



The Rectory
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3rd July 2020

Dear friends

This Sunday, services will resume at St Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye, at our usual time of 9.30 am.

We have long anticipated this moment when we can gather together in worship - but as we are all aware it is necessary to do so safely and following all government and Diocesan guidance. In practice this will mean that the service will be quite different from our normal services, and I would like to ask you to please take note of the following:

- We have to limit seating number due to social distancing, and so not everyone will be able to attend services to begin with. Please book a seat on Eventbrite on the website if you intend to come to the service so that we can manage numbers. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ross-parishes-eucharist-5th-july-tickets-111520280160?ref=estw> or contact the church office.
- Please enter the church by the South Porch as our normal entrance (the North Porch) is currently being reordered. Someone will be there to help you down the stairs if necessary. The Chancel door will also be open should some prefer to enter by this door.
- There will be hand sanitiser available as you enter the church, and we ask you to sanitise your hands before being seated. Face masks will also be available should you want to use one.
- Please sit socially distanced.
- We cannot hand out orders of service. Please print out the service that is attached to this email or that can be found on our website <https://rossparishes.uk/2020/06/30/church-this-week/> Alternatively, if you have a smartphone or tablet please bring your device to church and you will be able to scan a QR code to see the order of service on your device. (You will need to have previously downloaded a QR reader app if you're on an Android device).

- Due to concerns about multiple people using the lectern, we will need to cut back on people sharing in the leading of worship.
- We must not shake hands or hug, and so there will be no Sharing of The Peace.
- Sadly, the choir cannot lead our worship and we cannot sing hymns at this time.
- Please bring your own hand sanitiser to church to sanitise your hands at the time of communion.
- We will line up 2m apart and queue to receive communion in one kind (the host) from the priest in front of the nave altar. We cannot kneel or use the altar rail at this time.
- The service will be livestreamed via our Facebook page.

Week by week these restrictions are likely to change, and so we recommend that you consult our website regularly, and we will do all we can to keep you informed.

I look forward to seeing you either virtually or in person on Sunday!

Every blessing and keep safe

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