



## **Public worship**

Dear All,

We are pleased to inform you that **Harnham Parish Churches will be open for public worship from Sunday 12th July 2020.**

Guidelines from the Government, Church of England and Bishop of Salisbury stress that each Parish needs to consider the needs of their church population and wider population and the size of their churches. We need to take responsible decisions and proceed with caution. Canon law states that we should provide a service of communion in one church in the Parish every Sunday.

We will therefore be open for public worship *with limited places* as follows:

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 8 am communion at All Saints church**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 9.30 am communion at St George's church**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 11 am communion at All Saints Church**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July We hope to hold a said service of morning thanksgiving on the Parish hall field**

### **Ring the Parish office to book your place 07925 108856**

We are using a booking system to ensure social distancing is kept. We are trying to be fair to all who enquire. You may not be able to book for every week. If you know that due to medical condition you will need to use the toilet, please ensure you book for All Saints. The hall remains closed. Your contact details will be kept for 21 days in order to aid track and trace, please come prepared to give your phone number.

**Private prayer will continue on Wednesdays now for every age group** at St Georges 8-9.30am and All Saints 7.30-8.30pm. Please do continue to use these opportunities.

### **What will the services be like?**

- Simple said services that will last approximately 40 minutes.
- No singing but music to listen to and pray with.
- A small number of people in each church.
- There will be no physical peace giving.
- Communion will be given as bread (the term used is 'in one kind') on the altar step. The communion rails will not be used. Standing only. The priest will wear a face visor.
- You will be asked to use hand gel as you enter, before you receive communion and as you leave.

### **What will the churches look like?**

- Hand gel stations on entrance and exit and signage reminding you to stay away if you have any symptoms of the virus COVID 19
- Social distancing in porches guided by lines on the floor - keep to the left.
- 2 metres social distance markers on the floor inside the church
- Green ticks to mark where you can sit on your own or in your family group
- Stripped back church vestments and displays
- Service booklets will be on your seat. You must take them away with you
- Helpers to greet you and ensure you are safe

**What can I bring?** You may bring your own Bible, face mask and hand gel if you wish.

**You will need to book in advance.** Contact the Parish Office on 07925 108856 for a time slot. We reiterate the current Government advice: those who are shielding should remain home; those who are over 70 with underlying health conditions should stay safe at home. If you choose to attend worship this is your responsibility.

**Covid 19** If you have any symptoms of Covid 19 stay away. If you develop any symptoms of Covid 19 whilst in the church buildings inform one of the helpers or if within a week of attending contact the Parish Office.

With our love and prayers, Revd Becky Roberts, Revd Julian Poppleton, Charles Woodd, Jane Greenaway on behalf of Harnham Parish PCC