



St Mary's Church, Thorpe

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Update to Lockdown Plan – Monday 11th January 2021

Following a vote to remain open by Thorpe Parochial Church Council

Due to the lockdown and our desire to keep St Mary's Church open and everyone as safe as possible, we have introduced a temporary new pattern of worship:

Sunday 10am Parish Eucharist - Max 30 people, 60 minutes long.

Wednesday 10am Said Eucharist - Max 30 people, 30 minutes long.

Saturday 10am Said Eucharist – Max 30 people, 30 minutes long.

All three services may continue to have a congregation present in church along with our welcome team (until/unless the Government mandate the closure of Church buildings). These services are scheduled to be at least 24 hours apart, which combined with our existing strict Covid-secure protocols will help to significantly reduce the viral load in Church (should Covid be present).

Social Distancing

Therefore, we are asking that everyone considers watching worship from home. If that is not possible, or you feel very strongly that you would still like to attend up to one service weekly, please consider one of the services other than Sunday 10am so we can spread the attendance out. Please also strictly follow our well-rehearsed Covid-secure protocols and procedures. To help everyone comply with social distancing, we have reduced the seating capacity inside St Mary's Church to 30 chairs in the Nave, spaced out by 2 meters in all directions. In addition, all attending worship are discouraged from conversations before and after services.

Sorry, but we have **suspended the Sunday 8am said Eucharist** until 4th April (Easter) for safety reasons.

The Family Service 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays, and Sunday **7pm Compline** have moved online via Facebook Live until Good Friday 2nd April.

Funerals as arranged, max 30 people and pre-recorded music only. Service max 30 minutes long.

Thank you for your help and understanding at this time,

Fr Damian Harrison-Miles – Vicar & Barry Huxley & Peter Gruncell - Churchwardens.