

## **St. Mary's Church Ticehurst**

### **Summary of our COVID-19 Risk Assessment Version 4 dated 2nd July 2020**

The hazards in St. Mary's Church which might allow COVID-19 to spread have been identified and the following steps taken to control the risk as far as is reasonably practicable.

A notice on the church door tells people not to enter if they have a temperature or other specified COVID-19 symptoms.

We have marked two metre sections on entry to the church to ensure a social distance is kept.

We have provided hand sanitiser which must be used by each person as they enter the church and as they leave. We also provide disposable face coverings for those who wish to use them.

We have signs reminding people that they must maintain social distancing. Areas such as the Children's corner the Visitor's corner and the facilities in St. Mary's Room are ALL closed.

The cushions have been removed from all the seats available to worshippers and all areas that have been touched have been cleaned with sanitiser.

The available seats in the church are clearly marked, are 2 metres apart and set out in this way to allow 38 worshippers to attend a service. This number may increase if people from the same household or from a support bubble attend.

The Church is keeping a record of every person who enters the building for 21 days only, this is to allow for traceability in the event of an outbreak of COVID-19.

During a service of worship people will be directed to seats so as to ensure safe distancing and at the end of the service will be asked to leave promptly in seat row order from the back.

After the service all surfaces will be sanitised.

During times when the church is open for private prayer there will be two stewards on duty to log names, offer disposable face covering and to sanitise all seats and surfaces that have been touched.

All these measures have been put in place for the safety and health of all who enter our church.

**Judith Whiteman and Marianne Barratt, Churchwardens.**