

Guidelines for Public Worship at St Philip's

Please use the alcohol hand gel provided as you enter and leave the Church and observe social distancing.

Following the issuing of new government guidelines on places of worship, we are delighted that that the public services have resumed at St Philip's. These service will also be available online.

Please read the following information carefully if you intend to attend services at St Philip's.

1. Mass will be celebrated in church at 10am on Sundays and Wednesdays at 11.00am, continuing to be streamed on Facebook and uploaded to St Philip's Facebook afterwards.
2. It will be possible to join in via Zoom: a link will be distributed via the parish WhatsApp Group.
3. We have undertaken a risk assessment regarding the return of public worship and, as a result, various precautions will be in place for the public worship.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Arriving at St Philip's

1. Entrance through the Main Door Only (Porch Door). On arrival at the church, you will be required to use the hand sanitiser. This may mean that there will be a queue to access the building – please observe distancing protocols if you need to queue.
2. You will be required to give your name and telephone number. We will keep these details for 21 days, to enable tracing to take place if another worshipper displays symptoms of Covid-19.
3. Worshippers will be required to sit in households or, with two metres between groups.
4. Orders of service will be placed on pews, rather than handed out at the entrance.
5. The wearing of facemasks is voluntary but strongly advised.
6. **If you are showing signs of Covid-19, you should not attend church.**

During the Mass

1. There will be no singing. Hymns are recorded – if you are wearing a mask, you may join in, otherwise please hum or remain silent.
2. The bread for the people will be covered while prayers are said over it.
3. The president will clean his hands at various points.
4. Communion (bread only) will be brought to people's seats. You will be asked to remain standing for communion or a blessing.
5. The doors will be left open for ventilation.
6. We encourage you to bring your children to the Mass, but please be aware that you will need to supervise them. ***Children cannot be expected to observe social distancing as well as adults, so please ensure you keep your children with you at all times.***
7. The toilet will be open, but you are asked to wipe the seat, flush handle and toilet door handle after use with the antiviral wipes provided.
8. There will not be a collection in the usual form, but there will be plates at the back of

- church where you may leave an offering.
9. If you become ill during the Mass, you will be asked to leave the Church immediately to go home and follow Public Health England advice relating to staying at home. The church will be thoroughly cleaned.
 10. Other people who may have been in contact with the person who has become unwell should wash their hands thoroughly after the interaction, but they do not need to take any other specific action unless they develop symptoms themselves or are advised to do so by NHS Test and Trace.

After the Mass

1. There will be no refreshments after services.
2. We will use the Choir Vestry for exiting the church.
3. The two metre rule applies to the church car park and grounds as well as the church itself, so please be careful when leaving the Mass.
4. Please do be aware that we will also continue Stream the Mass online for those who may be self-isolating or do not yet feel ready to come to church.
5. We hope that you will join us as soon as you feel confident to do so.

Fr Younis Francis