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**PARISH OF FARNBOROUGH, KENT**  
**St. Giles the Abbot and St. Nicholas**  
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## Covid Safe Services at St Giles

- General:** Please do not come to St Giles if you or any members of your household are showing any signs of being unwell - High temperature; Dry cough; Loss of taste &/or smell
- Hand Cleansing:** For your personal hand cleansing, please bring: anti-bac wipes, hand sanitiser, or gloves  
Hand sanitiser station is provided and we advise everyone to use them in line with the advice to which we have all become accustomed over the last few weeks and months.
- Social Distancing:** The 2 metre social distancing rules must be adhered to at all times at St Giles other than with members of your own household (or your bubble)  
Members of the public use footpaths within the church yard. Where you are not able to maintain social distance please wear appropriate face covering.
- Face Coverings** For your safety and the protection of others, **please wear a personal face covering when entering / leaving the church premises** as it is not always possible to maintain recommended Social Distancing at this pinch point.

### Notice of Attendance

- **Indoor Church services:** Covid-Safe capacity within the church is 30.
- **Outdoor services:** Covid-Safe capacity is 50 as Social Distancing is easier to maintain.
- It is essential that your attendance at each Service is notified in advance to manage numbers and we are required to record all attendance to comply with track and trace requirements
- If you arrive for a service without prior notification, you will not be permitted access.

### Indoor Services

- Service times will be posted in: Parish Bulletin (weekly)
- Parish website <https://www.farnborough-kent-parish.org.uk/>
- Parish Magazine (monthly)
- Please respect other members of the congregation and arrive promptly.
- Please report to the Church Warden/sides person to notify of your arrival/attendance.
- Please wear face covering when entering the church.
- Please use the Hand Sanitiser when entering church/service.
- A one-way system is in place to enter / exit through the church door. Please follow directions as indicated.
- Alternate pews have been taken out of service as indicated. Pews in use to leave end doors fixed open.
- No more than four people to a pew and please remember the Social Distancing precedence – 2metres other than members of your own household (or your bubble).
- There will be no hymns books, service books. Single use service sheets will be provided.
- Singing / hymns are not currently allowed during these services.
- The Peace will not be shared at indoor services.
- There is no access to the balcony for any purpose.
- Choir stalls should not be used for indoor services.

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### Outdoor Services

- Service times will be posted in:-
  - Parish Bulletin (weekly)
  - Parish website <https://www.farnborough-kent-parish.org.uk/>
  - Parish Magazine (monthly)
- Outdoor services will be held in the St Giles the Abbot Church yard.
- A strict one-way system is in place to arrive / leave the outdoor service. Please follow directions as indicated.
- Please wear face covering when entering / leaving service where social distancing is not possible.
- Please respect other members of the congregation and arrive promptly.
- Please report to the Church Warden / sides person to notify of your arrival / attendance.
- Please remember the importance of maintaining Social Distancing – 2metres other than members of your own household (or your bubble).
- Please use the Hand Sanitiser when arriving for a service.
- There will be no hymns books, service books. Single use service sheets will be provided.
- Singing / hymns are not currently allowed during these services.
- The Peace will not be shared at outdoor services
- Limited seating is available where needed.

### Communion

- Communion should be administered in one kind only (bread) with no sharing of the common cup
- The priest should sanitise their hands before administering the consecrated bread
- Each communicant should also be encouraged to sanitise their hands before receiving the bread
- The consecrated bread or wafer will need to be dropped into the hands of communicants
- Communicants should not come to kneel at the altar rail, but instead they should form a line maintaining two metres' distance to receive the bread standing (not kneeling), from the priest.

### Cleaning

- Pews to be cleaned after each indoor service
- Door handles and any other touch points to be cleaned after each service
- Chairs used for outdoor services to be cleaned after each service

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## Resources and References – Covid 19

- **Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for churches**  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>
- **COVID-19 Advice on the Conduct of Public Worship** v1.2 06-Jul-20  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-07/COVID%2019%20advice%20on%20conducting%20public%20worship%20v1.2.pdf>
- **COVID-19 Advice on the Administration of Holy Communion** v3 01-Jul-20  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-07/Coronavirus%20Advice%20on%20the%20Administration%20of%20Holy%20Communion%20v3.0.pdf>
- **COVID-19 Restarting public worship: some legal questions and answers** v1 30-Jun-20  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-06/COVID%2019%20Restarting%20Public%20worship%20some%20legal%20questions%20and%20answers.pdf>
- **COVID-19 Churchyards** v2 02-Jul-20  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-07/COVID%2019%20Churchyards%20v2.0.pdf>
- **Coronavirus - Guidance for parishes**  
<https://www.rochester.anglican.org/communications/news/coronavirus--guidance-for-parishes.php>

