

Welsh Government Protocol	Measures taken	Advice
<p>“No one should feel obligated to return to a place of worship”</p>	<p>Church has provided online service to those who do not wish to attend. Those who hold offices in the Church are also exempt from attendance and should only attend if the wish to.</p> <p>The church has provided masks and hand sanitizer gel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· When attending church, be sure to maintain an excellent standard of personal hygiene.</li> <li>· Avoid physical contact as much as possible, do not shake hands.</li> <li>· Make use of hand sanitizers and masks provided by the church. Please do not use masks or gloves from home. Dispose used masks and gloves in the bin provided by the Church.</li> <li>· Children and elderly are advised to stay home and participate in online services.</li> </ul>
<p>“Where practicable non-fire doors and windows should be opened to improve ventilation.”</p>	<p>All doors have been windows will be opened during usage of the buildings. Necessary notes and posters have been placed next to areas of ventilation to ensure this.</p>	
<p>Individuals should be prevented from touching or kissing devotional and other objects that are handled communally. Barriers and/or clear signage should be put in place where necessary.</p>	<p>There will not be any devotional kissing of the cross (kaimuthu) or the kiss of peace. The priest, deacon and parishioners will instead bow to each other.</p> <p>Oil lamp has been emptied and relevant signs regarding it's use have been issued.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Parishioners are permitted to wear masks, but the usage of gloves inside the church is not permitted.</li> </ul>

<p>“Introduce signage and floor markings to guide worshippers. Display posters to build awareness of physical distancing and social distancing and good hand hygiene.”</p>	<p>Posters have been displayed on walls, instructing social distancing of 2 meters and encouraging good handwashing techniques.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Pay attention to all information provided.</li> <li>· Families of the same household are encouraged to stay together and not split up. Families should keep 2 meters distance from other families in church.</li> </ul>
<p>“Shared articles such as prayer mats, hymn books, collection plates should be removed and individuals should be encouraged to bring their own.”</p>	<p>All Liturgy books (Qurbana Kramangal) have been removed from use , as well as bibles. With exception to essential items on the alter. Which will be handled with gloves and by one designated person.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Parishioners shall bring their own books</li> </ul>
<p>“Closing off unused areas, removing non-essential furniture, displays, play equipment, literature etc. from the areas that are open to worshippers”</p>	<p>Prayer room on the left of the alter and the baptismal font have been closed due to lack of ventilation. Posters will express the out of bounds area. Parish hall will also be closed.</p>	

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<p>“To avoid people congregating in confined spaces, identifying entry and exit points and a one-way-system within the building. Any changes should take into account reasonable adjustments to accommodate those who need them, such as disabled worshippers;”</p>	<p>Entry points and exit points have been separated. Parishioners must enter through main door and exit via side doors inside the church. Posters have been put up to emphasise this and people assigned to each door to prevent mixing of entry and exit points.</p>	<p>· Shoe racks have been moved outside, and parishioners are advised to follow social distancing when retrieving belongings .</p>
<p>“Consider when the building have been available for the specified purpose and how you will inform your worshippers of the changes introduced;”</p>	<p>A date has been set and relevant communications have been performed via the church official website and social media groups.</p>	<p>· Parishioners must keep up to date, on information by the relevant media platforms of the Church.</p>
<p>“Individuals should also avoid touching property belonging to others such as shoes which, if removed, should be placed and collected by their owner while adhering to social distancing principles.”</p>	<p>Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own Liturgical books and Bibles.</p>	<p>· These must only be used between people of the same household.</p>
<p>“Books, reusable and communal resources e.g. prayer mats, service sheets or devotional material should be removed from use. Items owned by the individual to aid worship e.g. a prayer mat or religious text, may be brought in but must be removed again.”</p>	<p>Relevant communication has been made with parishioners.</p>	

<p>“No food or drink should be made available.”</p>	<p>There will be no refreshments available after the service.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Parishioners are advised to eat before attending as Holy Communion will not be given.</li> </ul>
<p>“Religious activity involving physical contact, speaking in unison, singing or chanting and using shared equipment such as hymn books, are not permitted.”</p>	<p>Liturgical books owned by the Church have been removed. Mic systems will not be used. The priests personal collar microphone is exempt and may continue to be used by the priest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Altar servers must not use microphones, due to possible transmission of virus into the device.</li> <li>· Alter servers must bring their own bible and not use the books in the church.</li> </ul>

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<p>Those experiencing coronavirus symptoms listed below should not attend a place of worship.</p> <p>New continuous cough  High temperature  Loss of or change to your normal sense of smell or taste (anosmia)</p>	<p>Relevant communications have been made and parishioners with symptoms may not attend Church until three weeks have passed since first onset of symptoms of themselves or household members.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Do not attend the Parish if you have any of the symptoms or if you have come in contact with Covid 19 in the past three weeks, especially in relation to key workers.</li> <li>· High risk parishioners should join the online services provided.</li> <li>· Remember to contact NHS 111</li> </ul>
<p>Administering and receiving Holy Confession, Holy Absolution and Holy Communion should be avoided during these periods of the Pandemic.</p>	<p>Holy Communion will be consumed only by the priest.</p> <p>Persons in palliative care, or someone in extreme distress shall make prior appointment with the Priest . In such situations, both the priest and the faithful shall take all necessary precautions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· During arrangements made proper ventilation of the room must be ensured.</li> <li>· Body to body contact should be avoided and both the Priest and the receiver should wear appropriate face masks and hand gloves.</li> </ul>