

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PRECAUTIONS

In order to keep everyone safe and well, we are following the guidelines issued by the Church of England and Public Health England.

There is currently no need to cancel services. All services and events will go ahead as planned.

However, there will be some changes to our current practice:

- Holy Communion will be distributed in one kind only (i.e. the Host, not the Chalice) from a standing station. Please receive in your hand, not on your tongue.
- There will be no shaking hands, hugging, etc. at the sharing of the Peace.
- The collection bags will not be passed around. Please put your offerings in the plate at the back of Church.
- There will be no holy water stoups.
- Blessings will be administered without physical contact. Other sacramentals of healing such as laying-on of hands or anointing are suspended unless absolutely necessary.
- There will be no footwashing on Maundy Thursday. Veneration of the Cross will still happen on Good Friday, but you are asked simply to genuflect or bow, not kiss or touch the Crucifix.
- Tea and coffee will be served to you in disposable cups. Biscuits will remain self-service, as they are individually packaged.
- All food utensils (including Holy Communion vessels) will be washed in hot, soapy water and dried with paper towels only. Tea towels and linen purificators are not to be used.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Wash your hands with soap and hot water as you come into Church. Facilities are available in the loos in the hall.
- Observe good hygiene practices, especially if you have a cough or cold.
- Please do not bring in food to share (e.g. birthday cake).
- Please don't come to Church if you are feeling ill.
- Do let us know if you are ill or self-isolating. Call or text 07866 703 378, email fortonchurch@gmail.com or message us via Facebook @fortonchurch
- Don't panic, Mr Mainwaring. Just pray, love, keep the faith – and wash your hands!