

General requirements

The Government has relaxed all the legal requirements relating to Covid and we consider that there is now no need for a specific risk assessment in relation to Covid. Government guidance. This will continue to be reviewed and our guidelines updated as necessary.

However, it is still important that we all use personal judgement to manage our own and other people's risk. All of us can play our part by exercising common sense and considering the risks. While no situation is risk free, there are steps everyone can take to reduce the risk of transmission.

People are encouraged to respect one another's views. Some attendees and those working may continue to take a more cautious approach than other people. We should all be considerate of this and provide the opportunity and space for others to reduce close contacts if they wish.

If people are suffering from any of the identified Covid-19 symptoms, they should not attend church.

Simple and effective personal hygiene behaviours can reduce the risk of catching or spreading COVID-19. These include:

- washing hands with soap and water and using hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth, and washing hands before and after if there is a need to touch your face
- covering mouth and nose with disposable tissues when coughing or sneezing, or sneezing into the crook of your elbow (not your hands) if you do not have a tissue

There are no limits on the number of people who can meet and there are no legal requirements for social distancing. Seating will no longer follow social distancing requirements. People can choose to sit remote from others and stewards will facilitate this.

Clinically extremely vulnerable people are advised to follow the same guidance as everyone else. However, they should think particularly carefully about precautions they continue to take.

Good ventilation will continue to be maintained through the opening of windows.

Hand sanitiser will continue to be available for use by those attending services and other activities.

People are no longer required to wear a mask when they enter the church buildings but some may choose to do so.