

St Mary's Church, Ticehurst

Coronavirus Precautions, v.5

Whilst the government has lifted specific legal requirements placed on organisations in respect of coronavirus we at St Mary's in Ticehurst still have a legal responsibility to manage all health and safety risks including those arising from coronavirus.

Please wear a face covering (unless exempt) whilst arriving at church until you are seated, and then again when leaving the church. This is to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus, to others and to yourself.

In light of the prevailing incidence of the virus we will continue to use hand sanitiser on entry and egress from the church and before taking communion. The giving of communion will continue to be offered in one kind only, the bread. We propose to keep the one-way system for the time being.

During the service the congregation is now familiar with offering a sign of peace without touching one another. We recommend this continue.

Singing and musical performances are now allowed in church including congregational singing, choirs and worship groups and all may perform. We will however continue to use a shortened service with less singing. **The Choir** will continue to be socially spaced and not process for the time being.

Bell ringing continues to go ahead with face coverings, use of hand sanitiser and at a distance of 1 m apart is recommended.

Refreshments will again be served after the 11am service in the main church where there is more space and some distancing is more easily maintained.

Opening Hours. The church will generally be open 8am to 4pm each day. There will be days when it has to be closed for occasional services of worship or repairs/works.

All these precautions are recommended for the safe being of all who enter the church. They will be reviewed no later than 28th February 2022.

The church will continue to be cleaned and sanitised before every service.

NHS Test and Trace

We continue to display the QR code to offer you the chance to check in. This is no longer a legal requirement but is a way of identifying if you have been exposed to coronavirus. Contact tracing, testing and self-isolation remains in place as key protection against the virus.