

SERVICES FROM 9th AUGUST 2020

This sheet has details of all the services that will be taking place each week. There are also details of the roles that enable each service to happen (or that would make them happen better). Please do prayerfully consider whether you might be able to contribute to our worshipping life in any of these ways.

For all of the services, entry will be through the West door and exit through the South door. A one way system is also in place when moving around the church. There is a ramp available for those who may find the West door steps difficult.



SUNDAYS 08:00 Holy Communion

This will follow the familiar Prayer Book liturgy. The service will take place in the main Nave (not the Memorial Chapel). In keeping with the restrictions, Communion will need to be received one at a time and standing.

Get involved!

- * If you would like to volunteer as a **sides-person/steward** or to read the first **reading** please contact Alma Hunt (020 8291 7027).
- * If you would like to volunteer as an **altar assistant** contact Ruth Clarke (020 8778 5448).

SUNDAYS 10:00 Parish Eucharist

This will follow the familiar contemporary Common Worship liturgy, adapted to keep with the restrictions. This will include some parts of the service being said instead of sung, and a modified approach to receiving Communion. The altar party will be restricted to the Priest and one assistant, with no choir.

Get involved!

- * If you would like to volunteer as a **sides-person/steward** contact Paddy Moon (020 8778 5008).
- * To volunteer to **read** or **lead intercessions** (we can provide you with resources and prayers to read if you do not want to write your own) contact Pauline Lloyd (020 8699 4817).
- * To volunteer to assist at the altar contact Ruth Clarke (020 8778 5448).



SATURDAYS 10:00 Cafe Church

Something a bit different. Church seated at tables, drinking coffee (or tea, juice etc.) and eating cake (with table service)! There will be prayer, praise and the reading of scripture, together with guided conversation inspired by the reading. Importantly this is an occasion of worship, not just a chance to chat with friends over coffee! Initially this will not include Holy Communion. (The nature of the service means that it is best suited to young people and adults over the age of 16, as younger children may find the format difficult to engage with.)

Get involved!

There are many ways to get involved with this service: ***read, *lead prayers, *bake cakes, *prepare drinks, *serve drinks, *help lead**. To volunteer in any of these ways contact Rev'd Jim (020 3422 5343).

WEDNESDAYS 19:30 Holy Communion / Wholeness & Healing

On the 1st week of the month this will be a service of prayer for Wholeness & Healing, and will *not* include Holy Communion. Other weeks of the month this will be a simple, communal service Holy Communion especially designed for use during the week. Occasionally it may be necessary for this to be Evening Prayer instead of Holy Communion. Holy Communion services will take place in the Nave and the Wholeness & Healing in the Memorial Chapel.

Get involved!

* Please contact Rev'd Jim if you would like to volunteer as a **sides-person** or Ruth Clarke (020 8778 5448) to volunteer as an **altar assistant** for any of these services.

MONDAY - FRIDAY 08:30 Morning Prayer

Prayer, Psalms and Readings for each day. Breakfast for the soul!

Get involved!

* Anyone can lead Morning Prayer, just come and join in. It would be especially good if there were people who would be willing to lead Morning Prayer on Fridays and other occasions when Rev'd Jim can't be present.

* Could you help steward the building between 09:00 and 10:30 to enable it to be open for private prayer etc. every day? Let Rev'd Jim know if you could help.

Prayerfully consider where you could volunteer to get involved in helping with any of the services, and speak to the relevant people as noted above.

Pray! Ask for God to be with us and guide us as we re-open St Bartholomew's for public worship. Pray that we will find hope and joy as we meet with God and with one another in new ways. Pray that new people will find that same hope and joy at St Bart's.

MEASURES IN PLACE TO ENABLE MEETING FOR WORSHIP

These are regularly discussed by the national Church and the Diocesan Task Force, and it is possible that by the time you read this they may have changed! However, at the time of writing the measures are as follows. These will of course affect the different services in different ways.

- *Singing.* Sadly we are not currently able to sing as part of our worship. There will be music from the organ and piano at the 10:00 Sunday service and recorded music may be used at some of the other services. Guitars, violins, percussion and other instruments that are not blown are also permitted, so if you or someone you know plays an instrument and would like to contribute music to any of the services, let me know.
- *Holy Communion* may be received, but in one kind only (bread), placed directly into your hands. There are guidelines relating to the priest (and one helper) sanitising their hands before handling and distributing the sacrament. We will receive one at a time, rather than gathering around the altar.
- *The Peace.* We will still share the peace at services where we have been used to doing so, but will have to stay in our places and not shake hands.
- *Collection.* We are not able to pass a collection plate or bag. Direct giving through the bank is encouraged, but it will be possible to make your gift by cash, cheque or using a contactless bank card or app as you arrive or leave services. It is also possible to make donations on our web-site. If you would like to know more about giving through the bank, please contact Molly Wickert.
- *Sunday School* will not initially be possible. Families from the same household or 'bubble' will be able to sit together, and at the Sunday 10:00 service we will give attention to the fact that all ages will be present in the congregation.
- *Hygiene.* As with most public spaces, hand sanitiser will need to be used when we enter the building and we are reminded to wash our hands frequently. We are all expected to wear face coverings unless in the exempt categories; you are encouraged to bring your own face covering as you will know what types are most comfortable for you. Toilets will be usable but hand sanitiser must be used first and attention given to thorough hand washing.

- *Social activity.* We are expected to maintain social distancing before and after services. We will all have to make an effort to resist the temptation to gather in groups to chat! Unfortunately 'coffee hour', breakfasts and other social gathering are not possible at this time.
- *Numbers and social distancing.* Wherever possible it is expected that everyone will maintain social distancing of 2 metres including when seated in pews. However those living in the same household or 'bubble' will be able to sit together. A number of the pews have already been 'closed' as the building has been open to the public, together with a one-way system of movement around the building. These will remain in place as we gather for worship. It has also been necessary to remove the 'mats' on the pews, so you may want to bring a cushion! This does limit the number of people we can have in the building at one time. As part of the one-way system, entrance to the building will be through the West door (the big one at the end!) and exit through the South door. We do have a ramp for the West door for those who find the steps difficult.
- *Service sheets and hymn books.* All printed materials must be single use, so you will be given any necessary service sheets when you arrive but are asked not to share them with anyone else and to take them home with you or throw them away immediately following the service.

I know this feels like a lot to have to deal with! I also know that if we approach it with grace and good humour, we can not only make the best of the situation, but will maybe find new, enriching, exciting and God-honouring ways of approaching our worshipping life together.

