

Coronavirus Procedures at St Paul's

We welcome all who would like to join us for Anglican Christian worship at St Paul's at this particularly difficult time in which we are all trying to cope with the coronavirus pandemic. Worshippers can be reassured that we have carried out a "Covid-safe" Risk Assessment for the holding of services and that we are adhering to guidelines issued by the Church of England for this purpose. They include:

1. Social distancing (2 metres) but people in family groups are welcome to sit together.
2. Hand sanitiser is available and should be used on arrival and departure.
3. The wearing of face coverings is mandatory. The priest and readers are exempt when speaking.
4. The liturgy of the service is either projected on to a screen or disposable Orders of Service are issued. At present, singing by the congregation is not allowed.
5. Services are usually in the format of Morning Prayer but Holy Communion as bread only may be offered occasionally.
6. We will need to record the names and contact details of worshippers to assist the government's track-and-trace system, should that be required.
7. Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer refreshments after the service.

Most importantly, we hope that all will feel welcome and happy to take part in worship in our church.

Other procedures that we put in place over the past few months still apply and include:

- The church is open for private prayer between 2pm and 4pm on Wednesdays. All are welcome, but visitors should be aware that social distancing and hygiene rules will apply.
- We offer online services through Revd Shaun's **Mission Prayer Programme** on Facebook. Shaun live streams a service of Morning Prayer each day at 10am with a Eucharist service at the same time on Sundays.

The link to Mission Prayer is <https://www.facebook.com/mission.prayerprogramme>

This can also be accessed through YouTube by searching for "Mission Prayer Programme".

- The **Church of England** and the **Diocese of Exeter** also offer online services on these links:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

<https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/worship/sunday-services-to-watch-online/>

- Anyone in the parish (or beyond) may feel free to contact us about matters to do with the church, by using the Contact Us page on this website.
- **Financial matters.** During this period while the church building has been closed and now operates under restrictions, congregation members have been unable to give to the church via the collection plate. However, the church continues to have bills to pay and we are grateful to anyone who is able to maintain their contributions by other means. We are happy to receive payment by any method but, in order to reduce the need to bank cash and cheques, St Paul's encourages giving by bank transfer or Standing Order. Please feel free to contact us for bank details. Again, many thanks for payments which either have been made or are intended to be made.
- This website will be updated as regularly as possible with information on church matters including readings from the Bible and brief explanatory text on the current period in which we find ourselves in the church calendar.

Charles Waldron, 18th September 2020