**COVID-19 Protective Security**

*We confirm we have complied with all governing guidance on managing the risk of COVID-19.*

* We have carried out a COVID-19 risk assessment and shared the results with our trustees, staff, contractors, user groups and the general public. The most recent risk assessments is available to view on our website.
* We have cleaning, handwashing and hygiene procedures in line with guidance. All people entering the building are encouraged to use their own supply of hand sanitiser.
* We have taken all reasonable steps to encourage and help staff members to continue working from home during the summer months.
* We have taken all reasonable steps to request and maintain a 2m distance among all people in the building at all times with few notable exceptions.
* Where people cannot be 2m apart, we have done everything practical to manage transmission risk.
* The wearing of masks or facial barriers in the building is mandatory for all gatherings of more than 15 people.
* All common items in sacred or general use are no longer permitted.
* A list of people attending the building for any purpose is kept by the site managers.
* People are reminded not to attend the church building if they are feeling unwell.

**Risk Assessment July 1, 2020**

*Hazards Identified*

There are increased rates of infection in the general local population.

The community of the church includes vulnerable people who are required to shield.

The return to public gathering inside the church building is an increased risk for infection.

The general public may not conform to mandate/guidelines.

*Existing Control Measures in Place*

The General Health and Safety and Fire Risk Assessments are up-to-date.

All common items in sacred or general use are inhibited/prohibited. This includes the Holy Water Stoop and the Chalice.

Main external and internal doors are kept open for ventilation and to avoid contact by the general population.

Toilets are for emergency use only.

A 2m social distancing requirement is in place.

Families, households and those in a social bubble are allowed to sit in closer proximity.

Where a 2m distance is not possible risk has been mitigated.

Face masks are mandatory for all gatherings over 15 people.

General talking and socialising must take place outside the building and away from the main entrance.

There is no singing or loud talking permitted.

Specific guidance on the Celebration of the Eucharist is being strictly followed.

 There is no sharing of The Peace which includes physical touch.

At the end of each gathering door handles and common surfaces are to be wipes down.

The building is cleaned in accordance with need and volume of use.

*Additional Control Measures Required*

People must be met at the main door if the number gathering is above 15 and entry to the building must be staggered.

People must be reminded of COVID Secure protocols at the beginning of each gathering.

Monitoring of guidance, policies and good practice will be updated on a regular basis.

**This Risk Assessment has been completed following the guidance notes of HM Government and the Church of England.**

The Revd David Matthews

Vicar