

St Thomas at Cliffe -- Parish Communion
Sunday Mornings from 12th July at 9.45am

**MOST IMPORTANTLY - KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FROM OTHERS AT ALL TIMES:
REMAIN TWO-METRES FROM THOSE OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSEHOLD**

Safety and well-being are paramount – attendance should only be by those who feel able to come
and not contrary to any medical advice.

DO NOT VISIT CHURCH IF YOU FEEL UNWELL - particularly if you have a new or persistent cough, a fever or loss of smell or taste.

TRAVEL - We are reminded that car-sharing should be avoided in line with Government advice.

ARRIVAL - Enter via the West door, as usual Use the HAND SANITIZER provided - you may also like to bring your own. Track-and-Trace: we are required to record your attendance at the service and keep that information, securely, for 21 days.

The OFFERTORY PLATE will be in place by the door but will not be taken to the altar; it will be blessed by the priest after the service.

NO BOOKS may be handed out - you may like to bring your own BCP (to follow the service and readings) although disposable service sheets will be placed on the pews, indicating where it is permissible to seat, and these will follow our service format exactly.

SEATING - You may not be able to sit in your 'usual' place as we limit seating to maintain social distancing and hygiene. Sit in any place where there is an Order of Service on the pew.

Avoid all areas roped off and those displaying a RED 'X' - which means please do NOT sit close to the aisles to allow for distancing from those using the walkways.

NO HYMNS are permitted although we will try to find an organist each week to play an introit, music during Communion and a Voluntary for the recessional. NO RAISED VOICES and NO SUNG RESPONSES. The service will be said throughout, as it is during the week.

THERE WILL BE NO Offertory procession.

RECEIVING COMMUNION - When the time comes, please may your way to the chancel steps using the **centre aisle** - maintain a 2m distance from those outside your household.

Remain standing. You will receive the sacrament in one kind only - no chalice. The consecrated wafer will be dropped into your open hand without contact and with no words of administration.

Return to your place using the **side aisles** - for those seated on the south-side, it will mean walking down the first row to reach the side aisle, by the remembrance altar.

If anyone becomes unwell during the service, an isolation area will be created in the South Door lobby (behind the curtain), where there will be a chair. Medical assistance will be summoned to this point.

Please do not congregate indoors after the service, but move outside. A reminder that the Hall is not open. The church will close for 25 mins after the service for deep cleaning.