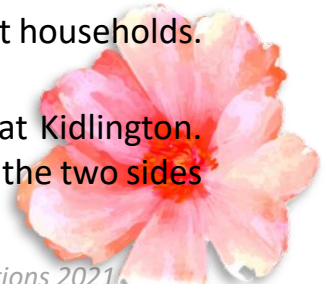




Guidelines suggested for holding services in the churches of Kidlington & Woodstock

Now we appeal to common sense and personal responsibility for one's safety and the safety of the other.

- Please sanitise hand as you enter and leave the church. You may also sanitise your hands when receiving holy communion or as and when you feel the need to do so.
- Kindly follow the one-way route. Entrance only through the main door, follow the one-way system inside the church. You will be directed by who is appointed to be the greeter and guidance for this is given.
- Masks are not essential, but advised, if you feel safer wearing them, please do so. Avoid talking or singing in the church and walking up and down if not necessary, if you are not wearing a mask.
- **Take to the seats maintaining a reasonable distance right around you or your household. Especially sitting or standing right in front or behind another with or without a mask, must be avoided at all times.**
- The choir and music groups have expressed they will take a break and so suspend congregational singing for the time being as it is safer, and so no compromises made. Hymn books will not be handed. At best we shall attempt to have some recorded music at selected times as is convenient to do so.
- When you enter the church if you feel it is pretty full and you cannot take to a seat guaranteeing safety to yourself and the other, please feel free to be outside, or at a suitable place or to recognise that there is still no obligation to be attending mass in church.
- Please avoid chattering inside the church or at the entrances and exits blocking the flow of people moving. You are very much encouraged to talk and cheer-up one another outside the church with an awareness of care for the other.
- Readers take to seat nearest to the free-standing microphone. There will be one reader per mass doing all the readings and intercessions as is needed. Avoid using the lectern.
- There will be no offertory. Gifts will all be ready on the altar before each mass begins by the priest or safely done so by the sacristan in charge for that particular mass.
- Holy Communion given only at the end after the blessing as they leave church, take with you all your belongings please to the best you could. Kindly follow one way path without overlapping or having to pass by another. Communion is received as we did during the pandemic, row by row alternating side by side, from top nearest to church to bottom. Kindly be seated until its your pew/ bench's turn avoiding a queue. Please maintain a sensible distance from different households.
- Holy communion will be distributed on the hand only.
- Only one altar server at Woodstock and may be two on either side at Kidlington. They will occupy the front most pews (nearest to the altar) and not the two sides of the altar maintaining safe distance from the altar.



- Altar servers may (if advised by the sacristan to do so safely) light the candles before mass and put it off. In Kidlington only, the altar server may assist in the washing of the hand by the priest. The bowl, water and the finger towel (lavabo) must be prepared and placed beforehand for this purpose on the side table in a manner that it will not be contaminated.
- Please maintain one person at a time in the sacristy, that too for some purpose that cannot be fulfilled at another time when it is less in use.
- The audio system may be used simply to play music in the church for the services, rather than for congregational singing.
- Collection baskets not handpassed but left at the doors, please make sure that it is kept safe until those appointed to be in charge of the collections take hold of them.
- I have put in charge people for the three masses in the parish. They will delegate responsibility if they are not around or as and when is needed. I am sure you would give your fullest cooperation to them and please follow their instructions with utmost care.



* **Saturdays 6pm Kidlington** – Sally Grover/ (Helped by Marika Dimech when and where is possible and is needed)

* **Sundays 9.30 am Woodstock** – Sandra Lenagan

* **Sundays 11am Kidlington** – Lou & Maggie Borucki, (*Milagros Ponte helping out*)

* **Collection** –Sally Grover / Denise Upton (6pm), Bob Wright(11am), – counting and banking Chris Brennan

* **Organising Cleaning and sanitising once a week and after some masses** – Verena Brogdan (Woodstock) & Margaret Longworth (Kidlington). Denise Upton after 6pm Mass and Milagros Ponte after 11am mass. ***Help and support as regards cleaning and sanitising will be most welcome. Please contact those appointed.***

* **Greeters** – Denise Upton 6pm, Garrett Nagle 9.30 am and Lou Borucki or someone appointed by Lou please (11am). We shall keep suspended the greeters list for the moment please.

Please note these are simply suggested guidelines for the safety and comfort of all and not rules. Hence use them with a greater care.

Thank you very much for all your understanding, help and support. ~ Fr Prem

