

We're excited to announce that Brunswick Church is opening again for worship. For the time being our main Sunday service will still be on Zoom at 10:45am but are launching additional services for those who would like to come into the building. We'll be alternating between an early morning service at 9am where we will celebrate Communion (which will be distribution of bread only) and a Celtic Evening Prayer service at 6:30pm which is new to us but shares some similarities with the morning prayer service that we normally use on a Wednesday morning. Please see the list below for the pattern of worship:

1st Sunday of the month - 9am - Holy Communion
2nd Sunday of the month - 6:30pm Celtic Evening Prayer
3rd Sunday of the month - 9am Holy Communion
4th Sunday of the month - 6:30pm Celtic Evening Prayer
5th Sunday of the month - 9am Holy Communion

Things will look a bit different when you come into church. You will come in through the front doors and should immediately use the hand sanitiser on the table. You will be handed a Test and Trace form a pen and a service sheet. You will enter the worship room by the small side door immediately to the right of the entrance you have come in by. You should tell the person at the worship room door how many of you are in your group (same household or bubble) and you will be directed to a seat. Follow the one way system around to your seat then complete your Test and Trace form if you are happy to do so and keep it with you until the end of the service.

At present there is no legal requirement to wear a face covering, but we would strongly encourage you to do so if you are able.

If it is a Communion service, you will be directed by a steward when to come forward to receive. . When you come to the front of church to receive, you should use the hand sanitiser to clean your hands. You should then remove your face covering before receiving communion (please do so carefully and only touch the sides of your mask not the front). Please sanitise your hands again and then stand on one of the marked spaces. One person should be in each space unless you have a young child with you who needs supervision. When you receive Communion you should cup your hands together and a piece of bread will be dropped into your hands. If you and the person distributing communion accidentally touch hands you should use the hand sanitiser again. After receiving Communion, please sanitise your hands, replace your face covering (avoiding touching the front) and then sanitise your hands again. Follow the one way system round to go back to your seat, ensuring that you maintain a safe physical distance from others. If you need someone to bring Communion to you, please do let us know and we can facilitate that.

At the end of the service please use the one way system to exit the building. On your way out, please put your service sheet into the blue recycling bin by the exit to the worship room and your Test and Trace form and pen into the box by the doors (even if you have decided not to complete it). Please remember to sanitise your hands as you leave.

I know we will all be excited to see each other face to face but please try to resist the temptation to congregate with people who aren't from your household or support bubble and please remember to keep that safe distance of two metres wherever possible.

The toilets will be open for use. Please use the hand sanitiser on entry and wash your hands as you leave. If you are returning to the worship room, please follow the one way system to return to your seat.

You should not attend the church building if you have Covid-19 symptoms or if you have been told to self isolate. Those who are considered to be clinically vulnerable or extremely clinically vulnerable (shielding) are advised not to attend; however, this is completely your choice and you will not be barred from worship unless you are displaying symptoms of Covid-19.

I know this is a lot of information to take in and may seem quite daunting but there will be people to guide you and keep you safe while you are there. We are confident that by following these guidelines that we can worship together in the building safely.

With love

Jess