

29<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## **Church Reopening!**

We are delighted to announce that from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July St Anne's Church will once again be open for public worship. Fr. Nigel and the Churchwardens look forward to welcoming you back. Initially we will be worshipping at just one service at 10.00 but in due course we will be offering you further choices.

In order to comply with Church of England and Government advice the nature of what we can offer you will be rather different from our normal practice. What follows may seem rather prescriptive but is designed to keep all of us safe when we congregate for worship. Our seating capacity is reduced from 270 to 60. Places for you to sit will be marked with an arrow, family bubbles will be allowed to sit in the left hand aisle. Junior Church provision will continue to be offered on line with the hope that come September we may be able to reintroduce Sunday sessions.

As our seating capacity is limited to 60 we are asking you to apply to come to church by emailing the parish office at [saintannekew@gmail.com](mailto:saintannekew@gmail.com) giving the full contact details for yourself and members of your household who will be attending. The 60 available places will be offered on a first come, first served basis and you should only attend when you receive a confirmation email. If all the allocated places are taken then you will be offered places for the following Sunday. For those not able to attend the service will be live streamed on Facebook.

To avoid crowding at the West End we ask you to arrive at church by 09.45 which will give everyone attending space and time to cleanse their hands at the sanitization stations just outside the West End doors. Orders of Service will be in the pews at the designated places for you to sit. This will ensure that we observe a 2metre physical distance, unless you are in a household bubble.

One of the saddest restrictions that we face is that hymn singing is forbidden. Instead we will be treated to organ music at the points where we usually sing hymns. There will be no physical sharing of the peace. Communion will be given in one kind into your hand from the Nave Altar step. Please form a socially distanced line up the central aisle returning to your seats via the side aisles.

There will be no collection but any gifts may be left in the baskets at the entrance to the Church. But you may prefer either to set up a standing order or to give on line. At the end of the service would those in the front half of

the church please exit via the south door and those in the rear half via the West (ie main) door. Please avoid any crowding at the exits.

The lavatories will be open for your use and we would ask you to use the cleaning supplies provided to ensure that the lavatories, taps and basins are sanitized for the next person to use.

Perhaps to state the obvious please do not attend St Anne's if you are displaying any of the Covid 19 symptoms.

We are really excited about welcoming you back to St Anne's and ask you to remember that you will need to apply **each week** to attend and to remember that our mutual safety relies on each one of us respecting the boundaries that have been set.

Fr. Nigel

Bill Cottle

Cate Lyon