

## **Dedham and Ardleigh Parishes**

### **Our Response to the Step 4 COVID Restrictions from 19 July 2021**

We have drawn up our response following discussion at the PCCs on 19<sup>th</sup> July and following new guidance from the Church of England.

#### **Sunday Services, Weddings, Funerals**

1. Wearing of masks – you are most welcome, and encouraged to continue to wear a mask in church.
2. Social Distancing – if you wish to sit in a socially distanced way the pews in both churches to the sides of the building will be available for this. *You must wear a mask if you sit in these pews.* The pews in the centre will be for those who do not wish to sit in a socially distanced way and masks may or may not be worn.
3. Singing – will now be possible but we ask that for the time being you wear a mask while singing.
4. Track and Trace – will no longer required, but we will continue to display the QR codes at our doors
5. Handwash - will still be available at the doors and you are encouraged to use it
6. Baptisms continue to be limited to 15 guests
7. Holy Communion will offered in both kinds at the communion rail for those who want to receive. You may prefer to receive just the wafer, if so please leave after receiving your wafer. Those without masks are to come first, followed by those with masks.
8. Refreshments - will be offered and there is no need to take them outside, but we may want to enjoy making the most of the summer!
9. Mid week opening – a smaller part of our churches will continue to be open mid week.

**Thank you**

**Rev Antony Wilson on behalf of the PCCs  
July 20<sup>th</sup> 2021**

