

# St Mary's, Great Sankey

## Worshipping safely during Covid-19

We are delighted to be able to hold all our services again. We hope you are too!

### Every Sunday – Holy Communion – 8am

### All Age Worship, Holy Communion, Morning Worship – 10am

### Every Wednesday – Holy Communion – 10am

At the same time, we acknowledge the risk of Covid-19 and have made several changes to allow us to meet together again. Due to social distancing we will be limiting the numbers in church at any one time.

As you would normally, please take stock of how you feel before attending a service.

### ***If you feel unwell, or out of the ordinary, please stay at home.***

Please let someone from church know so that we can pray for you, and check in on you during the week.

This leaflet contains some the changes that you will encounter.

### **When you arrive:**

You will be welcomed and will be asked for your contact details. These will be used for track and trace purposes only – if there is a case of covid-19.



Masks must be worn while in the building and throughout the service. They may be lifted to receive communion



You will be asked to use the hand sanitiser and to take a seat. Once seated please do not change seats.



Please sit only with people that you live with or you are in a support bubble with (you may form a support bubble with someone who is living on their own or a single parent with children under 18 at home).



Toilets are available if needed. The corridor to the toilet will be 'one-in, one-out' and cleaning materials and instructions are available. Please use and observe these.



A contactless giving device and offering plate will be available at the back of church for any donations. Please consider giving via the Parish Giving Scheme (direct debit), and help St Mary's recover from this time of shutdown.

### **During the service:**



There will be no congregational singing. The organ may be played.



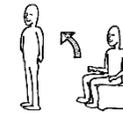
The service will be projected onto a screen or use laminated service guides which will be disinfected afterwards



Please do not share a physical sign of the peace (hug or handshake) with each other (unless you live in the same house or are in a support bubble with others).



Communion will be brought to you in your seat and the bread/wafer will be put into your hand. The minister will wear a mask. They will not use words at this point



If you would prefer not to receive communion please keep your hands by your side. The minister will offer a prayer of silent blessing.



We need to keep one of the entrance doors open to aid circulation of air, so the building may feel cold. Feel free to bring extra layers.

### **Younger Children**



We welcome children back to church. If they need toys, please bring their own. Lightnings for primary school age children is currently on Zoom (prior booking essential).

## After the service:

Please exit church through the main door. While we would love to do refreshments this isn't possible at the moment.

## Know yourself!

While we have taken appropriate precautions consistent with the public health authorities, parishioners should understand and assess their own risk of contracting covid-19 even with these precautions.

Alternative provision (online Zoom services) will continue at present until further notice.

A full copy of the risk assessment is available at the back of church.

*Please be aware of Government Guidelines about Car Journeys and giving lifts*

## Recovery from Covid-19

As we emerge from this pandemic, St Mary's is facing several challenges, including how we may safely re-open activities such as the music group, Open House and Community Lunch. Please pray for wisdom for the PCC as it considers these matters in conjunction with those involved.

We also face significant financial challenges

## Financial

We are very grateful to those of you who have continued to give via the Parish Giving Scheme or Standing Order throughout the pandemic - Thank you! Due to this continued giving we have been able to pay utility bills, & provide resources to re-open.

Many of you have kept your weekly envelopes during this time of lockdown and we are very grateful for this. Thank you! Please place them on the offering plate near the church door

However due to the loss of wedding, funeral and baptism income, and lack of opportunity to hold services and welcome visitors, St Mary's' finances are under severe strain in terms of our ability to pay parish share, which pays for our Vicar.

Please consider giving a one-off donation, giving regularly or increasing your amount at this time – if you are able to.

Donations can be made directly to:

St Mary's PCC Great Sankey General Fund  
Sort Code: 30-99-14  
Account number: 26389668

We also have a giving page on our website  
<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/678f5f44-1515-41a5-a48b-794292e44c15>

Parish Giving Scheme PGS  
<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/>  
New givers phone 0333 002 1271  
Existing givers phone 0300 002 1260  
The St Mary's Parish number is 220622107

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