

Worshipping Safely at Holy Trinity Church



Guidance for People Attending Worship Gatherings, Weddings and Funerals
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We love welcoming people to Holy Trinity Church! However, during the coronavirus pandemic we have special precautions in place to keep everyone safe. For everyone's health, it is vital that all our guidelines are followed:

- Please do not attend if you currently have any symptoms of coronavirus. (The main symptoms are a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or changes to your smell or taste.) If you have any of these symptoms you must get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible, and immediately self-isolate.
- Children are always welcome at Holy Trinity. Parents/guardians must be responsible for supervising them and ensure they are able to follow hygiene and social distancing precautions.
- We recognise that there are some in our church community who are at particular risk and especially vulnerable. In considering attending please seek relevant government and medical advice, as well as the wisdom of family and friends. For those not currently able to attend we will do all that we can to include you in other ways, eg online church, dial-a-service, phone calls etc.
- We are required to take the names and addresses of everyone who attends the building and keep this information to enable contact tracing by the NHS if necessary. The records will be kept securely and destroyed after 21 days. If you become ill after the event, you must contact NHS track and trace to advise them that you have attended worship at Holy Trinity.

Our Key Safety Rules for those attending services:

1. **ARRIVING.** So that queues don't form we ask you to arrive at least ten minutes before the service begins. Use the "churchyard door", and if there are people ahead of you please wait patiently in line.
2. **FACE COVERINGS.** Current guidance is that face coverings should be worn by people attending a church service – a similar arrangement to public transport and shops. The usual exemptions apply, but we strongly advise you to wear a suitable face covering when inside the church.
3. **ENTRY.** Immediately on entry to the building you will be asked to sanitise your hands using the automatic dispenser. We will then ask your name and check your contact details.
4. **SEATING.** As directed please sit in seats marked with a TICK, and at all times maintain two metres social distance from anyone who is not in your household. We ask that you remain in your seat during the service, unless instructed to do so by the welcome team.
5. **TOILETS.** If you need to use the toilet then please speak to a member of the Welcome Team who will direct you. And if you feel unwell at any point during worship, please advise a member of the welcome team and leave the building as quickly as possible to seek medical advice.
6. **COLLECTION.** You'll have an opportunity to give as you leave the church building. There will be a collection plate by the exit door, and a contactless giving terminal. If you want to give online go to our website www.trinitychurches.org.
7. **LEAVING.** At the end of the service we will guide people as to how best to leave. You will be asked to sanitise your hands again on leaving.

We recognise that for the time being our services are going to look and feel very different, without any singing, communal time, and very limited numbers. Alongside these smaller services we will continue gathering online daily and weekly, and finding many other ways of doing and being. But wherever you find us – online or in a building – we look forward to welcoming you with us as together we are 'growing faith, proclaiming hope, and living the love of Jesus.'

If you have any questions or concerns then please don't hesitate to contact the Church Office on 01743 362399, or email info@trinitychurches.org.