

Dedham and Ardleigh Parishes Sunday Worship

Dear friends - I am delighted to announce that Sunday services will begin again on Sunday 12th July.

Initially the pattern of services until September will be as follows

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) **at Ardleigh**

9.30am Morning Service at Dedham

(following usual monthly pattern 1st: Rise n Shine; 2nd Holy Communion; 3rd Matins; 4th and 5th Morning Praise)

We will also hope to offer evening services in due course

It is very important that everyone is kept safe at all times. Therefore **2 metres social distancing** must be observed at all times inside the church.

Many of the pews will be roped off and there will be a welcomer guiding you to the hand-gel to be used on entry to the church and to assist you with finding somewhere to sit. Please go straight to a pew after arriving at church.

Orders of service will be left in the pews for you, these will show you where to sit. Please leave these orders of service behind you as you leave.

Singing: we are not permitted to sing at this time, but we will listen to the organ and are planning other creative ways to enjoy our worship together

Capacity of our churches: this is not easy to calculate as it is dependant on the size of households attending but as a rough guide we have calculated at Ardleigh this will be maximum 30 individuals and at Dedham maximum 50 individuals. *We may have to turn people away if the service wardens are concerned that social distancing will not be possible.*

Toilets: the toilet will be closed at Ardleigh but one will be open at Dedham

Refreshments: we will not be serving refreshments at this time

Communion: At the communion services you will be invited to come forward and remain standing to receive just the bread. The minister will be wearing a face shield throughout that time.

Giving – there will be a collection plate for cash donations, but you are encouraged to use the contactless terminal in Dedham Church, or to set up a standing order with either PCC – forms are available in church or on the website

Children are welcome but they must remain with their parent(s) throughout the time in church. The children's area will not be available.

After each service if you want to talk to others please do it outside

The service warden will keep a list of those who attend (name and tel number) – this will be a temporary record kept for 21 days in order to assist NHS Track and Trace with requests for that data if needed for contact tracing and the investigation of local outbreaks

Recording of services: both services will be recorded and available via our you tube channel later on Sunday (if you subscribe you will receive a notification when they are available)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC78SZfH5QRXMpy7DgfwYslg>

This may all seem a bit complicated but we are trying carefully to observe the official guidance we have given and to keep everyone safe. If you would like to see our risk assessment please contact the office.

Please endeavour to co-operate with us to make sure others feel safe as well.

We do hope you will be able to come but will, of course, understand if you prefer to stay at home. Please see the information about the recording of services above.

If you have any questions please do contact the church office 322136 stmaryda@gmail.com

We really look forward to welcoming you!

*Antony Wilson
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