

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING, 28th JULY 2021

REPORT CORONAVIRUS GENERAL INFORMATION

2020:

The effect of COVID – Time Line from March to December is included in the Annual Report for 2020

2021:

With the rise in Covid cases, during the third lockdown, church services were suspended from 20th January. During this time a virtual service via Zoom was held every week.

Services resumed on 28th March. Except for Easter Sunday when a service was held in each of the four churches, there has been one service every Sunday at one of the churches in the Benefice. The COVID regulations before the lockdown remained in place.

On 30th June permission was given for refreshments to be served after services.

With the lifting of the Covid restrictions on 19th July the guidance was that each church can recommend/advise/encourage certain restrictions to remain, although they cannot enforce any restrictions. Congregational hymn singing is allowed. The main criteria for any decision are made on the size of the building and the likely number in the congregation. Different restrictions will therefore be recommended at each of our four churches.

The following was recommended for the service here on Sunday, 25th July:

- We will continue to ask people to socially distance, using every other pew
- The doors will be open for ventilation
- Communion will be administered in the same way as in recent weeks
- Hymn singing will take place but the congregation will be asked to remain seated
- Individuals to decide whether they wish to wear a mask during the service or not
- The QR code will remain on the door for those who wish to use it
- Contact details will be taken from those who wish to provide them
- The collection will be taken as in recent weeks

CHURCH OPENING:

During the ongoing building work, the church has been open just once a week on Sundays from 10.00am – 12 noon. If anyone wished to visit the church for individual private prayer outside of these times arrangements were made for that to happen.

It is hoped that soon the church will be open daily, as before the pandemic.