

St George`s General risk assessment form

Area/activity assessed	Holy Communion during Corona virus				
Persons at risk	Clergy, Worshippers				
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<p>The following Risk assessment has been carried out using the current Church of England advice. We will continue to follow this advice and when it is updated amend existing or implement new controls as needed.</p> <p>The Risk Assessment follows a time line of how Communion takes place.</p>	<p>The level of Risk score (R) is calculated by giving a score of 1-3 for the Likelihood (L) of someone catching Corona virus at a service assuming the controls are being followed. Then a score of 1 to 3 is given to the severity (S) if that were to happen. The two scores are then multiplied together to give the Risk score (R) As long as the following controls are followed the likelihood of someone catching corona virus will be low hence the score of 1 in all cases. The severity of being infected remains high hence a score of 3 in all cases. The risk score is 3 in all cases (1 x 3) indicating medium priority.</p>	<p>The level of risk will be regularly monitored.</p> <p>Additional controls will be added if they are required.</p>
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The following hazards have been identified where transmission could occur.		The following controls will be implemented to help manage and reduce the risk to all parties				
Hazards	Risk of	Existing Controls	L	S	R	Additional Controls
Social Distancing Corona virus can be passed from an infected person to another via air.	Catching Corona virus via air.	Face coverings are now mandatory in places of worship. All congregation members are required to wear a face covering except those who may be exempt.	1	3	3	None at the present time subject to review
Sharing the Peace Corona virus can be passed from an infected person to another either by air or by touching those who are not keeping a safe distance.	Catching Corona virus via air and touching	In line with the current guidance the Sharing of the Peace is not allowed as safe Social Distancing cannot be maintained.	1	3	3	None at the present time subject to review
Sharing of the Chalice Corona virus can be passed from an infected person to a surface either by air or touching. It is then passed from the surface to person who touches it.	Catching Corona virus via surface	In line with the current guidance we will not share the Chalice. We will only receive bread at the present time. The Priest will be the only person to take wine.	1	3	3	None at the present time subject to review
During Preparation Speaking over the Bread and Wine Corona virus can be passed from an infected person to a surface by air. It can then be passed from that surface to a person who touches it.	Catching Corona virus via air	The Priest will only speak over the bread and wine that he or she will consume. All the other wafers to remain covered. until distributed.	1	3	3	None at the present time subject to review
During Preparation Handling the Bread and Wine Corona virus can be passed from an infected person to a surface by touching. It can then be passed from that surface to a person who it.	Catching Corona virus via surface	Only the Priest will consume bread and wine they handle during the Preparation.	1	3	3	None at the present time subject to review

<p>During Invitation. Showing the bread to the congregation during the invitation</p> <p>Corona virus can be passed from an infected person to a surface by air. It can then be passed from that surface to a person who touches it.</p>	<p>Catching Corona virus via air</p>	<p>If the Priest shows the bread to the congregation and speaks during the Invitation, only they will consume that bread.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>None at the present time subject to review</p>
<p>During Invitation Handling the Bread during the invitation</p> <p>Corona virus can be passed from an infected person to a surface by touching. It can then be passed from that surface to a person who touches it.</p>	<p>Catching Corona virus via surface</p>	<p>If the Priest handles and shows the bread to the congregation during the Invitation only they will consume that bread.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>None at the present time subject to review</p>
<p>During Distribution Queuing for Communion</p> <p>Corona virus can be passed from an infected person to another either by air or touching who do not keep a safe distance.</p>	<p>Catching Corona virus via air</p>	<p>The 2m rule will apply. A One Way system will be used. Face coverings will be worn.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>None at the present time subject to review</p>
<p>During Distribution Handling the bread during distribution</p> <p>Corona virus can be passed from an infected person to a surface via touching. It can then be passed from that surface to a person who touches it.</p>	<p>Catching Corona virus via surface</p>	<p>The Priest will sanitise their hands after taking their own communion Individual wafers will be used. Only the Priest will handle the wafers.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>None at the present time subject to review</p>
<p>During Distribution Social Distancing between the Priest and the congregation members when receiving bread.</p> <p>Corona virus can be passed from an infected person to another either by air or touching those who do not keep a safe distance..</p>	<p>Catching Corona virus via surface and air</p>	<p>The congregation will sanitise their hands before queuing for communion. Both the Priest and the Congregation will wear face coverings Distribution will be in silence. The congregation will receive with outstretched arms.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>None at the present time subject to review</p>

		The Bread will be dropped into outstretched hands If the Priest touches someone they will sanitise their hands again The member of the congregation will also sanitise their hands also. The congregation will return to their seat to consume.				
Altar Rail Corona virus can be passed from an infected person to a surface via touching. It can then be passed from that surface to a person who touches it.	Catching Corona virus via surface.	The Altar Rail will not be used.	1	3	3	None at the present time subject to review
Cleaning Chalice and Paten Corona virus can be passed from an infected person to a surface via touching. It can then be passed from that surface to a person who touches it.	Catching Corona virus via surface	Only the Priest will clean the Chalice and Paten	1	3	3	None at the present time subject to review
Reserved Sacrament Corona virus can be passed from an infected person to a surface via touching or air. It can then be passed from that surface to a person who touches it.	Catching Corona virus via surface or air.	Reserve Sacrament will be left for 72 hours before being consumed by anyone other than the Priest.	1	3	3	None at the present time subject to review

Likelihood.

1= low (seldom)

2 = medium (frequently)

3 = high (certain or near certain)

Severity

1=low (minor cuts & bruises)

2 = medium (serious injury)

3= high (fatality or numbers injured)

Risk

1-2 = low priority

3-4 = medium priority

6-9 = high priority

