



St Clement's
Church

OXFORD

Coming to Church: what to expect #7

Update:

Following the lifting of Covid restrictions in England from 19th July 2021, and the advice given by the Church of England, the Rector, Wardens and Risk Management Co-Ordinator met and agreed first steps for the beginning of a longer journey of transition over the coming weeks and months. Changes will be introduced gradually, with regular reviews in the light of developing local and national circumstances.

First steps:

Entrance and stewarding: We are operating a one-way system, so please come in through the main doors under the tower (unless you need to use the ramp at the side for access) and leave through the side door. You will be asked to sanitise your hands as you enter the building.

Registering for Test and Trace: We will continue to display the QR code and you are welcome to give your name and contact details if you wish us to record your attendance at a service. However, this is not required and will not be requested by the Welcoming Team. Any personal details given will be stored securely and destroyed after 21 days. The information you give will not be used for any other purpose.

Social Distancing: Please continue to keep 2 metres away from people outside your household inside.

Face Coverings: It is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering, though wearing one is recommended in crowded and enclosed settings to protect ourselves and others.

We ask that you wear a face covering whilst moving around the church building, but once seated socially distanced from people outside your household, and then while standing, sitting, and speaking prayers or responses from that position, you are welcome to remove it.

Congregational singing is allowed, and as an expression of care for others, we ask that all in the congregation wear a face covering when singing.

Holy Communion: We will continue to take Holy Communion in one kind (bread only) at this stage. Please wear a face covering when coming up to receive and until you return to your seat.

Livestreaming: Morning Services will be livestreamed weekly through the St Clement's Zoom room [here](#) for those who wish to participate from home.

Refreshments: We're now allowed to serve refreshments, but we have some work to do to build up our volunteer team to facilitate this, so we are hoping to be ready to start up in September. Everyone is welcome to bring their own post-service refreshments to enjoy in the churchyard.

Toilets: Toilets are available for use in church.

COVID symptoms and shielding: Please do not come to Church if you or anyone in your household has any Covid symptoms. Similarly, please do not come if you are shielding or have been given medical advice not to go into public spaces.

If you have further questions or comments, please contact the Parish Office at parish.office@stclements.org.uk or speak to the Clergy or a PCC member.