



7th July 2020

Communion services in Holy Trinity during the Corona epidemic

We are very pleased to be able to offer Communion services in Holy Trinity albeit with continuing restrictions (please see below – apologies for the necessary “officiousness” to make our services as safe as possible).

Please do not feel under any “spiritual pressure” to attend a service. It is a blessing for Christians to receive the bread and wine of Communion, but these are exceptional circumstances. If you are “shielding”, are in a vulnerable age group, or have an underlying health condition, you are advised not to attend a service. You are, of course, though, very welcome if you choose to attend.

If you cannot attend Communion in Church, please join us for our 10.30 am Zoom service every Sunday. In this service, Communion is celebrated on your behalf, for all in our Church, in Westcott and beyond.

Alan Jonas Vicar Simon Mabley John Witt Churchwardens

A full risk assessment has been undertaken, (see our web-site) incorporating all of the following points.

- Social distancing of two metres will be in place.
- The maximum number of seated places in Holy Trinity, observing social distancing is 28. Some of these can be used by couples/families, giving a potential capacity of 47.
- There will be “two metre markings” in Church where appropriate.
- A churchwarden will be present to assist in seating and directions for Communion.

- The priest will sanitise his/her hands on entering the Church, before touching the elements, after receiving the elements, and after administering Communion.
- The priest will wear a face covering.
- Communion will be administered by the priest only ie there will not be chalice assistants.

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- Communicants are advised to wear a face covering.
- Socialising in Church before or after a service is not permitted.
- A register of attenders will be taken to assist NHS Track & Trace.

- A service sheet will be provided on seats.
The sheets should be placed in a plastic bag on leaving by the communicant, and not used again for at least a week.
- No singing is permitted.
- There will be no sharing of the Peace.

- Communion will be celebrated and administered from a table on the platform in the nave.
- Communicants are encouraged to sanitise their hands again before receiving Communion.
- Communion will be administered in bread and with individual communion cups.
- Communicants will stand to receive.
- One communicant at a time will receive.