



## A guide to returning to worship in the building

Coming back to church in these times is not an easy thing, and some people may feel that it is too soon to return. That is absolutely fine, and we will look forward to welcoming you when you are ready.

We will continue to produce and distribute recorded sermons and Notice sheets as we have been doing over the last 3 months.

To help us open safely we will need to restrict numbers, therefore, we ask that you inform us by Friday evening if you are going to attend public worship on any particular Sunday. Send an email to: [greenwoodstella@yahoo.com](mailto:greenwoodstella@yahoo.com) or text 07802963817

### Coming to church

We have put in place a number of things that aim to make St Peter's as safe as we can so that those who come feel comfortable. It is still St Peter's but it will look slightly different.

We have followed the advice that the Government and Church of England have sent out and will only adjust our current practices when it is deemed safe to do so.

We are still following the 2 metre social distancing guidance as far as we are able, particularly with seating layout.

To protect yourself and others we ask you, where possible, to wear a face covering while inside the church building, we will have some available but if you can bring your own that would help us.

### When you arrive

It is possible that you will arrive at the same time as others, please maintain social distancing both outside and inside the church.

There will be signs and markers to help you maintain a 2m distance from others while waiting to enter the building.

### Once in

The welcome team will take your name and a contact number for test and trace (see below) and will ask you to use the hand sanitiser provided before directing you to a seat. Please remain in your seat throughout the service unless you are taking part.



## **The Service**

There will be no worship band and no singing. Recorded, reflective music will be used.

The service will include items led by the worship leader, recorded items from those unable to attend and an option for people to share how God is or has been working in their lives.

Where the service includes communion, additional information will be given as to how this will be done safely.

The church doors will remain open during the service to allow for ventilation.

## **After the Service**

There will be no refreshments after the service.

The welcome team will direct you when to leave your seat and exit the building. Please use the hand sanitiser on exit.

You will be able to chat with others outside of the building whilst still observing social distancing.

Our online 'After church coffee' will continue, starting at 12:30pm.

## **Collection of Name and Contact Details for NHS Test and Trace**

In order to support the NHS Test and Trace programme, St Peter's Church, Hartshorne are taking contact details (name and telephone number) for all visitors, as well as recording times entering and leaving St Peter's church building.

In line with guidance issued by the Department for Health and Social Care, we will keep your details safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of or deleting them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, in the event that it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else. By advising us that you will be attending worship and / or by attending worship you are agreeing to providing your information for this reason.

Thank you for your understanding.

## **Please continue to pray**

We appreciate that this is all very strange and yet another example of the extraordinary times that we are in right now.

The important thing to remember is that God is with us in the valleys as well as in the mountain top experiences in our lives. He will continue to be with us in our homes and He will be with us in our Sunday Worship, however different it will feel to us.

We must continue to pray that one day soon we will be able to all meet together to worship as so many of us

