

## Updated COVID guidance – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

On 24<sup>th</sup> February the Government removed all domestic Covid restrictions, as part of its Living with Covid Plan. In the light of this change, we have updated our guidance at St Nic's.

From this Sunday, our updated guidance for our Sunday services is as follows:

- **We are no longer asking people to wear masks as they enter or exit the church building, or as they move about in the aisles.** People are, of course, free to wear masks if they wish.
- **We are no longer asking people to wear masks at any point during the service.** People are, of course, free to wear masks if they wish.
- **The south aisle will continue to be a socially distanced zone** (that is, the right-hand aisle as you enter church). We will seat people in alternate pews.
- **The rest of the church will have no distancing.** You may sit in any pew you like, and you will need to expect to share pews with others
- **Before the service, everyone will enter church through the west door.** If you are concerned about keeping your distance from other people during the busyness at the beginning of the service then we suggest you arrive 5 minutes early when there are fewer people in the entrance.
- **Once the service has started,** we will close the west doors (to keep the church warm) and **we will ask people to enter through the south door.**
- **At the end of the service, those in the south aisle/socially distanced zone will exit through the south door. Everyone else will leave through the west door.**

We ask that people who test positive for Covid stay at home and join our service via the livestream. We ask that people follow the government advice that adults and children who test positive stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days.

We are grateful that St Nic's has remained a very safe place to be throughout the pandemic. We are aware that over the coming months and years there may be new outbreaks and new variants, leading to occasional periods of increased restrictions. As we have done throughout the last two years, we will continue to monitor our guidance and revise it where necessary.