

St Mary Magdalene is re-starting 'services' on Sunday July 5th at 10am and 11am

What will the services be like?

There will be two services of **Holy Communion** on Sunday at 10am and 11am - both will be in 'one kind' – that is wafers only. For safety, we will keep the 2 metres social-distancing seating layout. This means that there is only room for 40-45 people at each service which is why we're offering two – one at 10am, the other at 11am. Each service will last for approx. half an hour. There will be organ music but no hymn singing, the usual readings, sermon (short!), prayers and Eucharist but no servers, processions, service booklets or hymn books. There will be Pew sheets with the order of service printed on the reverse which you will need to take home with you after.

Will people need to 'book' in?

We've decided against a formal pre-booking system so as to include as many people as possible. However it would be very helpful if you could leave a message on my phone: 020 8704 0577 or send an e-mail to info@smmwandsworth.org.uk to let us know if you plan to come to the 10am service or the 11am service. The NHS 'track and trace' system requires us to keep a record of who attends services, so when you arrive you will be asked for contact details if you haven't given them to us before. We don't wish to be intrusive but it's required. Records are destroyed after 21 days.

What safety precautions will there be?

Please maintain social distancing and follow the one-way system. You don't need to wear a mask but please do so if you would prefer. There will be no shaking of hands at the Peace. The clergy/lay reader will each have their own hand sanitiser which they will use throughout the service. The clergy/lay reader won't wear masks but for everyone's safety, will wear a visor while giving out communion **only**. This may seem very strange at first! At the time to receive communion you will be ushered from your seat to ensure the 2 m distancing is kept and walk up the centre aisle. Those giving out communion will be standing at the dais. They will place the wafer in your hand without touching your hand and say the traditional words 'the Body of Christ' or give you a blessing. Please then return to your seat via the side aisles. If you prefer not to receive communion you may need to move out of your seat for a few moments to let others in your pew leave the pew safely. At the end, please follow the churchwardens' guidance and leave as promptly as you can row by row.

The Sunday services are at 10am and 11am. What time should I arrive?

Please arrive 15 minutes before the service so that you can sanitise your hands and give contact details to one of the churchwardens if we don't have them for the required 'track & trace' log. There's a one-way system with entry at Trinity Rd and exits at Wiseton Rd where there's a WC.

Are children welcome?

Yes of course! But we're not currently able to provide their usual Junior church groups or toys so you will need to keep your children with you.

Can I light a candle? Will there be a collection? Coffee?

To help with social distancing, the candle stand will be moved in front of the font. There will be a plate by the exit for planned giving envelopes/donations. Coffee-time still not possible, I'm afraid.

I'm concerned about coming into a public space for health reasons. Should I come to SMM?

Your health is our top priority. Do decide what is right for you. God hears our prayers everywhere! If you are shielding or have any symptoms please follow advice and stay at home.

Is there a midweek service?

Yes – there will be a short Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 11am, also 'in one kind'.

With warmest wishes and prayers, Revd Philippa Boardman (Vicar)