**St Mary the Virgin, Bletchingley**

**Covid precautions after 19th July**

All existing applicable rules are lifted from 19th July, but the government recommends caution.

1. **Please respect other people’s concerns and wishes**
2. **Distancing**

Please continue to sit in alternate rows of pews. Within the pew please maintain distance if those near you wish to do so.

1. **Masks**

Though the wearing of masks within public buildings has to become optional, the government has recommended that they continue to be worn in congested enclosed public spaces. We encourage that they continue to be worn at all times when inside the church for a service.

1. **Singing**

The choir will continue to lead the singing, unmasked. The congregation may now also sing, but we prefer that you wear your mask whilst singing, to minimise droplet propagation.

1. **Communion**

During August we will trial distribution at the chancel rail, queuing as directed by the usher down the centre aisle. Hand sanitiser will be offered. We encourage you to wear your mask whilst queuing. Wafers may be dipped in the wine (intincted) by the officiant, using tongs, before placing in the hand of the standing recipient. Please step aside to remove your mask and consume. After consuming, please replace you mask and return to your seat via the south aisle. Hand sanitiser will be available.

1. **Contact tracing**

Booking in for services and recording attendees for the purpose of Track & Trace is no longer required.

1. **Collections**

We continue to encourage the use of bank transfers/standing orders or the Goodbox contactless terminal for donations. For those wishing to make their donation by cash or envelope a plate will be available adjacent to the door on entering church or leaving services.

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