



## Welcome to St John's Church

### Moving forward ... Updated Guidance for Worship

Following the easing of Government Covid restrictions introduced on 19<sup>th</sup> July, we are taking initial steps to remove some of the restrictions we had in place.

#### From Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July:

- We ask that you come to church with a face covering to wear on entry and exit and while moving around the building, but once seated in a pew you may remove it if you wish. (Spare face coverings will be available at the welcome desk.)
- You can choose where to sit in any of the 'green flagged' pews which remain socially distanced as before. You will not be directed to your seat by a churchwarden or sides person.
- Now we can sit in the same pew with people other than those in your household or care bubble. Please be respectful of one another's space and wishes.
- All choristers have been invited to return to choir practice together and to sing in church, although the adult and junior choirs will be kept separate for the time being.

At the moment listening to the hymns, the exchange of the peace and the administration of Holy Communion all continue with restriction, and with no change. These and the possibility of serving refreshments after the service will all be kept under regular review.

People have a wide variety of different needs and perspectives in terms of the recent easing of restrictions. We are all encouraged to be respectful and sensitive to one another.

**For the time being we will continue to maintain a number of Covid recommendations designed to lower the risk of transmission.**

We will;

- **Continue to ventilate** the building during worship.
- **Continue to Covid clean the building between services and events which take place less than 48hrs apart.**
- **Gently discourage mingling with people outside your household or chatting in groups, inside the church building.**
- We will continue to live stream our services.

We encourage the following:

- Scanning the QR Code or signing in if you are not using the mobile app.
- Use of hand sanitiser available on the welcome desk.

Please keep an eye on the Parish of Baildon website and our Facebook page for updated information.

*25<sup>th</sup> July 2021*