All Saints Church Hampreston & Stapehill

Dear All,

We are so looking forward to being able to gather again in church after being unable to meet for over four months! Even though we haven't been able to gather, the church has been very much alive and active. The Lord has continued to speak to His people, and to grow us in faith. Now we are entering a new season, and we are looking to Him for all that He will do and say. We felt it was important that the emphasis was on seeking the Presence of the Lord, prayer and waiting on Him. That will be our focus for the rest of August. Please come expectant to meet with Him!

It goes without saying that it will feel rather different from what we are used to. We are sending you these important notes before Sunday, so that you are can be familiar with the requirements for gathered worship in the hope that come Sunday we can focus wholeheartedly on Jesus.

I am so grateful to everyone who has helped us in the necessary preparations – especially to Helen, our wardens Bob and Brian, the team who cleaned the church, Michael Dye for setting up the church.

See you Sunday! With love Sarah

I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.' Psalm 122: 1

Guidance for worshipping at All Saints, Hampreston from 9th August

General guidance

If you are feeling unwell or showing any of the symptoms of Covid-19 please do not attend church. It is advisable to check your temperature before leaving home.

If you are self-isolating due to a possible or confirmed case of Covid-19 or have been asked to do so by NHS Track and Trace, please do not come to church.

If you are aged 70 or over, or in another group which is classed as either clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable you are advised to make sure you are aware of the up to date Government guidance for these groups.

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If you become ill after attending church, please inform either the church office Helen 07419 907343 <u>allsaintshampreston@gmail.com</u> or the Rev Sarah Pix as soon as possible <u>revsarahpix@yahoo.co.uk</u> or telephone 01202 890798)

Please observe social distancing both inside and outside the church building. Government guidance released last week requires wearing of a face covering when attending a church service.

The church has been thoroughly cleaned and a risk assessment carried out. Please ask if you would like to see the risk assessment – a copy is available in church and on our website www.allsaintshampreston.com

We shall be following the recommendation to keep a record for 21 days of who has attended church.

Please Note: The toilets are not open for use during this time.

What we are asking you to do at All Saints on Sundays

- When you come into church use the hand sanitiser provided in the porch for at least 20 seconds.
- Please put on your face mask (single use face masks are available if you do not have your own)
- You will be shown to the pews, starting from the front, sitting only with a member of your own household in the spaces indicated or as directed by the person on duty.

At the end of the service, the leader will give instructions on how to leave the building - please move away from the door to allow everyone to exit safely.

- Having been seated, please remain in your place until the end of the service.
- Hand sanitiser will be available in the porch, but it would be helpful if you could bring your own as well.
- The monthly notice sheet will be sent by email and posted online only.
- If you are able to make a donation to the work of the church by bank transfer rather than through the weekly collection plate that would be helpful. If you do still wish to make a cash donation, please place it in the receptacle provided at the entrance.
- If you feel a word or thought come to you through the service, please use the sticky pad and pen provided in the pew and leave it there to be collected after the service.

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What we are not able to do.

- Sing either inside or outside church
- Use laying on of hands during prayer, or have other physical contact (shaking hands etc)
- Serve coffee after the service

What you might like to do

- Bring a cushion we have currently removed the runners from the pews
- Bring a jumper we are planning to keep the doors open to improve ventilation
- Bring your own hand sanitiser and face mask