

All Saints Church, Boyne Hill

5th July 2020

We have heard from the Government and from The Diocese that we can re-open for services

In the last week we have re-opened for private prayers following careful consideration from members of the PCC standing committee, and Dr John Bolodeoku. To enable us to open we have set up 4 teams for cleaning who have all risk assessed and they are cleaning the building ready for private prayer and now for services. The church has been prepared following Government advice and that of the Church of England ready for people to attend worship. We have had to limit the number of people able to be seated in the building to approximately 40 and we have a one way system through the building.

It is fourteen weeks since we were last able to worship within the building as the Body of Christ, Baptised members of Jesus' family. We are hoping that some people will feel able to join us to be the gathered community to pray on behalf of the wider parish. We will pray too for those that are unable to join us. We will be continuing to offer the recorded services, directing you to the Church of England and Diocesan services and offering the Newsletter.

The services that we offer will be 10am Sunday and Wednesday Eucharist and will to begin with be short with no long sermons! They will be Eucharistic but will be very simple with no singing and any responses must be said quietly. Following the 10am Eucharist on Sundays there will be private prayers from 11am until 12 noon.

If you feel that you may have symptoms of coronavirus – do not come to church services – stay at home and self-isolate.

If you are the 'vulnerable' category please think carefully before attending. You need to make your own decision based on how comfortable you feel about going to a public place.

- The church will be open half an hour before the start of the service
- If you have to queue please keep the 2 metre social distancing
- The seating is set for 2 metre social distancing unless you live within the same household. Members of the same household may sit together.
- On entry please use the hand gel provided and ideally use a disposable mask that either we provide or that you have brought yourself.
- On arrival you will be asked for your name and telephone number that we will keep for 21days to help with track and tracing.
- Once you are in your seat please remain there until communion.
- During the peace please just turn to your neighbour and merely bow or raise one hand palm out.
- At communion maintain distancing as you come forward in a single file and then receive communion at arm's length from the priest. I will have used gel on my hands before placing the wafer in your hands. There will be gel on the front pew for you to use before receiving too. There communion will be only in one kind and having received go back to your seat via the side aisles.
- Please avoid touching any surfaces unnecessarily.

- Please be patient with those in front of you and allow them time to move first so that social distancing is not compromised.
- There will be no offertory but if you wish to leave an offering place in the plate positioned on exit into the quadrangle.
- Sadly, we will not be able to offer hospitality at this time.
- Once you arrive in the quadrangle still maintain distancing even if you want to speak to someone.
- For this first week I will not offer service booklets. Some of you may find the responses trip off the tongue but again please speak quietly. When we know the safest way forward with using service leaflets, we will probably try to send the booklet in advance for you to download. For those unable to download we will have a few hard copies.

I know that this all sounds so strange but at least it enables us to begin worshipping again at All Saints. Please think carefully before returning, without putting yourself or others at risk. If you would like to speak to me about any concerns you may have please contact me on 01628 626921 or 07854275260 or email jeremy-harris@outlook.com

I look forward to seeing some of you this Sunday or maybe on Wednesday but if not we will keep in contact by phone, email and newsletter.

With my prayers,

Fr Jeremy