

Divine Liturgy (Eucharist) Guidelines, Feasts, Memorials and Blessing of children and their mother

Since 12th April 2021, corporate worship (Divine Liturgy) is allowed with Social Distancing measures of 2 meters apart with masks and gloves. Please sit where there is a number and with assistance from our Church Committee members. Please don't interact with people who are not from your household inside the church unless outside the church but with no more than 6 people.

Those who cannot come to the church, can view the services from our live broadcast. Please click [here](#) to view our live broadcasting.

The English Divine Liturgy will be served every Saturday from 9:30am till 10:30am with Social Distancing measures of 2 meters apart with masks and gloves. Please sit where there is a number and with assistance from our Church Committee members. Please don't interact with people who are not from your household inside the church unless outside the church but with no more than 6 people. If there is a big feast day, the Divine Liturgy will be served in Greek and English (see back page of our Church Magazine called Apostoli/Mission). Please click [here](#) to open our magazine.

The feast days (eortes) shall be done within the Divine Liturgy and towards the end of it.

Memorial services (mnimosyna) shall be done after the Divine Liturgy around 12:30pm. You will be allowed in the church after the Divine Liturgy. Please DON'T bring kolyva and bread and just give us the name(s) of your departed to commemorate. Please sit where there is a number and with assistance from our Church Committee members. Up to 15 people can come to the memorial service. Please don't interact with people who are not from your household inside the church unless outside the church but with no more than 6 people.

We are not doing 8 day and 40 day blessings for new born babies and their mother.

Personal Prayer Guidelines

Since 12th April 2021, we can have private prayer (when there are no services) for 10 minutes from 11:00am till 2:00pm, observing social distancing measures of 2 meters from each other and wearing mask, using hand gel and gloves. If you haven't got a mask and gloves, you can get them from our church and give a donation of your choice. Please don't interact with people who are not from your household inside the church unless outside the church but with no more than 6 people.

Please phone the church on 01707 650147 to make sure there is no service and if coming outside the hours of 11:00am till 2:00pm to make sure someone is here to let you in.

Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals Guidelines

Since 12th April 2021, the restrictions for extra services are:

Weddings: STRICTLY up to 15 people are allowed and must wear a mask and keep Social Distancing measures of 2 meters apart and up to 6 people from each household sitting together and the next set of people being 2 meters away. Please sit where there is a

number and with assistance from our Church Committee members. Please don't interact with people who are not from your household inside the church unless outside the church but with no more than 6 people.

Baptisms: STRICTLY up to 15 people are allowed and must wear a mask and keep Social Distancing measures of 2 meters apart and up to 6 people from each household sitting together and the next set of people being 2 meters away. Please sit where there is a number and with assistance from our Church Committee members. Please don't interact with people who are not from your household inside the church unless outside the church but with no more than 6 people.

Funerals: STRICTLY up to 30 people are allowed and must wear a mask and keep Social Distancing measures of 2 meters apart and up to 6 people from each household sitting together and the next set of people being 2 meters away. Please sit where there is a number and with assistance from our Church Committee members. Please don't interact with people who are not from your household inside the church unless outside the church but with no more than 6 people.

The current update from the Prime Minister and the government was on 12th April 2021 and Archbishop Nikitas has given us his advice. Since the guidelines change regularly, please check the main page of our website for the latest update regarding Covid-19 and what you need to do nearer the time of your baptism, wedding or funeral.

When you come to the church, please follow the procedures below:

1. Sanitise your hands with hand gel.
2. Wait a few seconds for gel to dry and put on the gloves.
3. Put on the mask by holding the strings and place mask over your nose and mouth leaving no gaps.
4. Keep the stipulated distance of 2 meters and wear the gloves and the mask at all times.
5. Exit the church from the side exit (South facing exit) in the middle of the church on the left.
6. When you exit, please dispose your masks and gloves in the bins outside. When taking gloves off, you should do it in such a way as to not touch any of the outside surface of the gloves with bare hands.

All of us when entering the church must wash our hands with hand gel, wear gloves and masks properly and not hanging off your face. It would be better if you have these from home. Those who haven't got any, they can purchase them from our Church.

Please strictly follow the guidelines because if you break the law somebody could inform the authorities and issue a hefty fine to the church and yourself of at least £200 and up to £6,400 to each party involved.

Please follow the advice from our Church Committee faithfully about where you shall wait, where you shall enter and how you shall exit from the Church.

The Clergy and Committees thank you in advance for your co-operation and consideration during these difficult times.

May God bless, guide and protect you and your families at these difficult and uncertain times we are living in.

We hope to see you soon with your families at our church.

We wish you all a blessed Holy Week and Pascha (Easter).

With best wishes

The Priest in Charge

Protopresbyter Joseph Paliouras.