
Covid Risk Assessment Action Update December 2021

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This document

This document records the agreed actions for activities at St Peter & St Paul (SSPP) following the revised guidance which is in operation following the change in guidance issued on 9th December. The assessments documented in the CoE document “COVID_19_Parish_Risk_Assessment_Template_indoors_v10.1” have been reviewed and are the basis for the actions agreed here.

Use of the Church building

SPSP will continue to be open for regular Sunday services, for pre-booked weddings and funerals and other events that the PCC agree with. It will additionally be open for private prayer every day from approximately 8:30am to approximately 5:30pm.

Bookings are not currently required for any services.

Face coverings

Face coverings are compulsory for all except those exempt. Worshippers will be reminded by sides people when they arrive for a service.

Face coverings are required in the Parish Office where only one visitor is allowed at a time.

Testing

Worshippers are recommended to do a test before attending busy services.

Choir members are asked to do a lateral flow test on Thursdays and Sundays

Choir and singing

Choir numbers will continue to be limited. They will be distancing during the service.

Congregation will be allowed to sing but will be recommended to keep face coverings on during hymns etc.

Access and ventilation

North and West doors will be kept open during services.

During periods when the Church is open for private prayer, the North door only will be used for access.

Entry recording and hand sanitation

Track and Trace is no longer required. Users of the Church for events such as weddings and concerts may decide to keep a record of those attending.

Hand sanitation jars are available at all entries.

Face coverings are to be worn at all events.

Numbers using the Church

Detailed seating plans have been prepared as prototypes. Up to 80 people can be accommodated under normal circumstances.

For regular services, parishioners are advised to keep social distancing; this has worked well for several months.

For special events (weddings and funerals) if numbers are expected to be significant, the event organiser will decide what restrictions are imposed on those attending – for example, alternate pews etc.

Seating

All pews have markers at both ends which can either show “Use another pew” or “Use this pew” These are reset before each service. For private prayer, the front pew on the North side and the second pew on the South side are the only ones open. For Sunday services and other Services, alternate pews are opened each side of the Church.

For Baptisms within services, families will be consulted to see if they are prepared to use adjacent pews at the front which will be reserved, or stick to alternate pews.

For events, organisers decide how to manage the seating.

Cleaning

After significant events, a full cleaning of the Church will take place.

Special events

Coffee after 10am services

Coffee service after services are suspended.

Coffee 'n' Share now takes place in SSPP

This will continue with tables limited to 6 each.

Morning Coffee in the Oldham Hall for school parents

This will continue with tables limited to 6 each.