

Risk Assessment for Opening St Boniface Church, Nursling for Twinspires@11 morning services

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Event or service this assessment relates to:		Sunday services at St Boniface church – 11am service	

Risk	Controls to consider (delete or detail as appropriate to your location and event)	Additional information	Action by whom?	Completed – date and name
Aerosol or droplet transmission of Covid-19	Increase ventilation in your building: natural ventilation by opening doors, windows and vents or mechanical ventilation if appropriate/necessary.	Consult HSE guidance on identifying poorly ventilated areas Weather-permitting doors to be left ajar by sides person. Entrance door and East wall door leading off vestry. Vents to be left open.	Sides person and/or worship leader	
	Request or consider requiring people to wear a face covering, unless exempt, when inside your building. This may particularly apply to activities that increase risk of aerosol spread such as singing.	The wearing of face masks is down to individual choice.	Sides person and service leader.	
	Put in place measures to reduce contact between people e.g. retaining social distancing	Hand sanitising, social distancing, wearing of masks and singing with masks is optional behind the font towards the rear of the church.	Admin Assistant and Vicar	
	If practical in your building, choose one point of entry into the church to manage flow of people and indicate this with notices, keeping emergency exits available at all times. Where possible use a different door for exit.	Use main door for entrance and exit. Sanitiser will be made available at the main door of the church.	Sides person	
	For events where the building is likely to be especially busy, or the activity is particularly energetic, pay particular regard to the need for additional mitigations such as social distancing and face coverings.	For funerals, weddings and baptisms the use of facemasks is down to individual choice. Singing without masks is permitted. Sanitising is encouraged.	Vicar	

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Surface transmission of Covid-19	Provide adequate hand cleansing stations. Provide hand sanitiser for the occasions when people can't wash their hands.	Encourage all those attending to sanitise hands on way in and out.	Sides person	
	Identify where you can reduce the contact of people with surfaces, e.g. by leaving open doors that are not fire doors, using electronic documents rather than paperwork.	All doors to be kept ajar when the church is occupied, weather permitting. Collection will be undertaken using bowl at exit of church or alternatively the contactless device can be used.	Sides person and service leader	
	Good hygiene and cleaning of the building.	See advice on cleaning church buildings Undertaken weekly by church cleaner	Church cleaner	
	Consider hygiene around shared items such as Bibles, prayer and hymn books that are used by multiple people.	Bibles and books will be used and left in situ.	Sides person and church warden	
	If providing single-use service sheets or prayer cards, either place these on sheets or ask people to sanitise hands before picking one up, and request that people take these home with them.	Baptism laminated cards will be used and left in situ for 3 days.	Vicar	
	Cordon off or remove from public access any devotional objects or items (if they are liable to be touched or closely breathed on).	Holy Communion will be offered in both forms using intinction.	Vicar	

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	Where there are toilet facilities, ensure an adequate supply of soap and disposable hand towels, and a bin for towels, are available.	Outside toilet will be open. Hand washing is available. Toilets are cleaned once a week. Encourage toilet users to use paper hand towels.	Church cleaner	
	Ensure all waste receptacles have disposable liners (e.g. polythene bin bags) to reduce the risk to those responsible for removing them.	Church cleaner to continue to oversee this.		
Visitors are unclear on requirements for attending church or visiting the building for other purposes, or anxious about attending.	Display an NHS Track and Trace QR code, with an alternative option for those who cannot use that system. Encourage visitors to use one or other of these options.	Consult advice on Track and Trace .		
	Update your website, A Church Near You, and any relevant social media with information for visitors. Communicate details on requirements or requests such as bringing a face covering and options for those who may be anxious.	Pastoral letter to be placed on website. Front page updated by PCC secretary	Vicar PCC Secretary	
	Consider specific advice for those who may struggle with continuing restrictions, such as those who are deaf or hard of hearing, or visually impaired.	Our Twinspires@10 service is available for 7 days online through our website. The CofE Daily Hope phone line and other content can be found here: https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/dailyhope-phone-line		
	Consider if a booking system is needed, whether for general access or for specific events/services.	Not required		

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	Communicate with nearby churches to ensure offered provisions are complementary.	St Johns also offers an evening service where restrictions are observed (including hand sanitising, wearing masks, full social distancing and singing with masks)		
	Provide welcoming notices that outline safety measures.	Admin Assistant to do this		
Cleaning the church after known exposure to someone with Coronavirus symptoms	If possible close the church building for 48 hours with no access permitted.	Not always possible. Vicar will try to meet people in vestry or choir stalls.	Vicar	
	If 48-hour closure is not possible then follow Public Health England guidance on cleaning in non-healthcare settings.	Public Health England guidance available here.		
	If the building has been quarantined for 48 hours, then carry out cleaning as per the normal advice on cleaning.	Advice on cleaning church buildings can be found here.		