask you to leave.
- Please take any orders of service home with you.
- Please do not stop to chat while leaving the building. Unfortunately staying together to chat isn't encouraged but government guidance states that small groups of 6 may gather outside as long as they aren't in close proximity. Please do not block other people's exit from the building. Please remember to stay 2m apart.
- We are still unable to offer refreshments after the service but virtual coffee will now take place each week (in July and August) from **11.15am till 11.45am** on Zoom. Please note the different time
- If you test positive for coronavirus up to three weeks after the service, please let us know.

We understand that this is all quite challenging but it is so good to be back together again, worshipping God in this building that we love!