



"where the river flows everything will live"

Living with Covid and living in comm-UNITY with each other Parish Covid Measures from December 2021

As Incumbent of the Parish of Tidenham and Priest-in-Charge of the Parishes of St Briavels with Hewelsfield and Brockweir responsibility lies with me in collaboration with others to outline how we live life together when we gather as a community of faith against the backdrop of the Covid 19 Pandemic. We have to decide the best course of action taking into account the ongoing concerns related to Covid infections, hospital admissions, and the need to protect the vulnerable, alongside the need to respect people's freedoms. We will need to manage and love one another with this tension. Until otherwise stated the following measures will be implemented in all of our church buildings and activities.

1. Face Coverings? Yes, these are currently mandatory unless you have an exemption.

2. Hand Hygiene? Yes, please sanitise hands on entry and exit of the church buildings.

3. Social Distancing Required? Be aware of personal space & building capacity. Bubble seating is encouraged.

4. Bookings? Except for baptisms, weddings and funerals no bookings for church services are required.

5. Congregational Singing? Yes, but with face coverings worn.

6. Holy Communion? Yes, but in one kind only with strict hygiene.

7. Midweek Holy Communion? Yes, these are safer gatherings for those feeling most vulnerable.

8. Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals? Yes, with face coverings required and distancing where possible.

9. Socialising and drinks/food? Yes, BUT must be hygienic, keeping distance where possible.

10. Use of the Church Buildings by Groups? Yes, with suitable distancing, hand gel & face coverings.

Finally, there is provision of home testing which everyone can do on a regular basis to lessen the chances of the spread of the Virus and to protect those most vulnerable in our communities.

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