

## **St Andrew's Church Ferring**

Dear Family of St Andrew's

We have now reached the end of legal restrictions in regards to Church services. However, this also marks a time when we need to be particularly mindful of one another. Covid has not disappeared, and we want to ensure that everyone is kept safe. Therefore, we are setting out the following safety requirements.

### **Singing and booking**



As from 22<sup>nd</sup> August we have decided to return to **no requirement to book** and we can sing all together at the 9:30am service. However, if you would prefer not to sing, please sit in the rows reserved for non-singers.

### **Masks, Hand Sanitising and Distancing**



Whilst there is no legal requirement to wear masks or sanitise your hands, we would recommend that these practices are continued. There will be sanitiser available as you come into Church and remain there for you to use before you receive the Sacrament if you wish. Our Priests will still wear a mask when distributing the Sacrament and will sanitise their hands at regular intervals. Wherever possible please try to keep a 1m+ distance from people outside of your own family.

### **Receiving the Sacrament**



The Church of England has always taught that the receiving 'in one kind' (i.e. just the bread) has always been as valid as receiving both wine and bread. With this in mind, we feel that it is not the right time to reintroduce the Chalice, but will consider doing this again in the future. Please continue to come up to receive in the manner we have become used to, back first as directed by the sidespeople. Sanitiser will continue to be available.

### **And also....**

**Sidespeople** will return as from 22<sup>nd</sup> August when we will also return to using our service booklets and hymn books.

**The Peace** we will continue to share the Peace at a distance from one another turning around in our pews rather than walking around the building.

**Coffee** after the 9:30 service will resume 22<sup>nd</sup> August our crockery is cleaned in the dishwasher but please feel free to bring your own cup if you prefer.

**Track and Trace QR codes**, please continue to use if you have been doing so.

**Cleaning** the Church will continue to be cleaned between services.

**Finally** please be mindful of each other at this time. Remember the 8am service will have fewer people attending and will not be sung and will therefore be available to those who would prefer this format. Church will continue to be open daily for quiet prayer.

**We will continue to monitor how things progress and make changes if required**