

Preparation for the re-opening of St. David's Church for private worship

(From *Guidance on Re-Opening of Catholic Churches for Individual Prayer*)

Places of worship across **England** will be permitted to re-open for individual prayer from Monday 15th June. We await our instructions from the Welsh Government.

Preparations In Hand

- Sanitising of church (required on a daily basis)
- Re-positioning of benches to allow 2 metres of 'social distancing', & marking with tape
- Removal of all printed materials not designed for a single use (Hymn & Mass books)
- Provision of Hand Gel
- Appropriate signage
- Toilet facilities available only in Courtyard

Stewards

At least two stewards must be present in the church throughout the time it is open for prayer, for the purposes of supervision (c.f. 'Requirements' below)

- **should not be drawn from** those instructed to shield themselves, nor, as a general rule, from groups considered more vulnerable to coronavirus
- **should practice** good hand hygiene through either regular hand washing or the use of alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- **should not** eat or drink or touch their face unless they have immediately washed their hands beforehand and should maintain social distance within the church
- **must ensure** that hand sanitisation occurs at entry and exit points, and that social distancing is maintained by people in the church
- **should not** physically assist people (except in emergency).

Notes re: requirements of Worshippers etc.

- People with cold or flu-like symptoms should not enter
- **Children:** parents are to manage their children appropriately (particularly ensuring they touch as few surfaces as possible for their own safety)
- **holy water** stoups are out of action
- **should** use hand sanitizer on entry & exit
- face coverings (not surgical masks) **may** be worn
- those who are part of the **same household** may sit together
- those **not from the same household** should maintain social distancing (2 metres)
- **should not** touch or physically venerate statues or relics
- **Candles:** (on candle stands only): to be lit from existing candles as a source of ignition (not lighters, matches or tapers)
- **Church door:** to remain open for good ventilation (in the Summer); also cuts down on the number of handles to be sanitised.

Some General Points

We envisage that the church will be open daily for just 'a few hours'. (please tell me if you have any preferred times.)

We hope to have a **NOTICE BOARD** in the church for current notices

Hopefully there will be copies of a weekly **NEWSLETTER** (*Keeping in Touch* or equivalent), to be taken home. (Any other loose papers and suchlike are for taking home).

The new **Gift Aid envelopes** will be available in the church.

Please contact me on my mobile if you would like to 'put your name forward' for **stewardship**.

More detailed information is available on Government & Church sites, but please contact me if you think I can help you with this. Please also look out for updates.

Br. John 12.06.20