Measures to ensure that our Holy Communion service is safe August 2020

On entering the church please sanitise your hands and check that the welcomer has your contact details. Sit in pews where there are service books. 2 people or households in alternate pews 2 m apart.

To keep us all safe we continue to follow the latest guidance given by the Church of England on conducting services of Holy Communion

It is now a legal requirement that everyone attending church is to wear a face covering. The only exceptions being worship leaders, readers and intercessors, whilst at a safe physical distance from others. These exemptions are made to enable communication, particularly with those who rely on lip-reading, facial expressions or clear sound.

If there are strong reasons why you cannot wear a mask throughout this service, please speak with one of our churchwardens.

At Communion only the bread will be administered to the congregation. Be assured that Christ's real presence to you is in no way diminished by receiving in just one kind.

The wafers to be consumed by the congregation will be covered until the time of distributed, to remove the possibility of the priest breathing over them whilst speaking.

The words of distribution normally said to each communicant at the rail, will be said just once and all who intend to receive can say 'Amen' at that point.

After putting on a mask and sanitizing their hands the priest will come to the Chancel steps to share the bread with you. You too will have sanitized your hands, and it's important that hands don't touch, so the priest will gently drop the wafer into your cupped hands.

You should extend your hands to receive, with your face covering in place. You should then lower or unloop the face covering, consume the consecrated bread, and then replace the face covering before moving back to pew.

If by any chance hands should touch when you are receiving, both you and the priest must both sanitize their hands again using the sanitizer provided.

Please then return to your seat via the left hand side aisle - don't take a short cut through empty pews, but go all the way around.

At the close of the service....

Please leave quietly, do not tarry. Greet others outside.

Place service books in the box provided. Sanitize hands on leaving. Thank you