



# All Saints' Church

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Dear Church member,

As you will no doubt be aware, churches are now able to reopen subject to the various restrictions that have been put in place. Due to the finishing of the REACH project we have not been able to open as yet but have been very busy making sure that everything is in place so that we can open safely. We plan to start a service in the church building from Sunday 6th September.

Due to the restrictions the services will be different to what we are used to.

- Numbers will be limited as we can only have 6 rows on each side in use to allow for social distancing.
- Face masks will need to be worn whilst in the church building.
- No singing is currently permitted.
- Hand gel needs to be used on entry to the building.
- Anyone experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 should not attend services.
- The Welcome Team will need to record details of everyone attending in case it is needed by track and trace.
- A one-way system will be in place with entry is through the main doors as usual but everyone will need to leave through the centre.
- We will need to fill up the seats from the front of the building as people arrive.
- Toilet facilities will be limited.
- No refreshments will be served after the service.
- Children's and youth groups will not currently be meeting.

With the above restrictions in place we decided that a 9.00am style service would be the most appropriate service to start with. Our first service will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 9am and will review this during September to look at how we proceed in the future. Due to restrictions with numbers we are planning to continue with the online services for the time being.



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As the numbers permitted in church will be limited, we will be operating a booking system to ensure we do not exceed our safe capacity. The booking system will operate as follows:

- Shiromi will take phone bookings on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 9.30-11.30am.
- Seats will be allocated to ensure we can accommodate people safely.
- If all the seats are full for the coming Sunday, you will be offered a seat the following week.

We hope this system will allow everyone who wants to attend a service in church an opportunity to do so.

For the time being church services in the building will be different but as we all know the church is the people and not the building.

Yours in Christ

Karen Killick & Martin Howard  
Church Wardens