

COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT & MITIGATION POLICY for All Saints

Last update 17.12.20 – update of Appendix 8 Outdoor Carol Service and within App 1 in relation to the risk assessment for this; App 5 update; Follow the Star trail added to App 1)

(This document is constantly evolving: key additions will be **dated**, and out of date sections removed or amended as new guidance or best practice emerges or when a new activity permitted by law is trialled, and areas where decisions are still required or policy tbc are highlighted **in red**).

STATUS UPDATE:

As of 2.12.20 the following restrictions came into place as part of the Winter Plan:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-from-2-december> :

- Limits on capacity as per risk assessment (already in place, see below)
- Tier 3 – household/support bubbles only, social distancing applies to all others
- Weddings / commemorative events – 15 pp limit, plus those working
- Funerals – 30 pp limit, plus those working
- Childrens Sunday School activities – as per risk assessment below
- Support groups – to 15pp limit
- Prayer groups – would require risk assessment, not covered by All Saints at this time, with any such groups meeting virtually
- Singing indoors to be limited to a) choir (who must be socially distanced) and b) in time (time not specified but more singing = more risk)
- Singing outdoors permitted under Christmas guidance & also on church grounds under outdoor worship rules as per the above guidance– in tier 3 this has to be limited to households/bubbles and comply with social distancing as per other worship

Winter Plan for **England** 2nd Dec+ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-winter-plan/covid-19-winter-plan>

Christmas 2020 guidance from gov.uk – <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period>

Supporting advice has been issued by the Church of England, which includes the suspension of group bell ringing: https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-11/COVID%2019%20New%20Lockdown%20Guidance_v1.0.pdf

The CCBR advice <https://ccbr.org.uk/coronavirus/> gives the following bell ringing guidance

Tier 3: Very High alert

No tower bell ringing other than by members of the same household, or single bells or Ellacombe chimes (which would be unlimited in duration).

Handbell ringing in any public outdoor space (could be a churchyard) for up to six people, socially distanced.

Note: this Policy is produced by Charlie Mussett in his capacity as voluntary advisor to All Saints on matters of health & safety. Acceptance of final plans, policies and assessments is at the discretion of the clergy & PCC who retain responsibility for health & safety in relation to All Saints.

Gov.uk guidance & context:

This guidance for the safe use of places of worship has been used to inform this Policy in relation to the church

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july>

This is supported by the Church of England guidance for churches:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches#na>

This guidance for the safe use of community spaces has been used to inform the Policy in relation to All Saints Centre: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities>

& this supporting information from ACRE: <https://acre.org.uk/cms/resources/press-releases//covid-19-information-sheet-opening-your-hall-after-lockdown-20.7.20-final.pdf>

This guidance has been used to help formulate the approach to Sunday School activity from August 2020: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

& also:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/protective-measures-for-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

This covers cleaning in general and where a covid case has been present:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings>

This covers what to do in relation to self-isolation:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

This covers the NHS test and trace system and how it works:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/>

This link summarises advice on choirs: <https://www.abcd.org.uk/Resources/COVID-19/government-guidance>

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Introduction

This document looks at COVID-19 (Coronavirus/CV-19) and what measures All Saints need to implement and/or consider now, in the near future and in the longer term in relation to the management of health & safety at work and for the benefit of the church in terms of standard workplace operations and also the services that form the core activity for many.

Should C of E / Diocesan advice be issued that must be built in but it will be up to All Saints to determine what measures, in line with govt regulation, are utilised based on a thorough risk assessment.

This can be seen as a crisis or emergency management plan to assist with church life whilst the UK is affected by the threat from COVID-19 throughout 2020 and on into 2021/22.

There are 4 stages of emergency management

Prevention/Mitigation - preventing future emergencies or reducing their effects

Preparedness - steps taken to prepare for an emergency

Response - actions taken to save lives and prevent further property, brand or damage to businesses

Recovery - Actions taken to return to normal or "the new normal"

Summary of All Saints response from Spring 2020:

As of 5.5.20 we are firmly in the Response stage. However as well as working to maintain business continuity in the shutdown we need to look ahead to how we act within the Recovery phase and to be ready for that, as well as learning from this for the future stages of Prevention/Mitigation & Preparedness.

IOSH (the Institute of Safety & Health Management) have highlighted 3 key occupational safety & health aspects for businesses to focus on:

- workplace legislative compliance
- occupational safety & health management systems
- 'human factors' and behaviours

In light of the CMO's advice of April 2020 that social distancing is with us for 2020 and that the economy when it resumes to greater levels will do so alongside CV-19, it follows that delivering the services and use of church buildings will require:

- A relaxation of govt restrictions
- A change in attitude to risk by the populace – would people return right now?
- As much mitigation of risk that can reasonably be put in place whilst making services logistically feasible
- A change in the way that All Saints works: a new normal in our church to meet the new normal outside of it

The first step in managing this risk is to comply with all current guidance and regulation in the workplace: we need our place of work and operating systems to be ready ahead of resuming services and addressing the external challenge. That has to happen locally and be led by the team at All Saints, using govt and C of E guidance to ensure compliance.

As of 5.5.20 the Church of England said:

While church buildings remain closed for public worship, in line with Government advice, the Bishops agreed in principle to a phased approach to lifting restrictions, in time and in parallel with the Government's approach, with three broad stages as infection levels improve:

1. An initial immediate phase allowing very limited access to church buildings for activities such as streaming of services or private prayer by clergy in their own parishes, so long as the necessary hygiene and social distancing precautions are taken
2. Subsequently access for some rites and ceremonies when allowed by law, observing appropriate physical distancing and hygiene precautions
3. Worship services with limited congregations meeting, when Government restrictions are eased to allow this

The Bishops agreed that the decision on the timing of when to implement the revised advice on ministers or worship leaders praying and streaming from their church buildings should be made by individual Diocesan Bishops, depending on their local situation.

Action: Clergy to monitor this and liaise with the Diocesan Bishop's office

On 7.5.20 the guidance for clergy was updated as per this link:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches#faqs>

In addition the pdf file entitled "Access to church buildings during lockdown: advice for incumbents" was updated as per this link

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-05/Advice%20for%20Clergy%20on%20Re-entering%20Closed%20Church%20Buildings%20v2.2.pdf>

This includes:

- Practical information and steps to follow for the restart of building usage in relation to upkeep, maintenance, heating etc

- Safety advice in relation to solo working and what should and should not be attempted (ie minimise risk and reduce the likelihood of injury, accident or incident)
- Cleaning
- Access management to avoid cross-over and limit the chance of infection
- Advice to keep a record of all access to the building during this period of restriction
- Bell-ringing (in summary: don't)

On 11.5.20 the Church of England released this statement in response to the latest Govt briefing:

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, said: "We note from the Government's COVID-19 Recovery Strategy that churches could be open from July as part of the conditional and phased plan to begin lifting the lockdown. We look forward to the time when we are able to gather again in our church buildings. We are examining what steps we will need to take to do so safely and are actively planning ahead in preparation. We strongly support the Government's approach of continuing to suppress the transmission of the virus and accordingly, we recognise that at this time public worship cannot return in the interests of public health and safety."

As of 12.6.20 the Govt amended the advice on gatherings to allow private prayer:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

Churches may set their own date (initial date was 15th June, moved to 13th June).

As of 29.6.20 the Govt published this guidance for the safe use of places of worship from 4th July:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-from-4-july>

As a response to that the Vicar sent outline plans to the PCC on 1st July. A planning session was held in church on 5th July to consider the work that needs to be done, and the results of that are shown below and at appendix 3.

An update was issued on 21.7.20 by the Church of England:

https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-07/COVID-19%20Advice%20on%20the%20Administration%20of%20Holy%20Communion%20v4.1_0.pdf

This has been used to prepare for the restart of communion, see Appendix 6

As of 3.7.20 the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers updated their advice to support the ringing of bells in time for services on 12th July. Further Public Health England / Govt advice is awaited, but as per the CCCBR website it is expected that the PHE advice will be based on the work to date of the CCCBR and as such that framework for assessing the safe use of the bell tower at All Saints during COVID has been used as a basis. That can be found here: <https://cccb.org.uk/coronavirus/>

The findings and work of the Bell team at All Saints are detailed below and at Appendix 5.

Initial Assessment

Our places of work

This new threat to how we all work -

- Demands a policy (see below) on how All Saints deal with the threat of covid-19 in line with our responsibilities under the Management of HASAW at Work Regs

- Demands documented RA for the impact of covid-19 and the workplace: whilst staff are working at home (this will apply to clergy and any support staff not furloughed **as at 1.5.20** & ongoing) the RA might say they need to follow Govt & PHE advice, but if staff are making workplace checks (eg on the buildings) and may go into the office for essential documents or system access and for this All Saints as the employer has a legal duty to create, share, implement and monitor a RA (see Appendix 1)
- Demands a safe working practice – robust written procedures to show how staff must work to comply with covid-19 regulations and to protect themselves and others. Must be shared.
- Demands implementation, such as –
 - Line manager talk through induction
 - Extra procedures
 - Segregation
 - PPE
- But are people adhering? Not just at work, but outside, on the way in, in corridors etc. What is the ‘ground truth’ v written plan?
- So how do we do this:
 - Observation – are people following what is in the safe working practice
 - Document review – this could be reviewed by the HSE in the event of any incident so it must be right
 - Discussions – talk to staff, how is it working, how do they feel?
 - Above 3 points are needed on a daily basis, hour by hour if required, e.g. building sites have seen social distancing marshals, may be required in all places when greater access returns to ensure that plans are followed in practice

The above approach should be implemented now, and can then be updated and amended as and when return to work in the church buildings and the ‘normal’ use of the church spaces returns (either on a phased or complete basis). It will require collaboration with any other hall users well in advance of return to agree consistent approach and consistent communications to all workers in the building – no point in us adopting a process that is undone by the actions of others (and vice versa). We must be ready to question plans from any user (eg organisations hiring the hall) if not evidenced by a proper RA and clear policy that does not tie in with the policy set by All Saints.

All Saints Policy on Coronavirus

Overleaf is a suggested policy for adoption. This is based on shared guidance from a number of sources shown below. **Recommendation: Andrew/Ros/Paul** review/amend and present to the PCC for approval, as well as highlighting clear roles as to who is responsible for what in driving this forward. **Acceptance of this policy by the Vicar is assumed unless expressed in writing otherwise.**

Government guidance for certain business scenarios exist. Current advice is here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-distancing-in-the-workplace-during-coronavirus-covid-19-sector-guidance>

As of 22.4.20, the HSE has stated that they will consider action against employers who do not take appropriate action to comply with Public Health England advice.

Consideration should be given to how the policy and the precautions/actions it asks all staff to follow are shared – for example a clear PowerPoint as well as an online video briefing (in groups or one to one to allow for questions) – and when shared, i.e. as part of a phased process for the now & later stages of current work practice.

Some of this will see a change to normal practice – e.g. advice on CPR for First Aiders – and need additional investment, for example in this instance further PPE in first aid kits to prevent infection.

Some of this may not apply yet, but is contained below for reference or as options to be turned on/off as required in line with activity restart and government advice (e.g. the information below contains the 2m gap which remains the ideal **as of 6.7.20** but from 4.7.20 1m+ may be applied with additional safety measures where 2m cannot be adhered to. NB The Church does not have to change signage, if distances continue not be encased within legislation then 2m can remain and provide a further factor of safety).

The All Saints website / internal emails etc should display links to Govt advice on Covid-19 and social distancing so that any updates are readily available to all staff. In addition links to advice on self isolation and how this affects family members will both help staff and reduce the chance of an infectious person returning to the workplace too soon.

Consideration should be given to posters (a number of social distancing designs exist now, others may need or benefit from in house design to appeal to church users) as follows:

- Main entrance – advise not to enter if any key symptoms cough/fever/shortness of breath displayed, to go home and access NHS 111 service
- Wash your hands awareness posters
- Avoid touching face/close contact with those unwell/sneeze & cough advice
- Follow the 2m rule

Private Prayer

As of 22.6.20 and in line with the guidance above All Saints planned for this to begin from 24.6.20 (subject to the building being ready and all materials required having arrived). This has consisted of a planning team involving clergy & wardens, with plans in the shape of this document submitted to the PCC, and has seen socially distanced meetings and work within the church take place to ensure that the system for re-commencing private prayer has been properly assessed and that all reasonably practicable measures have been adopted. This work has taken into the account the government's advice as contained here in addition to diocesan advice sent to the Vicar: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic>

Private prayer actions are recorded in the risk assessment at Appendix 1, and a layout and summary of the key actions are at Appendix 2. Private prayer will end before 11.7.20 to allow the church layout to be amended for services. The plans at Appendix 2 are not in use as of **27.7.20** but remain available should this be brought back into use.

Our services

As of 4.7.20 services may resume if planned and carried out in line with the guidance above, so work is being undertaken to deliver a viable plan for the legal staging of services, commencing with Morning Prayer 12.7.20 subject to submission and approval of those plans by the PCC. Further work is ongoing to see what form a Eucharist Service may take. Funerals are permissible with a capacity of 30 people in line with current government advice. **As of 4.10.20** and in line with September restrictions weddings are limited to 15 people, not to inc clergy, verger, photographer, organist etc working at the event.

As of 21.7.20 and based on the C of E guidance on the conduct of public worship of 10th July whilst professional singing is allowed under certain conditions there will be no choir activity at All Saints. This includes rehearsals. Planning is underway between the Head of Music and the Choir to prepare for possible indoor practice in September 2020 but this is subject to further guidance (pilot events are being held to hopefully pave the way to non-professional indoor performance from 1st August: this guidance will apply <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

[19/performing-arts](#)). **Update as of 12.9.20**: following changes to government advice a single singer will perform in a cantor role from 13.9.20. A risk assessment has been undertaken. See Appendix 1.

As of 21.7.20 and following reviews by the All Saints team on **23.7.20 and 27.7.20** plans for the addition of a communion service have been developed and are shown at Appendix 6. This will follow the COVID19 Secure plan created for morning prayer services, and amended as shown. Initially this will form a separate Saturday evening service, trialled with fewer numbers from 1.8.20. See Appendix 6 for later amends from **12.9.20** onwards

Bell Ringing

As of 3.7.20 advice exists to support Tower teams (see above) in line with the opening of churches for limited services, and this is being used to support the ongoing process of risk assessing to see if the Tower can be safely used and to determine what additional measures may be required. A summary of the findings and actions is at Appendix 5. This should be seen in tandem with the existing risk assessment for the bell chamber, tower access and bell ringing activities undertaken at All Saints which covers general safety and maintenance issues (bells were refurbished pre lockdown and rang down at the start of lockdown to minimise the potential for issues on restart).

The assessment of the tower & chamber has determined that there is sufficient space to ring 4 bells whilst maintaining 2m social distancing. Ringing will be for less than 15 minutes. As of 8.8.20 masks are to be worn in all parts of the church building in line with government guidance.

The system in place will involve limits on numbers and use of ropes; use of sanitiser; ventilation in the chamber via the use of windows and the hatch into the bell chamber. Selection of the team may also take advantage of 3 x family groups which would allow ringers from the same household to ring on adjacent bells and allow for all 6 bells to be rung.

All Saints Centre

The Centre falls under the Govt Guidance (see front page for link) for multi use community halls. A risk assessment for the hall is included in the risk assessment at Appendix 1, with further supporting information in the form of the hirer user agreement at Appendix 7. This will be further expanded upon as additional requests for work, meetings and activities are received and assessed.

RIDDOR – reporting of injuries, diseases and dangerous occurrences

Coronavirus has been listed as a notifiable disease under the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010. This change in law requires GPs to report all cases of COVID-19 to Public Health England. Under the Health and Safety at Work Act, employers have a general duty to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of their employees at work. HSE considers that if an employer is following the relevant PHE guidance for their sector in terms of controlling the public health risks, they will be taking reasonably practicable precautions to control workplace risks.

The HSE has said that employers must make a report under RIDDOR (The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013) when:

- an unintended incident at work has led to someone's possible or actual exposure to coronavirus. This must be reported as a dangerous occurrence.
- a worker has been diagnosed as having COVID 19 and there is reasonable evidence that it was caused by exposure at work. This must be reported as a case of disease.
- a worker dies as a result of occupational exposure to coronavirus.

The HSE acknowledge that "it will be very difficult for employers to establish whether or not any infection in an individual was contracted as a result of their work. Therefore, diagnosed cases of COVID-19 are not reportable under RIDDOR unless there is reasonable evidence suggesting that a

work- related exposure was the likely cause of the disease and this is supported by a registered medical practitioner's diagnosis.'

IOSH have advised that this poses more questions than it answers – what is a diagnosis without routine testing? How can an employer know where & how it was contracted? They hope as of April 2020 for further guidance. **Recommendation:** we add reference covid-19 into the All Saints H&S Policy as a recognised new threat, and show steps being taken e.g. a summary of the RA/measures that are produced by the company and a reference to where further information (i.e. the detailed RA and any supporting briefing information – the standard operating procedure for work during the coronavirus crisis - sent to staff for their wellbeing and protection) may be found.

Planning for Restart

Our places of work – planning for restart

An assessment of the working space in all areas will be needed in line with government advice. Standard operating procedures should be created for the office, hall & church. Unlike normal risk assessments that use the HSE hierarchy of controls all that we can do is put into place preventative measures – i.e. look to remove people from the hazard. We cannot reduce or remove it; we can use administrative controls to change how we work. This is traditionally the least effective form of control, but it may be all we have for some time.

It may be that the office can only function on reduced staff for some time: this might see a need for some staff to remain as home workers (to reduce density or if they have a health condition that could make them more vulnerable to infection) and/or for a weekly or part weekly shift scheme to be implemented. Policies on physical v virtual meetings will be required. Systems will need to cover the basics – e.g. use of doorways and stairwells, loos, kitchen. Office/church cleaning may need to be done out of hours. Basic maintenance (e.g. electrician or cleaning) will need a written plan and could see the premises vacated partially or completely for this to take place.

No one knows how 'new working' will look when common, but nothing should be ruled out: we may have to treat all corridors or closed doors as 'blind bends' and shout a hello as a warning. The pace of all work will slow.

Before establishing a working system that demands things like regular workplace cleaning, use of PPE, provision of sanitiser we would need to establish whether these items are actually available: at the time of writing care workers can't get PPE so how could we assume we might?

Would floor graphics be applicable to help show staff where they can work/stand/'no stopping' areas etc? (eg as used for private prayer)

Managing Behavioural Risk during the return to work phase:

Back to work: consider bringing staff back in at a time when they are most receptive to the new way of working and alert – e.g. avoid 9am starts

Motivation: 'town hall' or 'state of the nation' frequent briefings – almost as in crisis mode – to keep staff both informed and invested

Furloughed staff and work from home staff: to differing levels performance levels may have decreased due to being detached from work and/or stresses or family experience related to CV-19.

All staff: Consideration should be given to treating the back to work process as a staged rehabilitation process, for example as might happen with a long term ill or injured employee in more normal times.

Capability: need to be aware of the impact of this time on 'working memory'. Errors at work likely to be higher in the transitional stage of back to work, meaning that organisations may want to consider a greater level of checks on sensitive functions or public facing corporate decisions to ensure that what goes out is what was intended. Use checklists to get people back up to speed – e.g. daily to do lists. Ask the right questions to check the 'working memory': use open questions, not yes or no to ensure staff are clear on processes.

Our services - planning for re-start

As of 27.4.20 the CMO said social distancing will remain for the rest of 2020. Quite how this looks remains tbc, but if we assume that we must retain the 2m social distancing (or variant of) and nothing is changing in relation to the existence of Cv-19 and the lack of treatment or vaccine, then the risk hasn't gone away so attitude to risk is everything. How the Govt, the public and the Church see that risk and where organised worship can align within that will have an impact on how services are seen:

- Will people want to come together?
- Will churches want 'full' services and the responsibility this brings?
- Will the first services be the green shoots of hope or lead to higher infection rates and harm within the community?

Advice from Govt exists as of 4.7.20 and this must be adhered to, with any later changes to increase or relax restriction monitored and responded to.

New ways to worship

Some may wish to continue with online or remote services. Other new formats may be forthcoming from the Bishops. The issues that do or do not arise from the opening of pubs, restaurants and other places that allow gathering and the Govt's ongoing response to this in the form of guidance and/or legislation this will form important lessons for how mass worship may be able to work.

Social distancing in crowded settings is not easy to achieve: it demands a complete review of the available space, how access works, the timing and duration of any services, how exit works, how incidents are dealt with, which pews are 'open' etc. As a large building All Saints can accommodate the 30 person funeral limit and will (see appendix 3) on occasion be able to welcome a higher number of worshippers. Some countries have established guidance on the level of people per sq metre, and this may be adopted in time in the UK as a measure to allow hospitality and other crowded places to restart on a lower level of occupancy (eg 4sqm per person). **As of 6.7.20** All Saints are working to the 2m distance and all plans for use of pews etc will follow that.

Hand sanitiser for all and PPE for clergy has been arranged. Further extensions to this may be required in line with subsequent guidance. Options to protect any attendees to church services or events (when such gatherings are permitted by the Govt and the Bishops) that exist for consideration **as at 6.7.20** include:

- Fever screening (NB advice as of 6.7.20 from the Govt on use of equipment that does not meet MHRA standards for specific CV-19 control is that it is of limited use and whilst some pubs and other venues have employed it for customer confidence its current benefit is limited)
- Increased cleaning
- Increased levels of handwash / sanitizer
- Remove the provision of any printed material – use screens instead for hymns
- Remove all collection plates to avoid the use of cash, with heavy promotion of online donation or leave the contactless collection plate in a clear space with a queue system or waiting area if that can be achieved
- Request the vulnerable not to attend, and offer up alternatives to physical presence

- Consider asking families not to bring children (or children of a certain age range) due to the fact that control of children cannot be guaranteed in terms of compliance with social distancing regulation (see appendix 3)
- Reduce the overall offering – eg prayer/worship only and no Sunday School or parish breakfast element (or limited, eg reduced Sunday School – see risk assessment at Appendix 1)
- Increased messaging pre each service (don't come unless well/tested) and within the buildings (eg floor graphics, external free standing signage, disruptive measures to grab attention and promote the 2m gap social distancing message)
- The nature of services and the actual content in relation to blessings or the sacrament will need careful consideration

Sources

www.gov.uk guidance

ACRE website & guidance

PCR Global Covid-19 RA template;

The Church of England website & covid guidance

Resuscitation Council

IIRSM webinar on Managing Behavioural Risk 22.4.20

LTD H&S Safety Solutions (via SHP+ Peers forum)

HSE N Ireland Covid-19 RA template

Note – as of Autumn 2020 all ongoing updates to this plan will be shown in the Status Update on page 1. The above material has been retained to show the planning and systems put in place up to the present time.

"All Saints Policy on Coronavirus

Part 1: Statement of Intent.

The All Saints policy on Coronavirus is to:

1. Monitor Government and NHS updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19); & Church of England responses and subsequent advice
2. Identify the hazards from COVID-19;
3. Undertake a suitable and sufficient risk assessment of the risks from COVID-19;
4. Consult staff in the risk assessment process. We acknowledge they will have useful information about how work is done which will help us understand the actual risks:
5. From the risk assessment be able show that a proper check was made, all people who might be affected were considered, all significant risks have been assessed, the precautions are reasonable and the remaining risk is low;
6. Reduce risk to the lowest reasonably practicable level by taking preventative measures, in order of priority;
7. Review the risk assessment when there is a reason to suspect it is no longer valid or there has been a significant change in the matters to which it relates;
8. Follow good practice and retain the risk assessment while it remains relevant and share the findings with all those affected;
9. Review and revise this policy at least annually.

Part 2: Responsibilities (to be completed by the Vicar/PCC – see copy held by Andrew Shipton)

1. Overall and final responsibility for risk assessment arrangements:

The Vicar

2. Day-to-day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice:

Vicar & Church Wardens

3. Responsibility for undertaking the risk assessment:

Vicar, Church Wardens and PCC

4. Responsibility for monitoring Government updates and disseminating information to the staff, wardens and PCC:

Vicar & Churchwardens

5. Responsibility for undertaking an annual audit of general risk assessment arrangements:

Vicar and Churchwardens, assisted by Charlie Mussett as (voluntary) H&S advisor

6. All employees are required to:

Cooperate with the Church and co-workers on health and safety matters to help everyone meet their legal requirements;
Respect and implement NHS Guidance on 'How to avoid catching and spreading coronavirus (COVID-19)':
Adhere to Government coronavirus (COVID-19) 'Stay at home guidance for employees' & any subsequent 'Stay Alert' advice;
Report all health and safety concerns to an appropriate person which might be their line manager / the Clergy

Part 3: Risk Assessment

This information assumes working to government guidance on use of places of work versus work at home and the application of a form of social distancing in line with up to date regulations, and as such is relevant as of now to advice available (for example advice on kitchen areas comes from the IOSH guidance to construction sites based on HM Govt advice) and may need updating with new information relevant to the time it is shared as advice to staff

A. Guidance for business

- At present, all employees are encouraged to work from home unless it is impossible for them to do so. Where working from home is not possible, workplaces should make every effort to comply with the social distancing guidelines set out by the government
- Members of staff who are vulnerable or extremely vulnerable, as well as individuals whom they live with, should be supported as they follow the recommendations set out in UK Govt guidance on social distancing and shielding respectively
- Where the social distancing guidelines cannot be followed in full in relation to a particular activity, businesses should consider whether that activity needs to continue for the business to operate, and, if so, take all the mitigating actions possible to reduce the risk of transmission between their staff.
- staff who are unwell with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) should not travel to or attend the workplace.
- Travel to work should be discussed with staff before restarting use of the office or church buildings – there may be more cars due to no car sharing, or a need for more bike parking space as public transport may not be used
- staff may be feeling anxious about coming to work and also about impacts on livelihood. Workplaces should ensure staff are fully briefed and appropriately supported at this time
- any member of staff who develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) (a new, continuous cough and/or a high temperature) should be sent home and stay at home for 7 days from onset of symptoms. If the member of staff lives in a household where someone else is unwell with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) then they must stay at home in line with the stay at home guidance
- employees will need your support to adhere to the recommendation to stay at home to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) to others
- employees should be reminded to wash their hands for 20 seconds more frequently and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues
- frequently clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, using your standard cleaning products
- those who follow advice to stay at home will be eligible for statutory sick pay (SSP) from the first day of their absence from work
- employers should use their discretion concerning the need for medical evidence for certification for employees who are unwell. This will allow GPs to focus on their patients
- if evidence is required by an employer, those with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can get an isolation note from NHS 111 online, and those who live with someone that has symptoms can get a note from the NHS website

B. First Aid in the workplace

Because of the heightened awareness of the possibility that the victim may have COVID-19, Resuscitation Council UK offers this advice:

- Recognise cardiac arrest by looking for the absence of signs of life and the absence of normal breathing. Do not listen or feel for breathing by placing your ear and cheek close to the patient's mouth. If you are in any doubt about confirming cardiac arrest, the default position is to start chest compressions until help arrives.
- Make sure an ambulance is on its way. If COVID 19 is suspected, tell them when you call 999.
- If there is a perceived risk of infection, rescuers should place a cloth/towel over the victim's mouth and nose and attempt compression only CPR and early defibrillation until the ambulance (or advanced care team) arrives. Put hands together in the middle of the chest and push hard and fast.
- Early use of a defibrillator significantly increases the person's chances of survival and does not increase risk of infection.
- If the rescuer has access to personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g. FFP3 face mask, disposable gloves, eye protection), these should be worn.
- After performing compression-only CPR, all rescuers should wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water; alcohol-based hand gel is a convenient alternative. They should also seek advice from the NHS 111 coronavirus advice service or medical adviser.

C. Good practice for employers

It's good practice for employers to:

- keep everyone updated on actions being taken to reduce risks of exposure to coronavirus (COVID-19) in the workplace
- ensure employees who are in a vulnerable group are strongly advised to follow social distancing guidance
- ensure employees who are in an extremely vulnerable group and should be shielded are supported to stay at home
- make sure everyone's contact numbers and emergency contact details are up to date
- make sure managers know how to spot symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) and are clear on any relevant processes, for example sickness reporting and sick pay, and procedures in case someone in the workplace is potentially infected and needs to take the appropriate action
- make sure there are places to wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water, and encourage everyone to do so regularly
- provide hand sanitiser and tissues for staff, and encourage them to use them

D. Social Distancing in the Workplace

Social distancing involves reducing day-to-day contact with other people as much as possible, in order to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Businesses and workplaces should encourage their employees to work at home, wherever possible. Links to Govt advice on social distancing should be shared with all staff via online means, and weekly updates from line managers.

If you cannot work from home then you can still travel to work. This is consistent with the Chief Medical Officer for England's advice and Govt advice given on the week commencing 11.5.20.

The advice on social distancing measures applies to everyone and should be followed wherever possible. Workplaces need to avoid crowding and minimise opportunities for the virus to spread by maintaining a distance of at least 2 metres (3 steps) between individuals wherever possible. This

advice applies both to inside the workplace, and to where staff may need to interact with the public. Staff should be reminded to wash their hands regularly using soap and water for 20 seconds and particularly after blowing their nose, sneezing or coughing. Where facilities to wash hands are not available, hand sanitiser should be used. Workers should cover any coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then dispose of the tissue in a bin and immediately wash their hands.

The practical implementation of this advice will depend on the local circumstances.

A few general indicators will be relevant to the majority of settings:

- make regular announcements to remind staff and/or the public to follow social distancing advice and wash their hands regularly
- visitors who deliver or come to perform a function should wash their hands on arrival, use gel or be asked to wear gloves provided at the building (do not assume that gloves worn by a visitor are clean). As such, buzzing in of visitors should stop and this process managed using social distancing
- encourage the use of digital and remote transfers of material where possible rather than paper format, such as using e-forms, emails and e-banking
- provide additional pop-up handwashing stations or facilities if possible, providing soap, water, hand sanitiser and tissues and encourage staff to use them
- where it is possible to remain 2 metres apart, use floor markings to mark the distance, particularly in the most crowded areas (for example, where queues form)
- where it is not possible to remain 2 metres apart, staff should work side by side, or facing away from each other, rather than face to face if possible
- where face-to-face contact is essential, this should be kept to 15 minutes or less wherever possible. Any face to face contact must be risk assessed, and reduced/removed where practicable.
- as much as possible, keep teams of workers together (cohorting), and keep teams as small as possible. For example, a group who have travelled together or sat together/work together should not mix with others to reduce the chances of infection
- where meeting rooms are used they should be well ventilated with windows open
- communal items like the copier or franking machine will require cleaning after each use, as will light switches etc
- Details of plans for areas not under the sole control of the Church – e.g. space used by Ladybird (if the playgroup is operational, that is not the case as of 27.7.20 although as part of the Step 2 plans that the government actioned from 1st June nurseries and pre-schools are able to open to a wider group of children) – should be agreed in advance to ensure that all parties are aware of others' movements and plans. Where issues arise within these plans these must be addressed prior to anyone arriving on site and coming into conflict with another.

E. Shift working and staggering process

Where it is not possible for work to be completed at home, All Saints may consider shift working or the staggering of processes which would enable staff to continue to operate both effectively and where possible at a safe distance (more than 2 metres) from one another.

Practically, an employer could consider:

- splitting staff into teams with alternate days working from home, or splitting across shifts
- as far as possible, where staff are split into teams, fixing these splits (cohorting), so that where contact is unavoidable, this happens between the same individuals

- spreading out standard processes, so that only one team needs to be on the premises to complete a task at a given time
- where it is possible to remain 2 metres apart, using signage such as floor markings to facilitate compliance, particularly in the most crowded areas. This includes entry points to buildings, toilets and communal break areas where queues may form

If working on a shift pattern All Saints should:

- ensure that the business's social distancing measures are effectively communicated to all staff
- ensure frequent cleaning and disinfecting of objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, using your standard cleaning products and particularly at the end and beginning of shifts

F. Kitchen and rest areas

Where possible, staff should be encouraged to bring their own food that does not require heating or preparation, and eat away from others for example at their work area that has already been assessed as safe. Where the kitchen is used:

- staff should be reminded to wash their hands regularly using soap and water for 20 seconds and before and after eating. If possible, increase the number of hand washing stations available
- where it is not possible to introduce a means of keeping equipment clean between use, kettles, microwaves etc. should be removed from use
- a distance of 2 metres should be maintained between users, wherever possible. A limit on 2 persons within the kitchen may be applied
- drinking water taps will need additional cleaning (staff can be encouraged to do this but additional checks must be made by the employer to ensure this actually happens)
- tables should be cleaned after each use (see above)
- everyone must clear away their own rubbish and wash all items they use to avoid anyone else – including cleaners – having to touch it
- staff can continue to use rest areas if they apply the same social distancing measures
- notices promoting hand hygiene and social distancing should be placed visibly in these areas
- frequently clean and disinfect surfaces that are touched regularly, using your standard cleaning products
- consider extending and staggering or allocating meal/break times to avoid crowding
- additional day start/day end cleaning of handles, surfaces, chairs etc in communal areas is required and should be rota'd, this cannot be left to chance and assumed compliance

G. Symptoms & stopping the spread

All Staff are told not to leave your home if you have either:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

To protect others, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. Stay at home.

USE THE NHS 111 ONLINE CORONAVIRUS SERVICE TO FIND OUT WHAT TO DO.

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus.

DO

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get back home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

DO NOT

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

If you have symptoms:

If you have symptoms of coronavirus, you'll need to self-isolate for 7 days.

After 7 days:

- if you do not have a high temperature, you do not need to self-isolate
- if you still have a high temperature, keep self-isolating until your temperature returns to normal

You do not need to self-isolate if you just have a cough after 7 days. A cough can last for several weeks after the infection has gone.

If you live with someone who has symptoms:

If you live with someone who has symptoms, you'll need to self-isolate for 14 days from the day their symptoms started. This is because it can take 14 days for symptoms to appear.

If more than 1 person at home has symptoms, self-isolate for 14 days from the day the first person started having symptoms.

If you get symptoms, self-isolate for 7 days from when your symptoms start, even if it means you're self-isolating for longer than 14 days.

If you do not get symptoms, you can stop self-isolating after 14 days.

Appendix 1 Risk Assessment for COVID-19 (last update: 17.12.20 C Mussett)

Red items tbc / require further clarification by the Clergy/Wardens

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R1	<p>Risk to health in relation to spread of / infection with corona virus in the office/hall/church workplace</p> <p>(see also R2 below)</p>	Staff; visitors; contractors	high	low	<p>Policy in place at All Saints governing use of the workplace in line with Govt advice, updated as required to reflect changes, monitored and led by the Vicar. Policy shared with all staff, accompanied by group and individual briefings to keep all staff informed and on board with the planned action to comply and stay safe</p> <p>Advice to the public: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public</p> <p>Specific business advice: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-distancing-in-the-workplace-during-coronavirus-covid-19-sector-guidance</p> <p>Guidance to employers:</p>	<p>Ongoing monitoring of the situation and subsequently co policy and response by All Saints Clergy as the management team</p> <p>Vicar-led vigilance with liaison with and input from staff to keep everyone aware of safe practice and self-isolation rules from the Govt and how they apply at work as well as at home</p> <p>Checks ahead of any staged return to work other than work from home</p> <p>Additional cleaning/closure methods may be applied in relation to anyone showing symptoms in the workplace – see R2</p> <p>Close liaison where relevant with other building users – eg Ladybird - to ensure a coordinated approach to the</p>

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					https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/guidance-for-employers-and-businesses-on-coronavirus-covid-19 Advice to staff to stay at home if displaying symptoms, backed up by workplace notices etc Limit on number of staff in the workplace, limit on visitors, protocols within the policy to reduce change of infection Ahead of visits to the workplace recommending liaison to take place with all regular visitors to ensure they have corresponding policy & practice in place so as not to undermine the All Saints plan and put staff at risk. Where this is not shared/achievable visits will not be allowed and/or supply arrangements may	issue of person flow, cleansing, recording of actions Review building & open window arrangements to ensure best possible ventilation (for private prayer from 24.6.20 – see also appendix B below – doors will be wedged open when the church is open)

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					<p>have to be suspended or altered.</p> <p>Where exposure to infection occurs and can be linked to the workplace RIDDOR rules from April 2020 apply: https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/riddor-reporting-coronavirus.htm</p> <p>Review underway as of 27.7.20 to work towards re-opening of the All Saints Centre</p>	

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R2	Someone becomes ill within the office/hall/church workplace – the response	Staff; visitors	High	medium	<p>Person to immediately remove to an area 2m+ away from others e.g. a vacant mtg room to allow key belongings to be taken to them e.g. car keys</p> <p>Person to be sent home and advised to follow NHS guidance. Where a visitor is involved All Saints to inform their organisation</p> <p>A decontamination clean should be carried out in the relevant areas</p>	<p>The Vicar to assess the need for additional cleansing/temporary office closure if the risk of further contamination of surfaces is deemed likely in relation to any incident</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings</p>
R3	<p>Travel in relation to</p> <p>a) work</p> <p>b) leisure</p> <p>and the possibility of picking up or spreading infection & bringing it into the workplace</p>	Staff	medium	medium	<p>Work travel is allowed as of 17.6.20 but use of public transport to be discouraged, with solo use of car or bicycle or walking to replace it. Video conferencing to replace all meetings where possible until further notice. Essential mtgs eg in church practical risk assessment for opening to adhere to SD guidance.</p>	<p>Review by the Vicar of approach to work travel (see policy), subsequent rules on work travel as and when govt restrictions change and advice to be issued to all staff in line with their work role</p> <p>All Saints policy on staff travel & holidays & risk to other staff to be defined in light of ongoing govt advice (ie if someone travels are they</p>

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					FCO advise exists https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice	deemed a higher risk when returning)
R4	Presenteeism in relation to employees who feel unwell or who have close family members who are unwell with confirmed or suspected covid-19, and the spreading of infection to others <i>in the workplace</i>	Staff	high	low	Staff are not pressured into early returns or being at work for the sake of attendance: work from home policy exists Advice to all staff to follow NHS online guidance Staff to be encouraged to openly share any concerns to line manager without delay, and ahead of coming to the workplace	
R5	First aid <i>in the workplace</i> – risk of infection via CPR/mouth to mouth	First aiders within the staff base	medium	low	The Vicar to inform all first aid trained staff of the updated advice to perform compression only CPR as contained in the TGRC policy in line with advice from the Resuscitation Council UK.	
R6	Cyber-attack against the church, delayed response due to no staff <i>in the workplace</i> and thus greater damage	Staff; customers; suppliers	medium	medium	Church IT/social media team aware of cyber threats, security in place, , monitoring (?)	

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R7	Theft at / damage to <i>the workplace</i> happening, going unreported or due to no staff working there	Staff	medium	medium	Occasional checks made by clergy in line with insurance company requirements	
R8	Risk to health in relation to spread of / infection with corona virus <i>at Private prayer (from 22.6.20)</i>	Staff; congregation	high	Medium (for permitted private prayer services during the pre vaccine period / at this time)	<p>Preparatory work undertaken by All Saints to look at options that might exist for the reduction of infection spread in line with the relaxation of social distancing paving the way for private prayer & a restart of worship in church buildings (see appendix 2)</p> <p>Advice is being sent to all potential attendees / the known congregation to stay away and self-isolate should they have any symptoms or if a member of their household or known contact displays symptoms (NB precise nature of this advice may vary in line with current guidance and/or medical advisers view) or to consider staying away if they are deemed vulnerable.</p>	<p>Ongoing monitoring of the situation and subsequently co policy and response by the Vicar</p> <p>The clergy have face protection as of June 2020 for use where deemed fit. Masks are compulsory as of 8.8.20</p> <p>Small stock of spare masks exists at church</p> <p>See also fire risk assessment which covers the use of the church for private prayer and which remains relevant.</p> <p>CCTV footage may be reviewed to check on private prayer attendee behaviour should supervisor role be discontinued at any time.</p>

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					<p>Supervisor to be in position during private prayer: to oversee, advise, promote social distancing whilst adhering to the guidance themselves for their own protection and wellbeing (see R12 below).</p> <p>From a review of 22.6.20 following 2 incidents of attempted access (during filming by the Vicar) on 21.6.20 the church will – initially, subject to further review – have staff to supervise private prayer. The actual act does not require supervision, but under covid-19 anyone not adhering to social distancing places greater risk to themselves and others and it is felt that if they can be provided then staff in position to advise against this can help reduce the risk of infection.</p> <p>This will be backed up by messaging at the way in</p>	

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					<p>and on noticeboards outside the church</p> <p>Appendix 2 shows the defined area of the church to be used, the limit of 8 worshippers</p> <p>Hand sanitiser is provided for users. The church areas open for use are cleaned prior to each session. Opening/Closing up helpers will report on any findings to the wardens and clergy.</p> <p>CCTC will be checked to see how sessions go, and if required use of the church for private prayer may be halted and remedial action taken.</p>	
R9	<p>Risk to health in relation to spread of / infection with corona virus at Morning Prayer Services (from 12.7.20)</p> <p><i>NB see R22 for communion services</i></p>	Staff; congregation	high	Medium (for permitted morning prayer services during the pre vaccine	<p>Preparatory work undertaken by All Saints to look at options that might exist for the reduction of infection spread in line with the relaxation of social distancing paving the way for private prayer & a</p>	<p>Ongoing monitoring of the situation and subsequently co policy and response by the Vicar</p> <p>The clergy have face protection as of June 2020 for</p>

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				period / at this time)	<p>restart of worship in church buildings (see appendix 3)</p> <p>Checks ahead of any phased return to the staging of public worship/ gatherings by All Saints PCC to ensure that any plans are conforming to national and regional guidance through clergy, advisory group and PCC</p> <p>Advice is being sent to all potential attendees / the known congregation to stay away and self-isolate should they have any symptoms or if a member of their household or known contact displays symptoms (NB precise nature of this advice may vary in line with current guidance and/or medical advisers view) or to consider staying away if they are deemed vulnerable.</p>	<p>use where deemed fit. Masks are compulsory as of 8.8.20</p> <p>See also fire risk assessment which covers the use of the church for private prayer and which remains relevant.</p> <p>Review of each service to be held with clergy, wardens and stewards via zoom and same with congregants to learn from each session</p> <p>The risk assessment process has highlighted a high percentage of over 70s within the potential congregation: advice to consider staying at home is being shared. However due to this high level separate 70+ services may not be feasible: instead the focus at All Saints is on 2m minimum social distancing</p>

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					<p>See Appendix 3 for controls in place for morning prayer service to include social distancing, sanitiser and health check questions to support track & trace. Doors will remain open to assist ventilation</p> <p>Clergy, wardens and stewards in place to monitor and manage</p> <p>Appendix 3 shows the variable capacity for attendees</p> <p>Hand sanitiser is provided for users. The church areas open for use are cleaned prior to each session. Opening/Closing up helpers will report on any findings to the wardens and clergy.</p> <p>Lapses in social distancing are a known risk and will occur when people have to walk past each other in corridors etc. The information given to hirers</p>	

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					will help reduce this, but it is recognised that government guidance indicates that such transitory contacts are lower risk. Mask use provides further mitigation.	
R10	Impact on availability levels of wardens/stewards affecting the safe running of opening up/closing up for private prayer (from 22.6.20 or) a service (from 12.7.20)	Staff; congregation; volunteers	Medium/high	medium	<p>For private prayer – a rota is being developed. Sessions are 3 times a week to keep work to a manageable level.</p> <p>Should on any given day there not be enough stewards/volunteers to support the safe opening up/closing up of the church then the lead member of clergy must be ready to cancel the planned sessions</p> <p>For services - any plans to enforce social distancing may need physical 'marshals' to encourage compliance from a safe distance (e.g. stopping people coming in too</p>	An assessment of volunteer stewards to be carried out, focusing on those not deemed vulnerable

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					<p>quickly if doorways/vestibules have others within) in line with the full review of church buildings (see Appendix 3)</p> <p>Should on any given day there not be enough stewards/volunteers to support the safe holding of a service (in line with a pre written action plan showing the step by step approach to this) then the lead member of clergy must be ready to cancel the service and oversee the safe dispersal of those already present ahead of the public entering the building</p>	
R11	Patient with symptoms of COVID-19 self-presenting at a service	Staff; clergy, volunteers; congregation	High	low	<p>UK govt message on what to do if displaying symptoms is well known and supported by multiple national campaigns</p> <p>Advice campaign mirroring the above via All Saints to all known and likely church users and visitors is in</p>	Should this occur, person to be asked to remove themselves from the buildings immediately and refer to national 111 service, with self-isolation at home subject to safe non public transportation. A gap of 2m recommended away from persons suspected of carrying

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					<p>place, supported by external signage</p> <p>Attendees (including clergy, wardens and stewards) are asked these questions on arrival:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have you had close contact with someone diagnosed with covid19 in the last 14 days or been diagnosed yourself? 2. Have you experienced any cold or flu like symptoms like a cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell in the last 14 days? <p>If the answer to either is 'yes' the attendee is to be asked to return home</p>	the virus, and contact kept below 15 mins.

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R12	Impact on All Saints Clergy & Staff not being available (due to illness or other effect as an indirect result of the Corona virus epidemic) to plan and deliver services and affecting either safe running of a service or church activity	Staff; clergy; congregation; other building users	med	med	Clergy team system in place & wardens to provide wider knowledge and reduce key person reliance	
R13	Limitations on mass gatherings placed by the Government affecting church activity	Staff; Clergy; congregation; other building users	high	med	<p>As at 4.10.20 revised guidance allows funerals with up to 30 people, weddings up to 15 and services with a greater capacity subject to an assessment of church space and the covid-19 measures that can be applied (see Appendix 3)</p> <p>Private prayer is allowed from 13.6.20 (see above and Appendix 2)</p> <p>Web and email based communication and worship in place and managed by the non furloughed / volunteer team at All Saints</p>	C of E review ongoing in line with Govt advice and done through Diocesan offices
R14	Supervisory staff for private prayer – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lone working Safety & security 	Volunteers; wardens; clergy	Low (for personal protection)	Low	Private prayer sessions to be limited to 2 hours, 3 times a week (see appendix	Wardens to make Etal Police Station aware of the opening

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intervention Social distancing for self protection 		High (for infection)	Medium (for permitted private prayer during the pre vaccine period / at this time)	<p>B): this will limit the time any person is exposed to other people who may have the virus.</p> <p>Sufficient space exists within the church for supervisors to remain in excess of govt guidelines on social distancing, plus ventilation is in place via open doors, and hand sanitiser is there to be used.</p> <p>Supervisors are not there to protect property: any incidents to be reported to the Police via 999 or 101 subject to the nature of the incident</p> <p>Supervisors are to watch over proceedings and encourage social distancing when required to do so. They are not there to intervene in issues. Supervisors may step away, contact wardens or clergy, and look to end sessions</p>	<p>for private prayer ahead of 24.6.20</p> <p>Where the supervisor role is undertaken by a member of the clergy it is important that no leading of prayer takes place to comply with govt guidance as of 22.6.20 no longer applicable</p>

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					<p>early if need be (e.g. remove 'open' signs) and where necessary if natural departure flow is not enough escort attendees out.</p> <p>It is recognised that some vulnerable people cannot comprehend social distancing and may struggle with following the one way system. The low capacity of 8-10 applied to the church should provide plenty of space and help to reduce instances of people standing too close for anything other than very short periods.</p> <p>Supervisors should (see app B) stand within the 'no access' area for their own protection when not performing checks of the routes in/out. Supervisors should adhere to the one way flow unless an incident prevents that.</p>	

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R15	Supervisory staff for church services – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety & security Intervention Social distancing for self protection 	Volunteers; wardens; clergy	Low (for personal protection) High (for infection)	Low Medium (for permitted morning prayer service during the pre vaccine period / at this time)	<p>Services happen at present once on a Sunday starting 12.7.20 & also a Saturday communion service from 1.8.20 thus limiting any exposure time, with a rota applied and health/vulnerability questions asked of all who offer their time whether paid or unpaid</p> <p>Sufficient space exists within the church for supervisors to remain in excess of govt guidelines on social distancing, plus ventilation is in place via open doors, and hand sanitiser is there to be used.</p> <p>Supervisors are not there to protect property: any incidents to be reported to the Police via 999 or 101 subject to the nature of the incident</p>	

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					<p>Supervisors are to watch over proceedings and encourage social distancing when required to do so. See R16 below for intervention.</p> <p>It is recognised that some vulnerable people cannot comprehend social distancing and may struggle with the concept. The church should provide plenty of space and help to reduce instances of people standing too close for anything other than very short periods.</p>	
R16	<p>Human behaviour affecting safe practice and increasing the risk of infection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to distance • Refusal to support track & trace • Refusal to use sanitiser 	All church users, staff, helpers	high	low	<p>Signage, advance notice and stewards are present to support the adoption of safety measures</p> <p>Where someone will not agree they will be asked to leave. Further support from clergy, wardens etc to be called for.</p>	<p>Stewards, clergy etc to maintain social distancing</p> <p>Police to be called in extreme cases</p>

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					Services may have to end early subject to incident and there may be a need to escort attendees out. Where this is not in response to an emergency e.g. fire, then social distancing and the managed exit plan (see appendix 3) should be followed.	
R17	Use of and preparation of the toilets in the hall for Service attendees / hall hirers and their attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of infection from use • Risk of infection from cleaning 	Cleaner; users	high	medium	<p>Confined spaces present a higher risk. Doors will be left open (not fire doors). Windows will be opened where possible</p> <p>PPE will be given to the person asked to clean the loos. The more time than can be left after the service the better – ideally 72 hours. NB this is possible as at 21.7.20 where the centre is not yet open but may not apply when use of the hall begins.</p> <p>Congregants/hall users (see R20 & R21) will be told</p>	All users to be told to use a 'hello' system to ensure loos are empty before attempting entry to avoid more than one user at any time (NB does not apply to users within the same household or support bubble)

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					about the loos, with the advice being don't use them if you don't have to.	
R18	GDPR & data management to support NHS Track & Trace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with law • Provision of system for collection and retention • Destruction of data after 21 days 	Church staff; attendees; hall users & their attendees	low	low	<p>For services – a Greeter at North door (see appendix 3) to take lead name and contact number via clipboard, form and pen. Clergy, wardens and stewards must all be recorded too.</p> <p>Time & date of each service to be added to each list to record general period people were in the building. Same system available at south door for wheelchair users etc with steward there overseeing.</p> <p>North door expected to get most people so steward in place to work with greeter to keep attendees back so that privacy for data exchange can be given.</p>	The govt advice says: "We will work with faith leaders and organisations to make the process for recording your customers and visitors compliant with data protection legislation and as manageable as possible, including the development of digital solutions." Until such time as a govt approved system is provided All Saints will provide best endeavours to both support NHS Track & Trace and comply with GDPR to prevent breach of personal data security.

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					<p>Church to retain data for 21 days: data to be held by ??? at ??? and destroyed by ??? after this period runs out</p> <p>For the Hall: hirers to collate attendee data as per the user agreement, see Appendix 7</p>	
R19	<p>Issues linked to use of the bell tower and chamber:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID infection Maintenance issues following long period of non use 	Bell ringing team	<p>High</p> <p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>Low</p>	<p>Assessment of the space, bells and mechanism carried out by the Tower Captain, and a risk assessment produced (see Appendix 5) and discussed with the ringing team.</p> <p>This has highlighted the number of bell ropes that can be used whilst maintaining 2m distancing; the use of sanitiser; a safe system for distancing on entry/egress of the tower; increased ventilation.</p> <p>Gaps of 72hrs min will be left between bell ringing sessions to lessen any residual risk</p>	<p>Masks to be worn by ringers</p> <p>Should there be a requirement to ring all 6 bells this will see use of family groups to reduce the number of households in the chamber</p> <p>A risk assessment and safe operating system for the Bell Tower exists already: COVID safe measures are applied on top of a well managed system</p>

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					Contact details of ringers at each session will be held to support NHS Track & Trace	
R20	<p>Risk of infection linked to hall users via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Droplet transmission/aerosol generation • Fomite transmission (handling) • Population (number of participants / presence of risk groups) • Mingling outside the venue and any congestion affecting social distancing • Lapses in social distancing <p>See also R24 in relation to the Playgroup</p>	Hall hirers; hall users; All Saints staff; cleaners	high	medium	<p>The use of face coverings within the Centre will vary subject to the activity. It will apply to all cases where the centre is used as a community centre. It will not apply to the playgroup, nor to sporting activity. Whether it applies to other activities like use by Scouts/Guides is tbc.</p> <p>Ventilation will be provided via open windows for all users.</p> <p>External doors may be wedged open, subject to hirers own risk assessment linked to the welfare and safeguarding of attendees</p> <p>Please note that internal fire doors must never be wedged open.</p> <p>All users will be requested to provide their own RA &</p>	<p>Close liaison between All Saints Centre management and all hirers to address any issues as the centre opens to more users</p> <p>All Saints to retain the right to close the venue for additional cleaning should there be any concerns over possible infection on the premises</p> <p>The system for opening up / use of keys will be devised to ensure cleaning of any shared keys (see Wardens for details).</p> <p>See Appendix 7 for a fuller copy of the agreement process all hall hirers will go through</p>

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					<p>activity plan to show how they intend to address use of the space in terms of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participant health checks pre arrival 2. Participant risk check pre arrival to ensure the vulnerable are aware 3. Estimate of the numbers to be present 4. Arrival method to avoid overcrowding 5. Track & Trace support 6. Social distancing within the venue by those involved in their activity 7. Modification to normal activity, eg reduction of shouting 8. Sanitation whilst at the venue 9. Notification to All Saints of any concern linked to 	

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					<p>presence of anyone with symptoms within the venue during their hire period</p> <p>10. Exit method to avoid overcrowding</p> <p>11. Evidence of compliance with relevant Govt guidance (eg see R21 below)</p> <p>To assist hirers All Saints will provide:</p> <p>A. Details of the available space to any hirer to allow them to work out the occupant capacity for their activity in line with govt guidance</p> <p>B. Details of the entry/exit points available to allow for one way flow in/out or to avoid any other users</p>	

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					<p>C. Details of any other users at the same time & measures in place to reduce the chance of encounter or scheduling to avoid this</p> <p>D. Confirmation of hire periods (which may be reduced to allow for changeover and cleaning)</p> <p>E. Details to each hirer of the cleaning plan for the venue & any 'on arrival/on departure' supplementary cleaning that hirers may be expected to complete (& confirm by text on departure)</p> <p>F. Details to each hirer of the system for use of the toilets within the centre</p>	

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					<p>G. Details to each hirer of the system for use of the kitchen within the venue</p> <p>H. Details to each hirer, where relevant, for use of the shared storage space to minimise handling of other groups equipment</p> <p>I. Confirmation (or otherwise) subject to decision after the RA & activity plan are submitted, that the hire may take place in line with govt guidance and on the basis that All Saints can provide the centre as a COVID-19 secure venue permitted to allow a gathering</p> <p>The internal area of the main hall is 16m x 10m: based on 4 sqm pp for low</p>	

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					<p>intensity use this would allow up to 40 people to use the space, but the limit is not set in this way, rather a risk assessment model will be used as part of the user agreement process to determine and agree the level of attendees. Where high intensity exercise – eg Zumba – takes place the capacity will be worked out on the basis of 10sq m pp.</p> <p>Meeting rooms: as of 10.8.20 these are not in use but an assessment of the capacity is tba</p> <p>Lapses in social distancing are a known risk and will occur when people have to walk past each other in corridors etc. The information given to hirers will help reduce this, but it is recognised that government guidance indicates that such transitory contacts are lower risk. Mask use</p>	

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					<p>providers further mitigation.</p> <p>The external areas at All Saints are, subject to receiving and reviewing the details above for each use, considered to provide sufficient queue or waiting space to avoid congestion or crowding affecting social distancing at arrival/exit times</p>	
R21	<p>Risk of infection by not complying with govt guidance on gym/leisure facilities which applies to sports groups using the hall as an indoor gym/studio space: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/providers-of-grassroots-sport-and-gym-leisure-facilities</p> <p>Fine or prosecution in relation to the above</p>	<p>Hall hirer; hall users; All Saints staff</p> <p>Hall hirer; All Saints</p>	<p>High</p> <p>med</p>	<p>low</p> <p>L ow</p>	<p>User Agreement demands that national guidance is followed where applicable. All Saints to consider/vet/approve all usage and retain the right not to accept a hire where any concerns that cannot be put to rest remain.</p> <p>Measures in place through this policy and liaison with</p>	

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					hirers to ensure guidance is followed	
R22	<p>Risk to health in relation to spread of / infection with corona virus at Communion Services (from 1.8.20)</p> <p><i>NB see R22 for communion services</i></p>	Staff; congregation	high	Medium (for permitted communion services during the pre vaccine period / at this time)	<p>The agreed operating system for Sunday morning prayer services (see appendix 3 and R9 above) will apply covering cleaning & hygiene, social distancing, ventilation, health check/track&trace, information to attendees, staff & clergy. See Appendix 6.</p> <p>Checks ahead of any phased return to the staging of communion by All Saints PCC to ensure that any plans are conforming to national and regional guidance through clergy, advisory group and PCC – the controls in the C of E guidance from 21.7.20 are being applied (see above for link, and appendix 6) to allow for safe celebration of communion.</p>	<p>Ongoing monitoring of the situation and subsequently co policy and response by the Vicar</p> <p>The clergy have face protection as of June 2020 for use where deemed fit. Masks are compulsory as of 8.8.20</p> <p>See also fire risk assessment which covers the use of the church for services and which remains relevant.</p> <p>Review of each service to be held with clergy, wardens and stewards via zoom and same with congregants to learn from each session</p> <p>The risk assessment process has highlighted a high percentage of over 70s within the potential congregation: advice to consider staying at home is being shared. However due to this high level separate 70+ services</p>

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					<p>Clergy will wash their hands pre service and use sanitiser prior to communion, and will wear face shields throughout the giving of communion.</p> <p>No speaking over consumables, which must be covered as per guidance.</p> <p>Clergy alone to consume bread & wine (congregants receive bread alone). Individual wafers to be used. These are dropped not placed into congregants hands.</p> <p>Communion giving to be conducted in silence</p> <p>Communion giving to take place at the service end, allowing attendees to remain in seats as per Sunday service (see R9/Appendix3) then depart in a one way system via the south altar (rail will not be</p>	<p>may not be feasible: instead the focus at All Saints is on 2m minimum, promotion of masks, social distancing & advice to consider shielding/use of online resources where anyone considers themselves vulnerable</p>

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					<p>used, but a queue system (see appendix 6)</p> <p>Sanitiser will be placed so that communicants can sanitise hands before and after receiving the wafer</p> <p>All attendees will be asked to wear face masks. At the start of the service the clergy will explain the system and ask all to keep masks on until it is time for them to receive the wafer</p> <p>At the giving of the wafer the clergy cannot be socially distanced from communicants: an acceptance of this risk has to form part of the agreement to attend and take part in the service. This will be made clear in emails and publicity about the service.</p> <p>Chalice and paten to be cleaned pre and post</p>	

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					<p>service as per current C of E advice</p> <p>Clergy, wardens and stewards in place to monitor and manage</p> <p>Appendix 6 shows the variable capacity for attendees</p> <p>Opening/Closing up helpers will report on any findings to the wardens and clergy.</p> <p>Lapses in social distancing are a known risk and will occur when people have to walk past each other in corridors etc. The information given to hirers will help reduce this, but it is recognised that government guidance indicates that such transitory contacts are lower risk. Mask use provides further mitigation.</p>	

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R23	Infection/contamination via the cleaning process and or used cleaning cloths	Church staff; church users; hall hirers; hall attendees; cleaners	high	Medium / high	Those undertaking cleaning should wear disposable gloves (or washable gloves that are bagged up and washed after use) and visors, and wash hands after work Used cloths should be double bagged and in line with govt guidance stored for 72 hours before collection	
R24	Risk of infection linked to use of the hall by Ladybird Playgroup	Ladybird staff; hall staff; children attending; parents or carers dropping off & collecting	high	Low for children (based on govt view of lower risk for children) Medium for adults	Pre-school guidance to be applied Risk assessment submitted to All Saints by Ladybird in relation to their hire Full policy and plans in place: Ladybird take responsibility for this under the agreement and their duty of care	Ladybird have policies and systems in place to respond to cases or suspected cases
R25	Maintenance related issues linked to gas, electrical safety, legionella or fire safety	Church staff; attendees; hall hirers; hall attendees	high	low	Ongoing system and records of maintenance checks to cover all church buildings exists, overseen by the PCC & Fabric Committee.	Responses to maintenance issue to be actioned as required

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					Taps have been run routinely by wardens during lockdown to flush through	
R26	Sunday School Activities from August 2020 leading to risk of infection or spreading of covid-19	Sunday school teachers; children; parents	High	Low for children (based on govt view of lower risk for children) Medium for adults	<p>Government Guidance used (see front page) to help formulate the approach to this.</p> <p>Groups to be limited to 15 children and 2 staff to reduce the chance of infection. Staff helping should be aware of the potential risk to themselves if classed as vulnerable by the government in relation to covid-19, and must consider whether this is an activity they wish to be part of at this time.</p> <p>Where more than 15 children are present 2 groups will be formed. Should there be insufficient staff to assist then further support from a parent is to be requested, otherwise the activity may either</p>	<p>Hand sanitiser will be provided and all children asked to use it at the start and end of the session, and at any time where it is felt by supervisory staff that a child may have come into direct contact with items handled by another child</p> <p>For as long as possible and where weather allows activities will be held outdoors to reduce the risk of infection</p> <p>Any child showing the well know signs of infection should not be accepted into the temporary care of the Sunday School team</p>

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					<p>need to be stopped or limited to 15 children only.</p> <p>Where possible smaller groups divided by age eg under 6 and over 6 will be established, further reducing the risk of contact between children from different households</p> <p>Information on new format to be sent out ahead of each Sunday. This will include the track and trace element: details are to be requested of all children and a parent or carer's name and contact number. These details will be held by All Saints for 21 days, and must be handed to the warden at the end of the session/service.</p> <p>Dry weather plan: Children will not go into church which would entail leaving pews and increasing movement around the building, but will be taken</p>	

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					<p>into the temporary care of the Sunday School teachers on the green before their parents come into church.</p> <p>Children will be brought out to the same location before the end of the service.</p> <p>Wet weather plan: Children will not go into church which would entail leaving pews and increasing movement around the building, but will be taken into the temporary care of the Sunday School teachers who will greet them by the Green outside the church with umbrellas but then take them to the Hall. Windows in the hall will be open for ventilation. The hall will be cleaned beforehand in line with the advice given to hirers. As such wet weather plans will need Sunday school staff on site 30 minutes earlier for preparation. Cleaning</p>	

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					<p>materials will be provided by the church.</p> <p>Parents will come to collect children, and will need to be advised to queue in a socially distant manner and to use a one way system, from the green to the north door and away to Linden Road. Sunday School staff to include this in instruction in the newsletter/emails and to brief parents in person at handover.</p> <p>For both dry & wet weather plans: All activities will be planned to ensure that children not of the same household will stay socially distant from others.</p> <p>Materials will not be shared. Items will either be cleaned or left in a safe place for over 72 hours between use.</p>	

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					<p>Activities should not involve shouting or singing to reduce risk of infection.</p> <p>Should a child need to leave the Sunday School session and be reunited with their parents this will need to be done with caution to ensure social distancing is maintained as the child is taken back into the church, or as parents are summoned to the hall, subject to the nature of any incident or issue.</p> <p>Should a child need to use the toilet they should be reminded to wash their hands before and afterwards using soap and warm water for 20 seconds (2 x Happy Birthdays)</p>	
R27	Sunday Services: people from early service milling outside and presenting a social distancing issue for next arrivees	Attendees; staff	medium	medium	Clergy to remind attendees at the end of the service not to linger near doors or on the immediate path to the doors and to use the green	Review of service times if other measures do not address this

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					for socially distant conversation Stewards to assist with the above Advice to go into newsletters	
R28	Children's materials/in church activities encouraging movement away from pews: location of materials (incorrectly placed 9.8.20 on the 'empty' pews)	attendees	high	medium	Issue raised and communicated to wardens and clergy and Sunday School team Wardens to build in checks and to brief the Sunday School team	
R29	Singing at Services: A) Performed by choirmaster in a solo cantor role, risk of infection via droplet/aerosol in the event of singer having the coronavirus B) Use of small choir: up to 4 singers, risk of infection via droplet/aerosol in the event of singer having the coronavirus	Attendees, clergy, singers	high	med	A) Risk reduced by applying these controls: Single singer Performed from the organ bench Microphone used to amplify, cables routed away from any walkway Exclusion zone agreed with clergy – exceeds 6m and is closer to 9m No other choir members present Area added to the current cleaning plan for the organ	Review of procedure post 13.9.20 saw no need for change and paved the way for B) Discussed with clergy and wardens and no issues raised that have not been addressed See also R31 funerals

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					<p>area where keys and pistons are wiped pre & post service (choirmaster to perform this), inc mic & stand</p> <p>B) as above but with these changes – singers remain un-robed and within their bubble (if applicable) in the congregation for the parts of the service they are not singing and come up the north aisle, through the priests' vestry and across the altar step to unmask and sing when required. Singers stand 2m apart across the high altar step aisle</p> <p>No one would be within the choir area other than the organist who will be more than 2m from the singers</p> <p>When finished they can continue across behind the organ and back into the nave via the south aisle remasking as they go.</p>	

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R30	<p>Church Picnic for October on the green: risk of infection caused by proximity of people; need for the rule of 6 to be applied to comply with the law</p> <p><i>NB this event did not occur, draft plan produced, full risk assessment not completed</i></p>	Attendees, organiser (church)	high	low	<p>Risk reduced via:</p> <p>Marking out of green</p> <p>Advance information to all attendees</p> <p>Adherence to rule of 6</p> <p>Contact details taken</p> <p>Activity is in the open air</p> <p>Limits placed on number allowed into the centre for access to loos</p> <p>Signage in place</p> <p>Sanitiser stations available on arrival and for access to the hall and use of loos</p>	
R31	<p>The staging of funerals: risk of infection caused by proximity of people; risk of issue linked to failure to comply with govt & C of E guidance; risk of failure to adhere to social distancing due to the emotion of the occasion</p>	Clergy; attendees; undertakers; singer	high	med	<p>Risk reduced via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funeral planned by clergy with families in line with govt advice, reducing or avoiding in person contact • As with services, those with any symptoms of covid must not attend and clergy should remind families of this • Numbers to be restricted to 30 in line with local restrictions. Excludes clergy, organist, vergers • Church has sufficient socially distanced 	Any changes to the 30 person limit to be made as and when restrictions are amended either nationally or by local restrictions sanctioned by Newcastle CC / HM Govt

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					<p>capacity, and only households will be permitted to sit together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitiser, pre cleaned venue, use of face coverings, pew by pew exit, advice not to mingle outside etc to apply as per church services • Track & Trace in place • Solo singer (see R29) measures to apply • Clergy to apply a sympathetic but strong approach to social distancing for grieving families • Clergy to use their own transport to attend cemetery / crematorium, and to maintain social distancing and hygiene at those venues 	
R32	The staging of weddings: risk of infection caused by proximity of people; risk of issue linked to failure to comply with govt & C of E guidance; risk of failure to adhere to social distancing due to the emotion of the occasion	Clergy; attendees; photographer; singer	high	med	<p>Risk reduced via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wedding planned by clergy with families in line with govt advice, reducing or avoiding in person contact • As with services, those with any symptoms of 	Any changes to the 15 person limit to be made as and when restrictions are amended either nationally or by local restrictions sanctioned by Newcastle CC / HM Govt

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					<p>covid must not attend and clergy should remind families of this</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers to be restricted to 15 in line with local restrictions. Excludes clergy, organist, verger, photographer • Church has sufficient socially distanced capacity, and only households will be permitted to sit together • Sanitiser, pre cleaned venue, use of face coverings, pew by pew exit, advice not to mingle outside etc to apply as per church services • Track & Trace in place • Solo singer (see R29) measures to apply if relevant • No mass singing • Any musicians will be planned for, allowed space for social distancing, and informed of hygiene measures etc (no blown instruments) 	

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any photographers or videographers will be planned for, allowed space for social distancing, and informed of hygiene measures etc • Father of the bride may only escort the bride down the aisle if they are from the same household and/or social bubble (not just family) • A physical distance of 2 metres should be observed between individuals at all times. if bridesmaids are from a different household – they sit on separate pews and do not walk in together • Clergy to apply a sympathetic but strong approach to social distancing for friends & families • If anyone wishes to lodge an objection to the wedding, they are entitled to do so, They will make their point 	

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					<p>while observing physical distancing! This will be the children's area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The minister will not touch the rings at the Giving of Rings •Separate pens will be used for registration. •Families will not join together as the married couple process along the central aisle at the end of the service. •The two metre rule will be also observed with regard to photos at the church where the church can exercise influence on this 	
R33	<p>Outdoor Carol Service</p> <p>COVID - risk of infection caused by proximity of people; risk of issue linked to failure to comply with govt & C of E guidance; risk of failure to adhere to social distancing</p> <p>Other - ground conditions; weather – risk of slips, trips, falls; marking out, equipment used, delivery and removal of kit; donations</p>	Clergy; attendees; stewards	<p>High (covid)</p> <p>Medium (weather / conditions)</p>	<p>Low</p> <p>Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The indoor service model has been used to inform this, as have govt guidance for worship and Christmas period •Operating procedure produced – see Appendix 8 •Ticketed event to manage numbers and support Track & Trace 	<p>Monitoring of weather</p> <p>Monitoring of COVID situation – should the rates in the NE get very high this and other activity may get cancelled</p> <p>No need for external lighting due to service times. Attendees encouraged to bring a torch for 3pm service</p>

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Households / bubbles (in line with govt guidance) grouped into pens of 6 max, all forward facing, all marked out with pin and tape • Queueing space exists on church land by West Avenue • Attendees told not to socialise post event • 2m social distancing • Masks for entry/exit • Outdoors so natural ventilation • One way route for entry and exit, pin/rope and signs to support and staff to assist • Load in / empty out system to minimise if not remove the need for anyone to walk past a full pen (unless in the event of emergency or early departure) • Health declaration via ticketing system and advance info to all attendees to stay away if 	<p>end. Glowsticks for directing and hazard marking.</p> <p>First aider present, first aid kit on site</p>

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					<p>ill or in contact with anyone ill or positive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks for all workers • Visors for ticket team • Carol sheets pre printed and in plastic wallets for collection • Marking out done by experienced person competent to use tools and equipment • Briefing to helpers to be given: operating plan shared, contains practical instruction and safety advice as well eg safety footwear • Delivery of pins/barriers by contractor, all materials put away from public access • Removal to be managed to ensure safe uplift • Tables from church stock, care to be taken to ensure social distancing is not compromised during set up – eg single capable person to carry and erect 	

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA/electric piano all PAT tested, dribox for cables, power from church • Gazebo use tbc, no sight of it pre event, inspection on the day and it not suitable it will not be used. Back up cover at south porch if required with piano and PA inside the doors • Sessions held pre darkness • Attendees asked to bring torches in case • Clear messaging re grass and outdoor clothing, use of camping chairs allowed but at own risk • Paths to be swept to • High winds will see the event called off, as might very heavy rain affecting ground to make it unusable • Short term event (30 mins inc waiting) so no long term external exposure 	

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goodplate donation system in place • Cashbox/bucket in place – stewards to monitor for risk of theft, positioned near south door on exit path so away from public footpaths 	
R34	Crib & Christingle Services risk of infection caused by proximity of people; risk of issue linked to failure to comply with govt & C of E guidance; risk of failure to adhere to social distancing; risk of infection from fomites via packs provided	Clergy; attendees, stewards	High	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face covering for all over age of 11 • Socially distanced seating in household/support bubble areas as per standard service (see above) • Sanitiser available for all to use on the way in and out • T&T supported by stewards at the door • Stewards to direct attendees to seats • Numbers monitored to ensure no more than the max level of available seating areas (see Appendix 6 for layout) is utilised • Pens and materials (crib service) & self build Christingle kits 	

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					<p>(Christingle service) will be put into the church 72 hours beforehand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will wear their own costumes • Tinsel halos will be available, these will be pre prepared, put into church 72 hours beforehand • Announcements at the start to explain this is a seated service • Crib service Narrator / innkeeper parts played by adults who will maintain social distancing at all times • Microphones for both of the above (cleaning / quarantine system to be in place – clergy to confirm at time of writing, question has been put to them) • Props to be handled by one person only • No singing, activities such as waving hands or raising stars 	

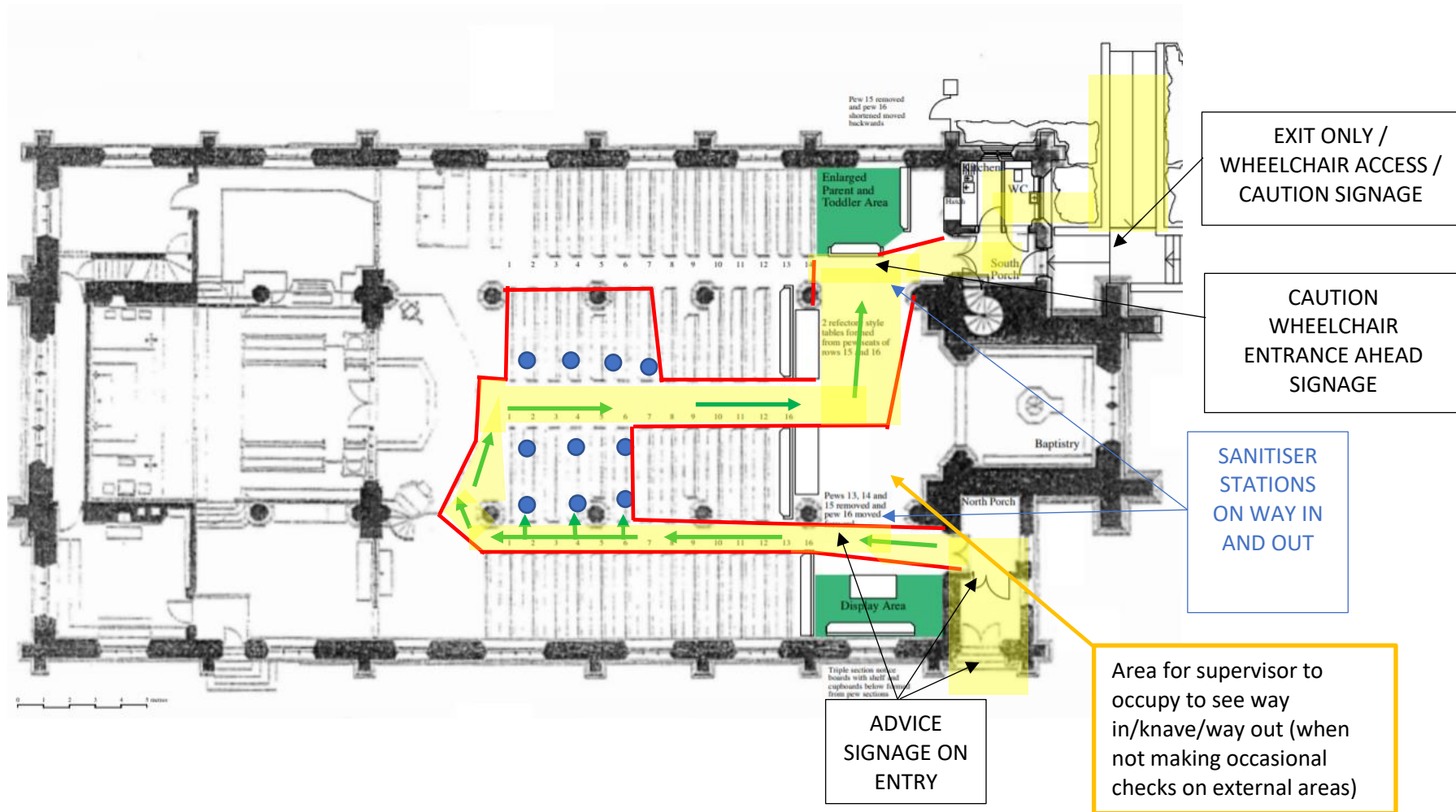
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managed exit led by stewards as per standard service practice • Doors kept open for ventilation – attendees to be advised to wrap up 	
R35	Follow the Star trail risk of COVID transmission from participation logistics around south porch – theft, manual handling	Families attending; church staff	High	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self walked local trail over 3 nights - map and instructions sent by Youth Worker to parents • Done at own pace • Participants to adhere to social distancing • Outdoor event – ventilation reduces transmission risk • Participants leave a food donation at the south porch, open for this purpose • Church wardens/staff to manage opening up and locking of the porch and move food items/crib in line with social distancing, with masks worn inside 	

Appendix 2. All Saints private prayer operating procedure (CM version 3 as of 22.6.20). See over for image

Notes on the plan for private prayer from 24.6.20

- Initially, sessions will be supervised. The person supervising should occupy clear areas as much as possible (see over). Initial session due 24.6.20 1300 – 1500. Review to take place after session 1. Subject to review sessions may continue Mon/Wed/Fri 1300 - 1500
- Applies safe usage limit of 8 people, marked seats within the church allows for 10 so built in factor of safety
- Red tape has been used to mark off out of bounds areas; green tape arrows applied to the carpet to show walking route in & around the knave
- Green tape Xs applied to pew cushions to show where to sit
- Altar rail in place to prevent access to choir / high altar, with additional furniture items placed to limit access
- Doors will remain wedged open during the period of use to prevent the need for touch points and to maximise ventilation
- Sanitiser stations to be provided by the church on way in and way out
- Decision on church lighting: this will be off, in line with previous open church procedure
- Prior to the first session the removal of all hymn books, leaflets etc has taken place. Children's toys are out of sight and the childrens corner closed off with furniture as barrier.
- On the plan overleaf the yellow area is the usable space, and as such requires cleaning before each new session: a wipe down of all touchable surfaces so handrails on the way in; door handles (although doors will be left open); door plates or areas that might be pushed, all edges/surfaces/pew rails which may be used for support as anyone passes them or waits; pew rails and shelves (ie surfaces a person may lean on or use for leverage) where seats are marked; then as before but in reverse order for way out - pew sides, door handles/plates, handrails. This to be written into an 'Opening Up' procedure along with checks on sanitiser, signs, tape, general premises condition
- Cleaning materials to consist of antibacterial spray, wiped on with cloth, cloth placed in bin bag, cleaner uses hand gel, then places black bag in external church waste bins, cleaner uses hand gel again, leaves the premises which are now deemed ready for prayer
- A 'Closing Up' procedure is being written to cover checks on premises, any damage/issues, locking up and hand cleaning for the person who performs this
- Signage has been applied and will be left in situ where possible to cover pre entry advice on protocol and limits; 2m social distancing gap etc
- Signage is in eye catching places to be visible but will inevitably detract from 'normal' church experience: where possible signage has been left out of the main sightline from pews towards the choir
- Weekly prayers or scripture quotes will be applied to hymn boards by the wardens
- Sandwich board with advice messaging to be put out by the West Avenue door showing this as the way in (but with a note saying a wheeled entrance is available at the south door) - messaging will cover what the church is open for, the fact that it is cleaned before the start time each day but not during the day so users accept the risk, advice to touch as little as possible, to follow the green arrows and only sit on seats within pews marked with a green X, not to move any of the red tape which shows areas not open for use unless in the event of an emergency
- Sandwich board with advice messaging to be put by the south door stating that this is for exit only unless wheeled access is required, but warning any user that they may encounter someone exiting and as such to proceed with caution, plus reminder to wash hands asap. Similar signs on the exit towards the south door to remind users that wheelchairs could be coming in

- 'In the event of emergency' notice on way in and out in porches so that clergy/wardens can be alerted of anything during a session.



Appendix 3. All Saints Morning Prayer Service operating procedure (CM version 2 as of 21.7.20). See over for image

Notes on the plan for Morning Prayer Service from 12.7.20

- Signage outside will explain the rules in place for safe operation – social distancing, sanitiser, no singing, support of Track & Trace
- A steward will be positioned outside at each door, with all who can use the north door being sent to that
- Congregants will be greeted at North Porch Door, be asked some health questions (see R11 in risk assessment) will give contact details, cleanse their hands with our hand sanitiser and be taken to their seats by a steward. All wardens, stewards and clergy will maintain 2m social distancing at all times
- A warden for the north section will take people to either the side pews by the walls (for 3 or more people) or to the central aisle (for 1 or 2 people): the same will happen at the south side, with the greeter allocating congregants to south then north and repeating this order until we are full
- Those that need to use the south door for access will be escorted in by the steward on that door, will give contact details, cleanse their hands with our hand sanitiser and be taken to their seats by the steward for the south side
- People from the same household or “bubble” can sit together: pews will have green tape on cushions showing the areas people can sit in.
- Orders of Service will be placed on pews before the service and congregants asked to remove these at the end
- The clergy will explain everything in their welcome: there will be no hymns. Music will be played but there will be no singing.
- Congregational responses should be kept to minimum volume to reduce the risk of droplet spreading.
- Readers using the lectern will have a printed copy of readings to eliminate contamination of the lectionary.
- There will be no offertory collection during the service but The Good Plate will be available on entering/exiting the church.
- On exiting, individual pews will be invited to stand and leave immediately with a short interval between each. Stewards will manage this emptying the wall aisles first and by the pew near the closest door first, asking others to remain seated. Those that need the south ramp door will be taken here at the end of the exit process
- The Congregation will cleanse their hands at the exit door and be directed outside and reminded not to congregate in groups immediately outside the church to allow safe social distancing for those still leaving church.
- Church wardens will mark 2m distances on the footpaths outside of church on the North side and immediately outside the South Porch to help those waiting for entry
- If anyone takes ill, PPE (gloves, mask, visor) is available in the event of a First Aider needing to attend to a member of the congregation. A dynamic risk assessment will need to be made to ensure the responders are not put at undue risk. Any evacuation would be managed in the normal way, with the need for safe exit overruling the threat of covid.
- If anyone feels unwell they should leave immediately or alert a greeter/sides persons: the clergy will explain this as part of the welcome.
- Soft furnishings/soft toys will be removed from the Children’s area and parents/carers advised that children will need to stay in the pew throughout.
- Parish Centre toilets are to be open with the side door opened as entry. A ‘Hello’ system will be in operation. This will be explained by the clergy. Loos will be cleaned before the service.
- Church doors will be wedged open to assist with ventilation

Area for south steward: groups of 3 may use side aisle, all 1s or 2s use central. Attendees sit on the cushion where the green tape has been stuck on: this allows for gaps at ends to avoid being too close to those walking in the aisle

Steward at the external area at the south door to direct all who do not need ramp access to use the north door, greet and remind everyone to socially distance both in the queue and inside, and to answer any questions about service format

SANITISER STATIONS ON WAY IN AND OUT

Steward to work with greeter to ask attendees to wait until space exists

Steward at the external area at the north door to greet and remind everyone to socially distance both in the queue and inside, and to answer any questions about service format

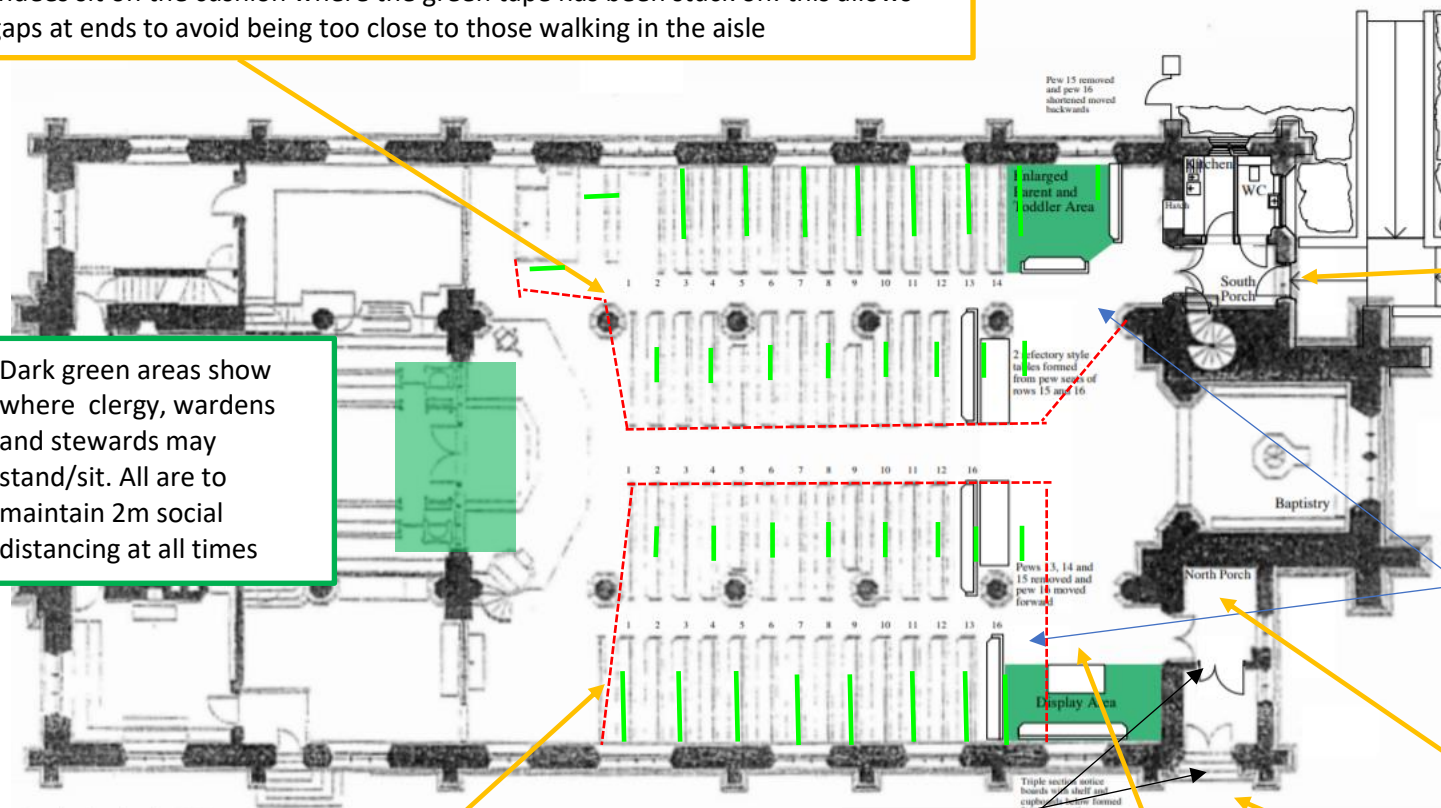
Greeter (key role):
Asks health and Track & Trace questions; directs attendees to use sanitiser; allocated attendees to north or south stewards to escort to seats

ADVICE SIGNAGE ON ENTRY

Area for north steward: groups of 3 may use side aisle, all 1s or 2s use central. Attendees sit on the cushion where the green tape has been stuck on: this allows for gaps at ends to avoid being too close to those walking in the aisle

Light green lines show open pews (NB plan misses some pews off).
North side aisle has 8 pews capable of seating 8 to 16
North central aisle has 7 pews capable of seating 7 to 21
South central aisle has 7 pews capable of seating 7 to 21
South side aisle has 7 pews/seats capable of seating 10 to 20
Total seated capacity estimated at 32 to 78 (subject to users)

Seats for wardens/stewards are available at the north door x 1; baptistry x 6





<p>Your Sunday Service is back at All Saints – welcome! It's a new experience for us all – here's what you need to know</p>	
Before	<p>If you are unwell or have any symptoms of COVID19 – cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell – please stay at home.</p> <p>If you've been near anyone with symptoms or who is unwell please stay at home</p> <p>If you are in a group that the government defines as 'at risk' – e.g. aged 70+, pregnant, with an underlying health condition – why not watch the online service to reduce the risk to yourself of coming to a crowded place? However we respect your decision based on your health and situation.</p> <p>Services, for now, will be morning prayer. There will be music but no singing. You will be in your pew for the full service.</p> <p>You don't have to wear a face covering or mask, but you can do</p>
Arrival	<p>It will take longer to get in: we have lots of space outside but if its wet or cold dress accordingly. Doors will stay open in church for ventilation.</p> <p>Everyone (or a 'lead' person for families) will be asked for their name & contact number to support NHS Track and Trace</p> <p>You will be asked to sanitise your hands then escorted to a pew by a steward</p> <p>You may sit alone or in family/household groups, not next to friends, this is to comply with government advice on distancing</p>
During	<p>Service sheets will be in the pews. Church stewards will sanitise their hands before placing them. Take them with you when you leave please</p> <p>The clergy will welcome everyone and explain the new normality!</p> <p>We'll all stay seated during the service. It will have prayer and readings. At this time there is no communion or singing.</p> <p>The <u>kids</u> corner won't be in use, and any children who come will have to stay in pews for the full service. They are welcome to bring an activity with them.</p> <p>The loos in the hall will be open. They are cleaned ahead of opening and again afterwards. There is no coffee in the hall.</p>
After	<p>At the end of the service stewards will escort you out, aisle by aisle. Please stay seated until asked to leave.</p> <p>Please don't congregate on the paths or by the doors: there is more space on West Avenue to stand and safely talk to others.</p> <p>If you feel ill or display any symptoms in the days after attending a service please inform the NHS and the clergy so we can help support the Track & Trace efforts</p>

Appendix 5 – Bell Ringing Risk Assessment (this version as at 4.10.20 including update to wedding ringing produced September 2020, produced by Ann & Paul Cross – bell ringing team and clergy are aware of 2nd December tier 3 guidance – see comment in red which shows latest status)

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH GOSFORTH - RISK ASSESSMENT FOR CORONAVIRUS COVID 19 OUTBREAK

(This document is to be read alongside the main Risk Assessment for Bell Ringing at All Saints', and refers specifically to the risks surrounding the Coronavirus Covid 19 outbreak)

Risk assessment completed by: Ann Cross

Date: updated 8/9/20

Updated : **DECEMBER 2020 – SINCE THE**

NEWCASTLE AREA IS IN TIER 3 FOR CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS, THERE CAN BE NO TOWER BELL RINGING AT ALL SAINTS' UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES WILL THEN BE REVISED SO THAT THEY MEET WHATEVER HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS ARE NECESSARY.

Hazard	Who could be affected?	Severity	Probability	Existing controls	Further measures to limit risk
Risk to health in relation to spread of/infection with coronavirus in the bell tower by droplet transmission or surface contact	Bell ringers or anyone in contact with them Anyone who may be accessing the tower for other reasons, such as to raise or lower the flag, or to carry out maintenance work, is not covered by this Risk Assessment	High	Low	Policy in place at All Saints' to limit risk of spread, produced in line with Government advice and shared with all church officials and users From 8th August 2020 anyone attending a place of worship must wear a mask – see next column and notes below RA	Before returning to ringing, ringers will be sent an email/telephoned asking them to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay away from the tower if feeling at all unwell, or if they think they might have been near anyone who is unwell Explain that they may not be able to ring every week as the band will be small in number and pre-selected Wash their hands before leaving home and use hand sanitiser on site To avoid bringing food or drink into the tower
					At the foot of the stairs a notice will be posted asking ringers to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember to stay away if feeling unwell Wait 10 seconds before following another ringer up the stairs (this will avoid the need for stair markers) Try to avoid touching the walls on each side of the stairs on the way up and down
					Once in the tower, ringers will be asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use hand sanitiser (their own, or that provided in the tower) Avoid touching their a face as far as possible

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid 'touch' points as far as possible, such as chairs, white board and chalk board, pens, books and other documents and items that may be in the tower • Avoid touching any ropes other than the rope they are assigned to for ringing during that particular session • Keep social distancing to 2m ideally, or 1m + if wearing a mask (it is suggested that ringers wear a mask if in the same small space for 15 mins or more)* • Avoid raising their voice • Give details to Tower Captain/lead person to support NHS Track & Trace
					<p>Before any ringing starts, the following will be in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The band will be decided ahead of service ringing to limit numbers in the tower and each ringer allocated a specific bell • A notice will be posted at the foot of the tower on the door with reminders about feeling unwell, handwashing/sanitising and food and drink • Hand sanitiser and surface cleaners will be in the tower • The tower will be cleared as far as possible of excess items to reduce the number of 'touch points' • Reminder notices about not touching the face, other bell ropes or items in the tower will be displayed on the whiteboard and chalkboard
					<p>At the start of each ringing session, the Tower Captain or designated person will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wipe the lock to the door with sanitiser before and after using the key

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean handles/switches (to be wiped not sprayed)/pulleys and anything else that it is necessary to touch before the ringing session • Open the windows and the trap door into the belfry to increase airflow • Take names and contact details of all ringers who attend
					<p>At the end of each ringing session that same person will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wipe the lock to the door with sanitiser after locking up
As above, with particular reference to ringing for weddings	All ringers who are ringing for a wedding service	High	Low	As above	The Central Council for Church Bell Ringers advise that ringing must not take place both before and after a wedding, but be for one of another. This is because there would be very little time between sessions which would result in ringers being close together for around half an hour (the current guidelines suggest no more than 15 minutes).

Important: if you have been ringing and develop symptoms that may be those of Covid 19 please notify the Tower Captain so that Track and Trace can be put into effect. *As from 8th August 2020 the Government have stated that masks must be worn when attending places of worship, and this extends to voluntary groups using the church. The wearing of masks whilst ringing, no matter what the distance between ringers may be, is therefore mandatory.

Appendix 6. Communion Service operating procedure (CM version 2 as of 4.10.20). See over for image

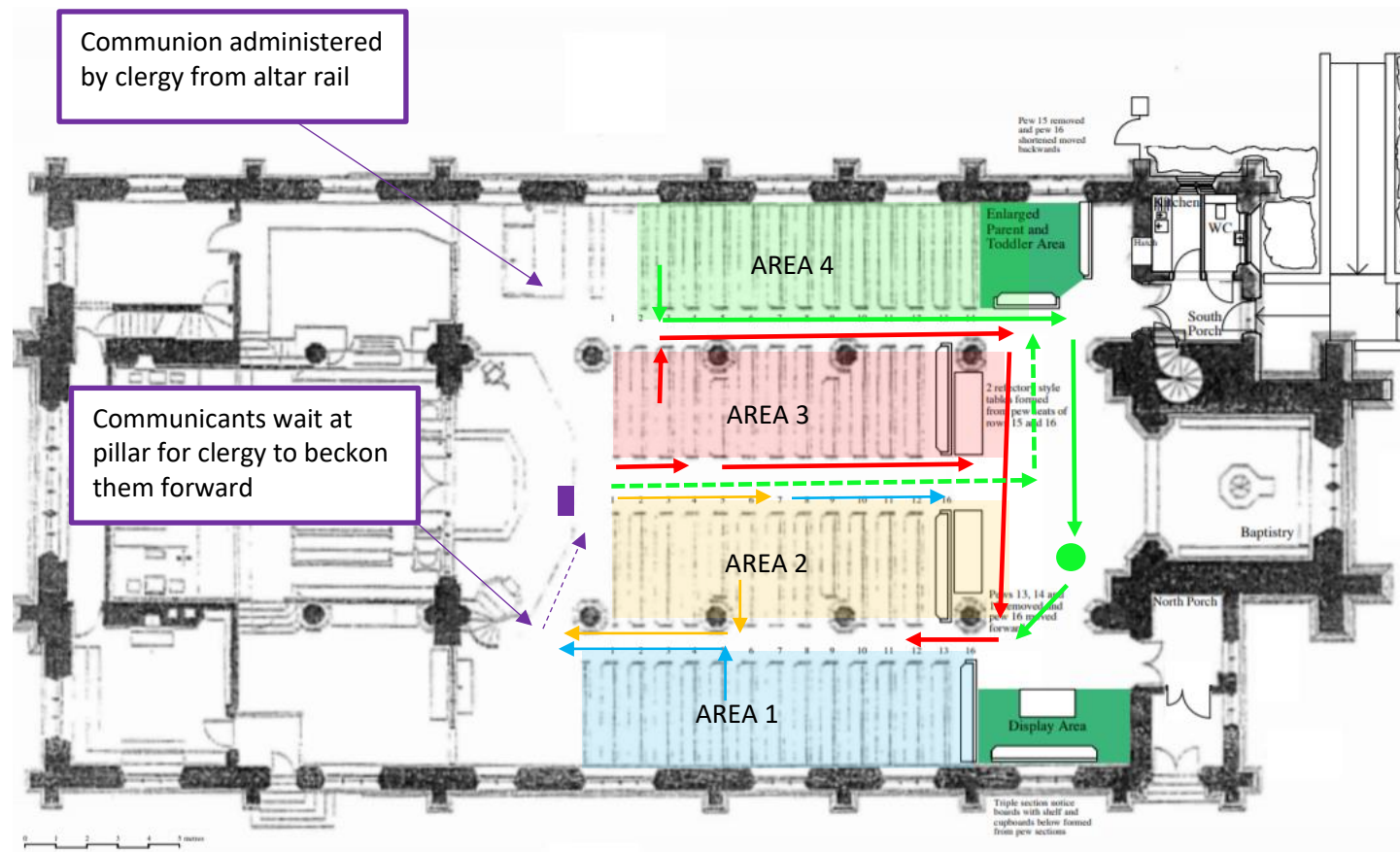
Notes on the plan for Communion Service from 1.8.20, updated as per above date

- Signage outside will explain the rules in place for safe operation – social distancing, sanitiser, no congregation singing, support of Track & Trace
- A steward will be positioned outside at each door, with all who can use the north door being sent to that
- Congregants will be greeted at the North Door, asked some health questions (see R11 in risk assessment,) will give contact details, cleanse their hands with our hand sanitiser and be taken to their seats by a steward. All wardens, stewards & clergy will be briefed to maintain 2m distancing
- A steward for the north section will take people to either the side pews by the walls (for 3 or more people) or to the central aisle (for 1 or 2 people): the same will happen at the south side, with the greeter allocating congregants to south then north and repeating this order until we are full
- Those that need to use the south door for access will be escorted in by the steward on that door, will give contact details, cleanse their hands with our hand sanitiser and be taken to their seats by the steward for the south side
- People from the same household or “bubble” can sit together: pews will have green tape on cushions showing the areas people can sit in.
- Orders of Service will be placed on pews before the service and congregants asked to leave these at the end
- Once all are seated and pre service start, the hand sanitiser from the north door will be placed by the south altar so that congregants will be able to sanitise their hands and then use the ‘no touch’ sanitiser as they leave by the south door
- Clergy will wash their hands pre service, use sanitiser ahead of communion preparation, and wear a mask (a visor may also be worn, mask is essential)
- The clergy will explain everything in their welcome: this will include covid safety messages about masks, sanitiser use, maintaining social distance when moving around the church for communion, and the need not to leave one’s seat – except for emergency or welfare needs – unless directed by a steward, and the need not to mingle/congregate outside in line with local and/or national restrictions subject to the rules in place at the time of each service
- There will be no hymns. Music may be played, choir members may sing but there will be no congregation singing.
- Congregational responses should be kept to minimum volume to reduce the risk of droplet spreading.
- Readers using the lectern will have a printed copy of readings to eliminate contamination of the lectionary.
- There will be no offertory collection during the service but The Good Plate will be available on entering/exiting the church.
- During service the clergy will announce the commencement of communion: prior to this they will explain the system, which will see communicants come up pew by pew, maintaining 2m social distancing, using the flow routes shown overleaf
- Individual pews will be invited to stand and process to the altar rail by the stewards, with waiting time monitored to ensure that social distancing can be maintained within the queue space.
- All will pass the sanitiser station in the north aisle, the clergy will then dispense communion silently via the dropping of a wafer into hands. Should clergy/communicant hands touch then both must re-apply sanitiser immediately.
- A one way flow (see over for ‘Communion Service Movement Plan’ which shows the sequence that communion will take and the route for each area) will be followed by each group, with all leaving by the south door

- The Congregation will cleanse their hands at the exit doors having been reminded in the clergy's final messages not to congregate in groups immediately outside the church to allow safe social distancing for those still leaving church.
- Church wardens will mark 2m distances on the footpaths outside of church on the North side and immediately outside the South Porch to help those waiting for entry
- If anyone takes ill, PPE (gloves, mask, visor) is available in the event of a First Aider needing to attend to a member of the congregation. A dynamic risk assessment will need to be made to ensure the responders are not put at undue risk. Any evacuation would be managed in the normal way, with the need for safe exit overruling the threat of covid.
- If anyone feels unwell they should leave immediately or alert a greeter/sides persons: the clergy will explain this as part of the welcome.
- Soft furnishings/soft toys will be removed from the Children's area and parents/carers advised that children will need to stay in the pew throughout.
- Parish Centre toilets are to be open with the side door opened as entry. A 'Hello' system will be in operation. This will be explained by the clergy. Loos will be cleaned before the service.
- Church doors will be wedged open to assist with ventilation

Communion Service Movement Plan

The North/South area stewards are to ask communicants to leave one pew at a time, working from front to back in each area and starting with area 1, and to walk to the altar rail (route shown by coloured arrows that match each seating area but not marked on the church floor): stewards will direct communicants to the north aisle. The North/South stewards must maintain visual contact so that the south aisle blocks are not sent up too soon. All must keep 2m social distancing when moving around the church. Area 4 on the south side will be held until everyone from Area 3 has sat back down, and the first person from Area 4 must not be given communion until the final person has reached the green dot: this is to maintain a one way flow and avoid people passing close to each other where it can be avoided. Return route for Area 4 shown as dashed lines



Appendix 7 All Saints Centre Covid-19 User Agreement

ALL SAINTS GOSFORTH CENTRE – COVID19 SECURE AGREEMENT FOR HIRERS

To be used in conjunction with your standard hire agreement
V2 as of 10.8.20



Introduction

All Saints have, using current government guidance, conducted a risk assessment for use of the hall and written a policy in relation to operating the premises under the presence of Covid19 in society to allow use of the hall for daytime and evening activities that are permitted under current guidance.

It is important to stress that this has to be a joint process:

- All Saints will do all that is itemised at section A
- All Saints will expect all hirers to provide that which is detailed at section B (essentially a plan for how your activity will work and confirmation of safe processes to reduce the risk of infection and comply with current guidance)
- Following receipt of information from hirers All Saints will either confirm acceptance of the plans and the hire, or work with you to address any issues

SECTION A

To assist hirers All Saints will provide:

- J. Details of the available space to any hirer to allow them to work out the occupant capacity for their activity in line with govt guidance
- K. Details of the entry/exit points available to allow for one-way flow in/out or to avoid any other users
- L. Details of any other users at the same time & measures in place to reduce the chance of encounter or scheduling to avoid this. Please note that there may be some overlap with other users. If you require an exclusive hire please make that clear at the time of booking (this may affect the cost and/or availability of the space).
- M. Confirmation of hire periods (which may be adapted to allow for changeover and cleaning)
- N. Details to each hirer of the cleaning plan for the venue & any 'on arrival/on departure' supplementary cleaning that hirers may be expected to complete (& confirm by text on departure) using their own materials. See notes below
- O. Details to each hirer of the system for use of the toilets within the centre. See notes below
- P. Details to each hirer of the system for use of the kitchen within the venue. See notes below
- Q. Details to each hirer, where relevant, for use of the shared storage space to minimise handling of other groups equipment
- R. Confirmation (or otherwise) subject to decision after the risk assessment & activity plan (method statement) are submitted, that the hire may take place in line with govt guidance and on the basis that All Saints can provide the centre as a COVID-19 secure venue permitted to allow a gathering
- S. The external areas at All Saints are, subject to receiving and reviewing the details from each hirer for each use, considered to provide sufficient queue or waiting space to avoid congestion or crowding affecting social distancing at arrival/exit times

Notes:

The use of **face coverings** from 8.8.20 is mandatory in line with government guidance: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own)

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Should your activity be affected by this (e.g. due to the age of participants) or where additional guidance (e.g. in relation to sports activity) exists to show that masks do not need to be worn please provide this as part of your method statement.

Cleaning:

The centre (main hall, vestibule, Columba Room, Upper Room, toilets and kitchen) is cleaned by professional cleaners with anti-viral cleaning materials at the start of each day Monday to Friday prior to daytime use.

Afternoon (post playgroup use) & Evening users are to perform their own cleaning using their own anti-viral cleaning agents (eg spray cleaner left on as per instructions then wiped off with blue roll or disposable cloth) as follows:

- Touch points to include door handles, push plates, light switches, hand rails, window catches/opening systems
- The floor using a flat floor mop with anti-viral wipe attached
- Walls up to adult head height as users before you may well have held an activity that has seen the walls touched or leaned upon
- All used cleaning cloths should be double bagged up and stored for 72 hours before collection in line with government guidance
- All staff undertaking cleaning should wear disposable gloves and a visor. The gloves should be disposed of as per cleaning cloths above. Visors designed to be reused can be cleaned with suitable products
- All staff who undertake any form of cleaning must wash their hands after use, and where possible wash and change clothes as soon as is practical.

See below for further detail on kitchen area use.

Ventilation will be provided for all users as follows:

- All users will be shown how to operate the windows within the hall: you are asked to ensure these are open at the start of your hire period and closed when you leave.
- External doors may be wedged open, subject to your own risk assessment linked to the welfare and safeguarding of attendees
- Please note that internal fire doors must never be wedged open

Toilets:

We would recommend that all hirers brief their attendees to avoid using the toilets unless necessary – enclosed spaces indoors present a higher risk of infection.

Signage will be in place to:

- Advise all users that only 1 person (or 1 person plus carer/responsible adult/guardian as applicable) should use the toilets at a time
- Ask all users to shout “hello” prior to opening the door to ensure the space is clear
- To close the toilet seat prior to flushing
- Ask all users to wash hands on entry, after use and to use hand sanitiser after leaving

Kitchen:

The kitchen is cleaned each weekday morning. Any user who needs to use this area must ensure that:

- No more than 2 people use it at any one time
- Subject to the nature of the hirer’s activity, attendees and other users in the centre at the same time a one-way system coming in from the corridor by the stairs on the church side of

the building and exiting back into the main hall may be used OR a shouted “hello” system must be used to ensure social distancing is maintained

- All surfaces, crockery, utensils, cutlery and kitchen equipment (kettles, microwave, fridge etc) are cleaned before and after use by the hirer
- Disposable items may be used: these should be bagged and binned after use

SECTION B

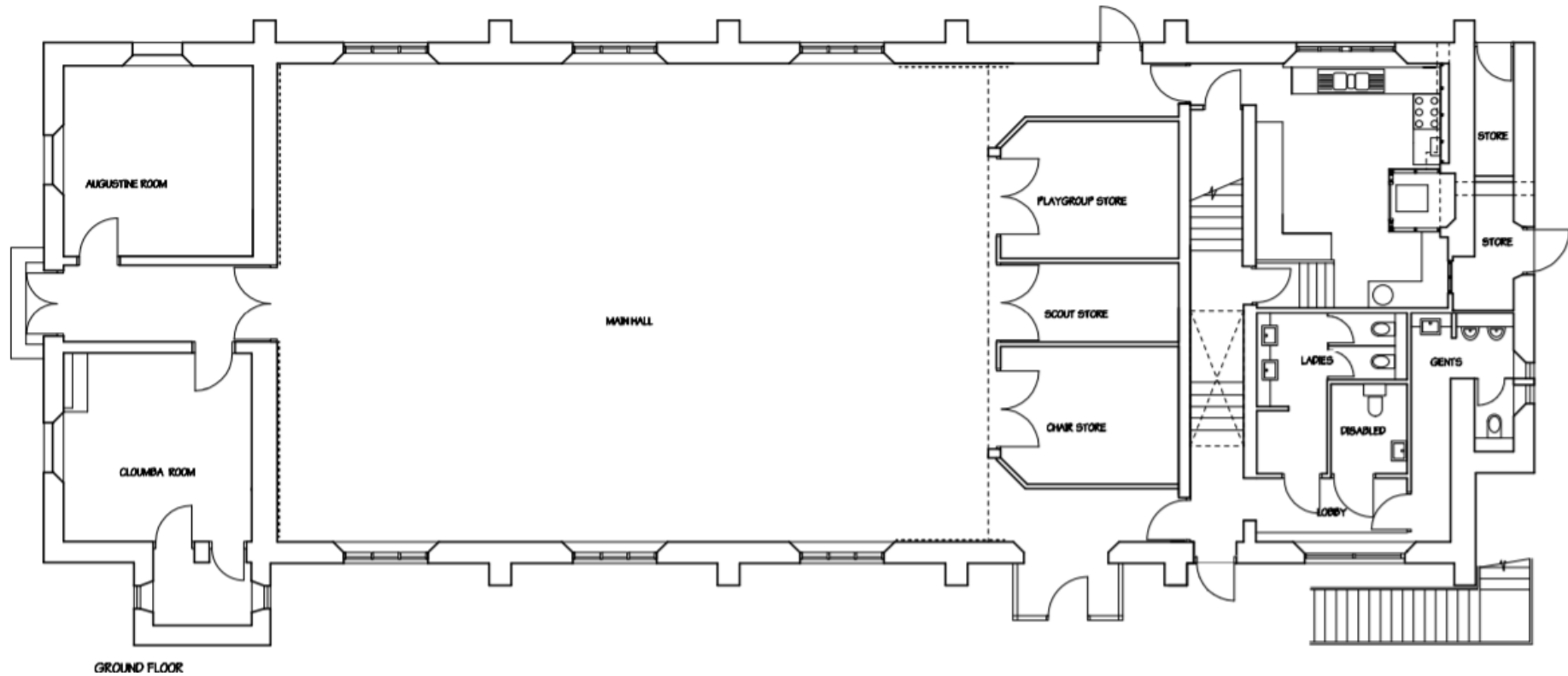
All hirers and hall users will be requested to provide their own risk assessment & activity plan (a method statement) to include a layout using the hall plan provided (see overleaf) or your own sketch to show how they intend to use of the space in terms of:

12. Participant health checks pre arrival
13. Participant risk check pre arrival to ensure the vulnerable are aware of the potential for risk
14. An estimate of the numbers to be present
15. Providing the cleaning as detailed above in Section A
16. Arrival method to avoid overcrowding at doors at the same time, plus any supporting queue system
17. How the NHS Track & Trace system will be supported
18. How social distancing within the venue will be managed by those involved in their activity
19. Any required modification to normal activity, eg reduction of shouting, removal of singing etc to be in line with current government guidance
20. How you will provide hand sanitisation whilst at the venue
21. Immediate notification to All Saints of any concern linked to presence of anyone with symptoms within the venue during their hire period
22. Exit method to avoid overcrowding at doorways, plus collection where children or other vulnerable groups may be present
23. Evidence of compliance with relevant and current govt guidance in relation to the given activity. Where guidance exists, for example where a sporting body has issued national guidance which has government approval, this must be followed.

Please send your method statement to All Saints 10 days before the commencement of your intended hire period.

All Saints Centre - Hall Plan

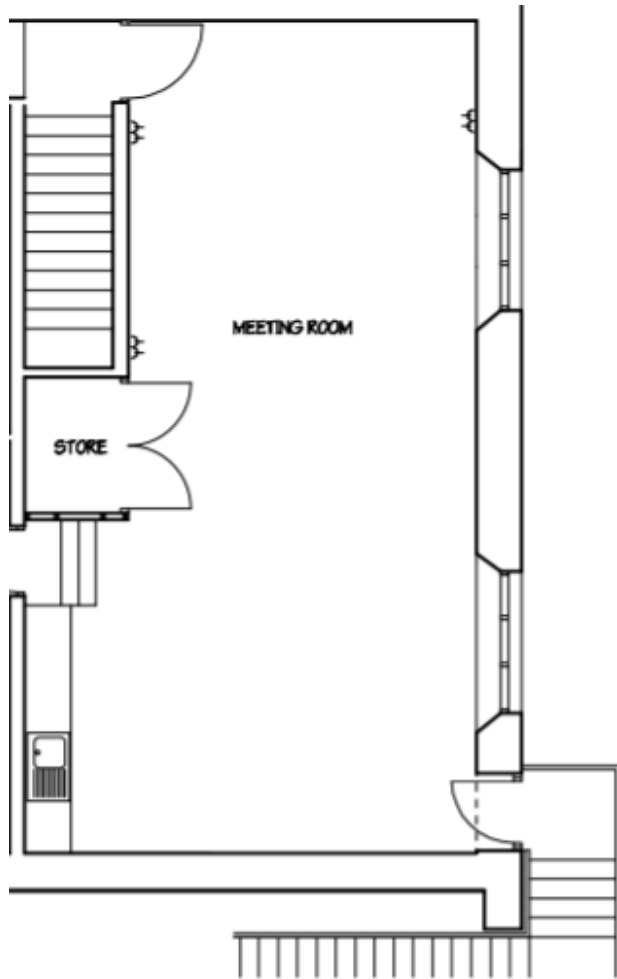
The main hall is approximately 16m x 10m. This may allow up to 40 people to use the space subject to the nature of the activity (a lower level may apply for high intensity exercise) and any furniture or equipment used. The Columba Room is 18 sq m: this may allow for up to 4 people to use the space subject to final layout and activity. The Upper Room (see over) is 52 sq m: this may allow for 12 people to use the space subject to final layout and activity. Should you require any further detail please contact All Saints.



(Garden of Remembrance / Church this side)

Upper Room

(located at the east end of the Centre, above the kitchen and loos on the right hand side of the Hall plan above)



Appendix 8: Operational Procedure for Carol Singing on All Saints Green Picnic Space assessment **v4 as of 17.12.20**

See also the risk assessment at Appendix 1 of the All Saints Covid Policy

Capacity: The green can accommodate 40 household units, in standing area pens. Each pen can hold 6 people max, meaning capacity is between 40 and 240 people. So effectively we can make 40 sales (complete at time of writing) for between 1 and 6 tickets each time. See page 3 for details of the capacity.

Operational Procedure

1. Ticket sales: must be done by household unit – the ‘pens’ referred to below can take up to 6 people but we must sell by unit, which may mean we are below capacity.
2. This is an act of worship on church land, and as such must be compliant with rules on worship and carol singing applicable to the tier that Gosforth sits within (tier 3 as of 2.12.20)
3. The green will be marked out in pens to ensure social distancing for household units/bubbles
4. Access limited to ticket holders, with all attendees required to complete a health declaration as part of this
5. One way flow: in from West Avenue near north door, exit towards Linden Road via the path by the All Saints Centre.
6. 2 x stewards will check tickets on phones and/or tick names off. Social distancing to be maintained but visors to be worn as well as masks
7. All stewards and staff will wear masks. Clergy will remove masks for the service.
8. Attendees will be asked to wear masks for arrival and until in their pens. They will also be asked to wear masks for departure.
9. The clergy will lead the service from the west end of the church / by the south porch door (tbc by the Vicar at time of writing). PA / electric piano will be used, all PA tested. Power supply from the church. Dribox to be used for the plugs. A gazebo may be used: details tbc, will only be used if wind is sub 15 mph and it can be secured safely.
10. Attendees will be sent a carol sheet to use on their phones or to print off.
11. Attendees must remain in household units: the maximum number per household unit will be 6
12. Households/bubbles will stand within a pin & roped pen of approx. 6 sq m. All pens will be spaced 2m+ apart.
13. Ingress system for the public: Row 1, pen nearest the houses, filling row 1 south to north, then row 2 etc
14. Egress system for the public: as above if dry. If wet the bank at the south end may be too steep, so load out would work in this order – row 1, pen nearest West Avenue, emptying north to south, then row 2 etc. Exit would be via the path by the Centre as above.
15. Short session: c30-35 minutes including advertised arrival time of no more than 15 minutes ahead of start time and a 20 minute carol service
16. Sanitiser stations to be brought out so everyone uses them ahead of arrival. Sanitiser station put at the way in/out of the hall for the loos
17. Signage to advise users that loos are 1 person only at any one time – shout a warning. **OR** – keep loos closed

Information for attendees to be sent with all tickets:

- Please do not attend if you are unwell, have a high temperature or continuous cough, or have had a positive covid test, or been in close contact with anyone with symptoms or a positive test in the past 14 days
- Entry to the church green is from West Avenue, near the north (main) door of All Saints

- Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes before the carol service starts. Stewards will direct you to. All standing areas
- You may bring camping chairs if you wish.
- Exit will be via the path from the church green to Linden Road: to create space for those behind you please do not stop to talk to others on Linden Road or near the All Saints Centre.
- Face coverings are to be worn on arrival and before you show tickets. You may remove these once in your standing area: each household will be given a 2m x 3m space to stand in. Please do not move from this area unless you really have to until the end of the service, when you will be asked to leave row by row by the stewards. If you leave your area you must put your mask back on.
- Dress for cold weather, and wear waterproof footwear as you will be standing on grass (wellington boots recommended)
- Please note that if you bring a pushchair for any small children this carol service is being held outdoors and on the grass: there is nowhere to store pushchairs during the service. Children must remain in your allocated standing area, please do not let little ones run about.
- Bring a torch if you are coming to the later session in case it gets dark early
- Please be aware you may not be able to see the vicar leading the service, but as carols start you will know when to sing
- Carol sheets are pre printed and in plastic wallets for collection on arrival

Notes on the layout

- Suggested layout based on final measurement – **allows 40 household groups**
- The usable space measured on site measurement is 28m x 31m for pens. In addition there is 1m+ of walkway between the bank and row 1.
- White = attendee pens based on 3m x 2m areas for up to 6 as a household
- Amber = walkways of 2m width.
- Pens to be filled Row 1, south to north, then Row 2. This rewards early arrivals, and ensures (assuming largely forward facing groups) that those filling rows behind already filled rows are not passing face to face.
- Stewards would walk a one way flow when leading people to pens and returning to collect another party to avoid passing the following steward & household party
- Where someone must leave pre exit phase this would still allow, with sensible use and a caution exercised by all, for safe passing of others using walkways (See also points within risk assessment that any proximity would be fleeting, masks to be worn whenever not in a pen, and the further mitigation of outdoor ventilation).

Marking out – work plan and method statement

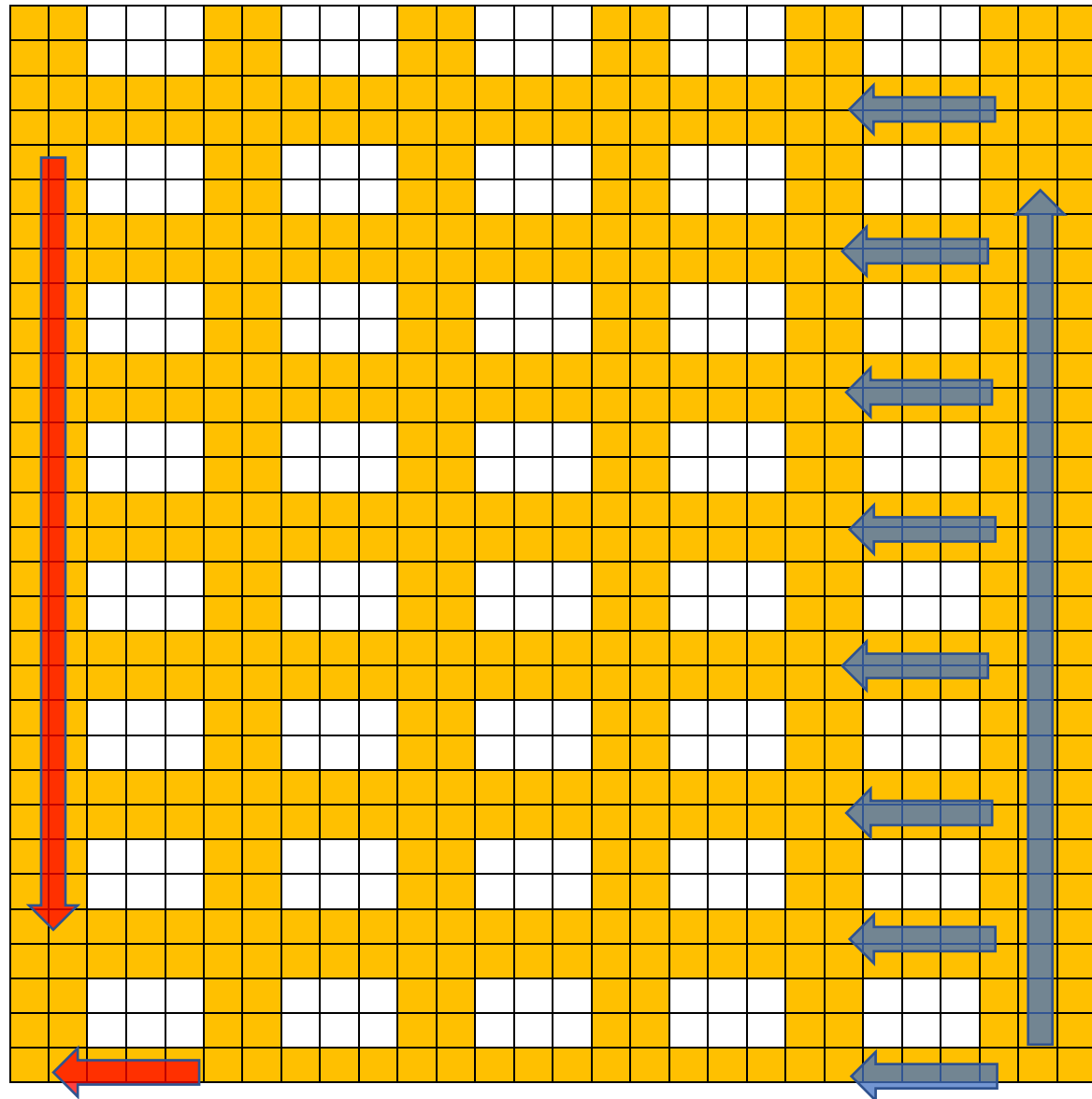
- Small branches on large tree on West Avenue side to be trimmed to remove scratch hazard
- Start row 1 from marked position (painted X – CM to refresh pre event as required) near West Avenue and the path
- Using 100m tape, stretch this out for 28m, then insert marker flags to show front of all pens on this row
- Then mark back of each pen on row 1
- Mark up each flag as “row 1” with sharpie to help with identification when putting pins in
- Measure 2m gap to row 2, lay tape, mark out row 2 as above
- Safety footwear to be worn when knocking in pins to protect toes from spikes
- Gloves to be worn when using hammer to knock in pins
- Suitable outdoor clothing to be worn

- Metal road pins to be carried in small numbers to reduce manual handling injury risk

Version with 2m walkways to internal areas, 3m walkway on main north 'in' aisle, 2m+ on south aisle (varies due to trees)

Arrows show inbound and outbound routes for attendees

40 household units



IF DRY Exit

row by row, starting from the pen closest to the church hall:
IF WET start from pen by West Avenue to avoid steepest part of the bank. Stewards to usher out households keeping social distancing at all times

Fill from row 1 south to north.

Stewards would collect a household, walk to next empty pen via N to S rows, then come back using W to E routes back to the path & ticket area to collect next household

Would require 160 pins (ordered 200 to be able to allow for spares, loss or the need to tape off any wet areas e.g. steepest part of the bank), plus 2 x no entry signs for the paths to the south side of the church from Linden Rd. Pins to be dropped in 2 x batches – 100 by hedge at West Avenue and 100 by the compost area at the south west corner.

Glow sticks to be hung on trees which present a hazard.

Glow sticks to be hung on pins in queue area to North side of the church at 2m intervals to assist with social distancing.

Pin and tape (in lieu of barriers) shown by blue line. No entry signs as per images.

