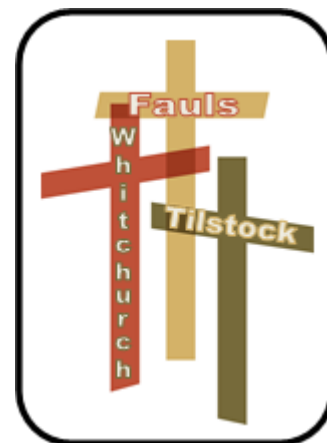


Holy Immanuel, Fauls Christ Church, Tilstock St Alkmund's, Whitchurch

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Dear All

As we have moved into another phase of trying to minimise the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic whilst relaxing some restrictions, the responsibility for the related church decision-making falls to me, in consultation with the PCC. I thought that it would be helpful for you to know in advance what has been decided.

MOVING FORWARD FOR ALL SERVICES **to be reviewed in late August for September:**

- Doors to be open as much as possible
- Hand sanitiser to be available at the entrance of church buildings
- Keep the green slips / attendance record sheets
- **All congregation members to wear masks when entering and leaving**
- Masks to be worn by those giving out books and by clergy / Reader welcoming people at the back of church
- Those giving out books to hand sanitise regularly
- **People to sit in alternate pews**
- People (especially when numbers are large) to be reminded that they can sit together with friends
- **Congregation members can sing!**
- Collection plates at the back and not passed round
- Cleaning of pews still to be done if another service follows on quickly

Special FTW Service: Tilstock this Sunday

10.30am Joint FTW service on 25th July (no 9.30am at Fauls or 11.00 am at Tilstock;
8.00am and 6.30pm in St Alks' but no 10.00am)

- People / family groups to be seated in alternate pews – but encouraged to sit with friends with whom they are mixing in one pew
- **Masks to be worn by congregation members throughout, including for singing**
- No limit on **choir** numbers; choir masks to be worn when not singing
- Communion to be administered to the congregation & choir in one kind only and brought to their pews

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Regular services:

9.30am Fauls

- Masks to be worn by people as they enter and leave the church and kept in place during the service, including the singing unless views of congregation change
- People / family groups to be seated in alternate pews
- Communion to be administered to the congregation in one kind only and brought to their pews

11.00am Tilstock

- Masks to be worn by people as they enter and leave the church and kept in place during the service, including the singing
- People / family groups to be seated in alternate pews
- Communion to be administered to the congregation in one kind only and brought to their pews

8.00am Whitchurch

- Masks to be worn by people as they enter and leave the church but optional once seated in their pew
- People / family groups to be seated in alternate pews
- Communion to be administered to the congregation in one kind only (bread) and brought to their pews – to prevent the need for close contact of helping people up the chancel step

10.00am Whitchurch

- Masks to be worn by people as they enter and leave the church but optional once seated in their pew
- People / family groups to be seated in alternate pews
- Communion to be administered to the congregation & choir in one kind (bread) only and brought to their pews – to prevent the need for close contact of helping people up the chancel step and of walking through the Chancel whilst the choir are singing
- Masks do not have to be worn for singing
- No limit on ***choir numbers***
- No refreshments yet after the service

6.30pm Whitchurch

- Masks to be worn by people as they enter and leave the church but optional once seated in their pew
- People / family groups to be seated in alternate pews
- Masks do not have to be worn for singing

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I suggest for Whitchurch that those who wish to be more cautious (and especially if you had hoped for mask wearing by everyone present throughout the services) might consider sitting in the side aisles if that helps to create a feeling of greater safety.

However, I would like to stress that it is alright to sit in the main aisle and keep your masks on – you just need to be aware that others nearby may legitimately take their masks off!

Chatting after the services could take place inside church in small groups with masks on – but probably better to continue going outside.

If you have any questions about this, please do contact me or one of the Churchwardens.

With love and prayers

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jody', written in black ink.