

Returning to Church Safely:

United Benefice of Batley



Arrangements for All Saints - Sunday 9 August 2020

We will be using the main (usual) doors of the church building. We will not be using the side door to the church (the one that opens near the kitchen).

1. Please wait outside the main doors until invited in by the warden team. This is so that we can maintain distancing in the entrance to church. If it is necessary to queue please keep 2m between people who are not part of your household or support bubble.
2. We need to take down your name and contact details, in case we need to give these to the NHS Track-and-Trace teams in the event of an incidence of Covid.
3. Please bring a face-covering and wear it inside the building. This is to protect others as well as yourselves.
4. Hand-sanitiser will be provided just inside the doors, please use it.
5. Some of the pews will have been cordoned-off, so you may not be able to sit in your familiar pew. Please take your seat with your household, keeping 2m from the next person from outside your household.
6. Sadly, singing is not permitted, so the service will be short - around 30 minutes.
7. Children are always welcome at all our services. However, we have had to remove the toys from the children's area, which is now temporarily closed. Children will need to sit with parents/guardians for the short service and not move around the building. Please do feel free to bring quiet toys, colouring books etc for your children to use during the service and take everything away at the end.
8. The toilets are for use only in an emergency - in which case please use the disabled toilet.
9. Communion (bread only) will be distributed to one person at a time from the chancel steps, not at the altar rail. We will be operating a one-way system. If you are in the central two blocks of

pews please move down the centre aisle, keeping a 2m distance, and keep behind the floor marking until the clergy signal to you to come forward to receive Communion. Do not return up the main aisle but follow the arrow to the left or right to walk to the back of church and then return to your seat. If you are in either of the two side aisles please move to the back of church and then walk down the central aisle before following the arrows to return to your seat.

10. During the consecration of the bread, the bread that is to be distributed to you, will have been kept under cover. The clergy will be sanitising their hands before distributing. If you wish to come to the service just to pray - and not receive communion - then that is absolutely fine. Please do let the warden team know so that we know how much bread is to be consecrated.
11. At the end of the service, there will be no refreshments, and please leave in an orderly manner maintaining a 2m distance between you and the next person. If you wish to chat with members of the church family and clergy please do this outside the building (in the churchyard) maintaining distancing.
12. We will not be passing round a collection plate, but there will be a retiring collection at the back of church, for sealed envelopes of cash or cheques. Please do not place cash that is not in an envelope in the plate.