

CHRIST CHURCH
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Saturday 21 March 2020

Dear Parishioners

Further to our letter to you dated 18 March, we have had to introduce some additional measures to adhere to new government and Archbishop Makgoba's guidelines issued on 20 March 2020. The changes detailed below are being made with the safety and health of our parishioners as our priority and to limit the spread of the Coronavirus.

As mentioned in our previous communication, we request you do not attend services if you feel unwell or are at particular risk.

Number of attendees at services – the government guidelines have been updated to make it illegal to hold gatherings of more than 100 people. We therefore have no option but to limit the number of attendees at a service to 100, including officiants. Once this limit has been reached we will stop admitting people to the church. Please consider attending the 11:00 or 18:30 services as an alternative to the 09:15 service.

To enable us to count the number of attendees we will only open the side door of the church. Please enter the church through this door. The main entrance will be closed.

Social distancing – the importance of social distancing has been proved to be a major factor in limiting the spread of the virus. We will therefore only use alternate pew rows at services. The rows not to be used will be sealed off with cords. Family groups should maintain a minimum distance of 1.5 metres between each other.

Recording of attendees at services – it is important that we record the names and contact details of all people attending our services in the unlikely event that someone develops the virus. We have placed registers at the entrance to the church. Please bring a pen to record your family name and contact details of all your family's attendees in the register. We assure you the information recorded in the register will remain confidential.

Prayer and hymn books – prayer and hymn books will not be used. A service leaflet and hymn sheet will be placed at the church entrance along with the pew leaflet. Please take one of each when you enter the church and take these documents with you at the end of the service as we do not want them reused. You are welcome to bring your own prayer book to the services.

Recording of services – we will record the 09:15 Sunday service and create a podcast that will be made available on the church website. This will allow those unable to attend services to share in our worship. We are also investigating the video recording of this service and making the recording available on YouTube.

As mentioned in the letter of 18 March, our aim is to continue to hold services at Christ Church but in doing so we hold the safety of attendees as our utmost priority.. These new measures are essential in doing this. Again, we ask for your co-operation and understanding during this period.

Regards

Parish Council