

St Bartholomew & All Saints Parochial Church Council

Risk Assessment – Prevention of Spread of Covid-19.

Premises:	St Bartholomew’s Church	Area assessed:	Whole Building
Date of assessment:	21 May 2021	Assessment review due:	21 June 2021
Name of assessor:	Ruth Sexton/Melvyn Blackman	Signature of assessor:	
Who might be harmed?	Clergy; Employees; Volunteers; Congregation; Members of the Public; Visitors; Contractors		

<u>Area of Focus</u>	<u>Controls Required</u>	<u>Additional Controls</u>	<u>References/Information Source</u>	<u>Action</u>	
				<u>by?</u>	<u>completed</u>
<p><u>Addendum</u></p> <p>To be read in conjunction with “Access to the church for the purpose of conducting funerals”</p> <p>Additional HM Government guidance regarding attendance of people instructed to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace.</p>	<p><i>If a close family member, has tested positive for Covid-19, or is displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or has been a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 decides to attend the funeral in person They Must:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise the funeral organiser and other mourners of their intent. • Ensure they do not attend at the same time as another mourner who may be clinically vulnerable or extremely clinically vulnerable. • Maintain a 2-metre distance between themselves and others at all times. • Practise strict hand and respiratory hygiene. • Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth. • Cover coughs and sneezes. • Wear a surgical-grade Type 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clergy/vergers who are in the clinically vulnerable or extremely clinical vulnerable group should not be in attendance • Thorough cleaning of the church after the funeral should be undertaken as per HM Government guidance. • Church cleaner must not be from a clinically vulnerable group. • Cleaner must wear gloves, face covering and plastic apron. • Disposable waste must be retained in a sealed bag, placed outside the North door for 72 hours before placing in normal waste bin. • Any mop heads used should be disposed of in a similar fashion • CW to remove waste after 72 hours and dispose in general waste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House of Bishops Covid-19 Recovery Group “Keeping church buildings clean” • Public Health England Guidance “COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings” • HM Government “Covid-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship during the pandemic” • ‘House of Bishops Recovery Group” COVID-19 Permitted Activities from 17 May 2021 under Step 3. • HM government “Covid-19: guidance for arranging or attending a funeral during the coronavirus pandemic.’ • House of Bishops Recovery Group ‘Covid-19 Advice on Face Coverings 		

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	<p><i>11R face mask or higher grade, which must be properly fitting to minimise risk of transmission.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If a respirator mask is used e.g. N95 this should be non-valved.</i> • <i>Any mourner who comes in close contact with the individual concerned (e.g. who offers consolation or support) may then be required to self-isolate.</i> 				
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Document Change Record

Date	Version	Change
02 October 2020	6	Rule of 6 amendment HM Government Guidance 'The Rule of 6' with some exemptions-see Recovery Group COVID-19 Advice for Conducting Funerals version: 5.3 Issued 25 Sept 20
29 October 2020	7	New legislation permitting people who are symptomatic or who have tested positive for Covid-19 to attend funerals - See Recovery Group revised guidance Covid-19 Advice for Conducting Funerals, dated 16 October 20. Plus, HM Government Guidance: Covid-19: guidance for arranging or attending a funeral during the coronavirus pandemic dated 23 October 20.
13 November 2021	7	Reviewed and no change required.