

# St Augustine's Church Flimwell

## COVID-19 Risk Assessment dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020

The hazards in St. Augustine'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, and displayed signs reminding people that they must maintain social distancing.

We have provided hand sanitiser which must be used by each worshipper on entering and leaving the church. We strongly recommend that face coverings should be worn, and advise that these are brought, gloves too if wanted (but sanitiser must still be applied).

In order to prevent possible contact with the virus the cushions and kneelers have been removed (worshippers can bring their own if wanted, removing them after the service). All areas that have been touched will have been cleaned with sanitiser.

When attending worship people will be directed to the available seats, clearly marked with Reserved notices, two metres apart, so as to ensure safe distancing. At the end of the service they will be asked to maintain this as they leave. A one-way system of entry and exit will be clearly signed.

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

There will be retiring collections only which will not be handled for at least 72 hours. Worshippers using a gift aid envelope should bring their own pen to sign and address it.

After the service all surfaces and any books used will be sanitised, and used service sheets taken away by those attending or disposed of safely.

At outdoor services, grave surrounds will be marked and attenders asked to walk around the grave to avoid tripping. Two metre social distancing will be required.

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

Mrs Jaye Hughes, Churchwarden