

10 Things To Consider if you're planning to attend a Church service in the Diocese ...



Remember your S-A-N-I-T-I-S-E-R-S

Should you be attending Church today? If you have Covid-19, or flu-like symptoms, or an elevated temperature, you should stay at home.

Arrange advance booking or ticketing for services. Arrive and exit following signs, and directions given by Churchwardens and staff. Ask if you are unsure about anything. Follow recommended hygiene practices by binning tissues, disinfecting/washing hands, and wearing a face mask.

Note your attendance on arrival at the service in a registration book, with your own pen or pencil. This measure is needed only to facilitate any contact tracing.

Introduce clearly, as service leaders, how the service will run, from beginning to end. Don't forget to welcome and include virtual church joiners if you are streaming.

Take your seat, and remain physically distanced from the person next to you. Some countries require 2 metres, others less than 2 metres. Further apart is safer. Households can sit together. Church officers need to know the rules that apply to your chaplaincy.

Indicate your Christian love and fellowship at this time by using non-contact gestures. You must not exchange the Peace by shaking hands.

Singing is only safe in small physically distanced groups. No wind instruments should be played as they can potentially transmit infected droplets.

Ensure, as priests, that you follow guidance very carefully on distributing Holy Communion, as well as on conducting Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

Remember not to gather in groups before or after the service. Exit in an ordered fashion, placing any offerings as you leave on a tray. Remember, too, you can give online. <https://www.justgiving.com/diocese-ineurope>

Support those who clean your church by briefing, training and equipping them to do a scrupulous cleaning job after each use of the building.