

St Peter's, Newton Le Willows - July 2020.

Process for attending church and recording church attendance for those using attendance records to support school applications to St Peter's School.

From Sunday 19th July 2020 we will be offering services at 8am - Holy Communion 9-30am Family Communion - 11am Holy Communion and Wednesday 10am Holy Communion. We have seating for sixty at each service all socially distanced. Services will last approximately 30 minutes.

I am looking forward to welcoming you back to worship. Everything is being done to protect you and your family so that we can worship safely.

Whilst in church we ask that you please respect two metre social distancing at all times and follow all instructions given by church officials.

Booking to Attend

1. You must book with the Vicar, by email revstephengrey@gmail.com , or when he is not available (ample notice will be given), a notified church official at least 24 hours before chosen service.
2. When booking you will be required to give details [names, contact details] of who will be attending. This is required due to Covid regulations which we must follow.

Attending the church

3. To enable safe entry to church you must arrive at least ten minutes before the service and follow the clearly marked instructions and one way system.
4. Your attendance will be recorded against the attendance list on entry to the church - only those on the list will be admitted.
5. If you are attending alone please use socially distanced seating.
6. Families who live in the same household are asked to use the groups of four chairs in each of the side aisles.

Process for managing the collection

Due to the pandemic we have only survived financially through the direct giving of parishioners by standing order which provides a regular income. We are not asking for more than you normally give.

7. At the back of the church under the banner you will find an electronic card reader for your collection, which is, as with all giving, voluntary but greatly appreciated. Instructions, which are very simple, are alongside the reader. This is to avoid cash collections that have to be counted and thus put people in potential danger.
8. If you have cash or cheque please use the gift aid envelopes given to you on entry and place on the plate. We are asking that you do not seal the envelope.
9. Regular giving through the bank by standing order is preferred. This enables the church to be assured of the regular income needed so we can pay the bills and survive. Please contact the Vicar by phone 01925 279292 or email revstephengrey@gmail.com to arrange direct giving through the bank.

Leaving the church at the end of the service

10. You will directed to leave the church by a church official.
11. When you leave your seat please turn the sheet on the seat over to indicate that the chair has been used. This signals to church officials that the seat requires cleaning before the next service.
12. Exit church through the Choir Vestry.
13. As you leave please give name to church official who will log attendance at service.

Your record of attendance

14. Following the service an email will be sent to you confirming your attendance at service for you and your child.
15. Worshippers are responsible for the safe keeping of their attendance records. Therefore, you must keep emails safe as are your proof of attendance.
16. If you have been having an attendance card stamped prior to lock down you should also retain this as evidence of previous attendance.

Above all else enjoy your worship as the prayer book says **'We are born to love and enjoy God.'**

Canon Stephen Grey - Sunday 12th July 2020.