

Worship during the Covid-19 pandemic

We rejoice that we can once again meet for services in church – but we continue with our services on ZOOM for the moment.

Church services at St Peter's and St Leonards

Services in both churches will be held on Sundays at 9 am with Morning Prayer alternating with Holy Communion week by week. The Benefice is fortunate in having a Ministry Team of nine people licensed to lead services, whose willingness and enthusiasm means that this is a viable plan.

Current government guidance for those of us who are self-isolating, unwell or vulnerable must be strictly followed.

In the churches themselves, social distancing must be observed as directed by the sides-persons. The wearing of face-coverings is now mandatory (disposable masks will be available in church). We must not mingle, have coffee, or handle books and we cannot have congregational singing, but there may be solos.

There will be a printed order of service provided for each person to use and then to take away, again for hygiene reasons. The order of service will also be emailed to everyone on the mailing list each week.

For Communion at St Peter's, the celebrant will sanitize freshly gloved hands before dropping the wafers into the hands of the communicants. At St Leonard's only the celebrant will take the wafer and in neither case will the chalice be shared.

Collection can be placed in a plate near the entrance – no plate will be passed around.

There will be hand-sanitiser provided for all to use on entering and leaving the church.

The names of all attendees will be recorded for possible track-and-trace purposes.

The PCCs will review the arrangements regularly to ensure that they comply with best practice and current guidance.

Online services

There are many of us who feel that we should not yet return to St Peter's or St Leonard's for reasons of their health and the health of others. We fully support those people, and therefore there will continue to be a Sunday service on Zoom, at the new time of 11am – please email one of those listed below for Zoom joining details:

[Stuart Burns](#)

[Chris Green](#)

[Ben Buse](#)

Rector and PCCs of St Peter's and St Leonard's churches