

## PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU

# **Notices - Sunday August 9th 2020**

### **FACE COVERINGS**

It is now law that face coverings are to be worn in a greater number of public indoor settings including places of worship, museums, galleries, cinemas and public libraries. There are valid exemptions for some individuals and groups not to wear a face covering in these settings.

In particular, those who are leading services or events in a place of worship, and those who assist them (for instance by reading, preaching, or leading prayer) do not always need to wear a face covering, although one should be worn especially if physical distancing cannot be maintained (i.e. distributing consumables). This exemption does not apply to worshippers, who should wear face coverings consistent with the requirements for any other public space.

During our Communion services the President will advise when face coverings can be removed to receive Communion.

When removing your face covering take these by the loops and hang on a hook (usually used for kneelers) or place in a plastic bag without touching the covering material. Then sanitise your hands.

After Communion replace the face covering and then sanitise your hands again.

# EXEMPTIONS FOR WEARING A FACE MASK OR COVERING IN PUBLIC PLACES (from HM Government)

You do not need to wear a face covering if you have a legitimate reason not to. This includes (but is not limited to):

young children under the age of 11 (Public Health England do not recommended face coverings for children under the age of 3 for health and safety reasons)

not being able to put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability

if putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause you severe distress

if you are travelling with or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading to communicate

to avoid harm or injury, or the risk of harm or injury, to yourself or others

to avoid injury, or to escape a risk of harm, and you do not have a face covering with you

to eat or drink if reasonably necessary

in order to take medication

if a police officer or other official requests you remove your face covering.

# PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SOCIAL DISTANCING OF 2 METRES (6 FEET 6 INCHES) SHOULD BE MAINTAINED EVEN WHEN WEARING A FACE COVERING.

