



St Luke's Anglican Church

Reminder and Update Information

Reopening for Public Worship

What to expect on Sunday, 20 September 10:30 am as we reopen

Things will look and feel different than before COVID-19

We have put special protocols in place as we gather once again for worship services. Among precautions against the spread of COVID-19, hand hygiene, physical distancing, controlled traffic flow, and wearing masks are top on the list and required by the Diocese in order for us to comply to their directives. The protocols include practices with which many of us have become familiar at local stores, shops, and offices in recent months.

Process and steps for us to follow

Ahead of time

- we kindly ask you to advise the parish office **no later than by NOON THURSDAY each week** of your intention to attend church on the coming Sunday
 - this is to allow us to complete a seating plan ahead of time so that we can maximize the use of our space while ensuring proper physical distancing
 - it will also help enable smooth traffic flow into the church nave
 - in addition, it will help us make sure that the number in attendance will not exceed our allowed capacity for our space

Upon arrival at church

- at the parking lot entrance to the church building:
 - we will ask standard questions about possible exposure to COVID-19
 - we will check your name off on the contact tracing log
 - we will ask you to sanitize your hands
 - we will ask you to wear a mask if you are not already wearing one—we have spare masks
 - our team will direct you to your place in the nave of the church
 - (the nave is the main part of the church)

Within the nave

- there will be spaced floor markings to indicate how to move to receive Communion and how to return to your seat
 - Communion will be in one-kind (bread only)
 - there will be specially assigned seating for those helping with the Liturgy and a separately assigned microphone for each
 - we will remain in place to share the Peace by gesture only while maintaining physical distancing
- we will refrain from singing
- we will place collection plates in convenient locations

At completion of the Liturgy

- all will remain in their places
- there will be spaced floor markings to indicate how to exit
- our sidespeople team will assist with directions
 - those without mobility issues will exit through the front doors of the church on the Armour Street side beginning from the back of the church
 - those with mobility issues will wait until all have exited and then will move back to the parking lot door to exit
- we are not permitted to have or consume any food or refreshments at the church

A few additional points

- We look forward to welcoming you back to St Luke's on 20 September at 10:30 am and on any Sunday after that time when you are feeling comfortable in attending. We will also be resuming our online evensong services in the near future.
- There is an *excellent video* and other information about reopening on the parish website. If you do not have access to the Internet, we suggest that you ask a family member or friend to connect for you. Just *Google* St Luke's Peterborough.
- Because we do not have adequate time to perform the mandated steps to sanitize our facilities after an earlier service, we are able only to hold the main service at 10:30 am each Sunday.
- If you are not yet comfortable in returning to church, we thank you for maintaining your support of St Luke's by:
 - using the mailbox on the Armour Street side of the church
 - dropping your envelope off at the parish office or mailing it
 - using the secure **DONATE** button on the parish website

Please keep this information sheet for future reference. Any questions, please give us a call.