



St James & St Anne, Bermondsey

September 2020

Dear brothers and sisters,

Re-Opening of Churches for Sunday Worship

Our churches will reopen for Sunday worship on Sunday 6th September at the new times of 9.30am for St Anne's and 11.00am for St James.

Due to the Coronavirus regulations we will not be able to have services exactly as before, but we will be able to pray, to hear God's word, and to worship together. We know that the Lord Jesus will be with us by His Spirit as we meet together.

Online services on Sundays

These will continue on Facebook and YouTube for those who are unable to attend in person or prefer not to.

Bermondsey Daily Message

From 6th September there will be Bermondsey Daily Messages - three times per week, instead of the present six - on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Wednesday Night Church

Wednesday night church will start again on Wednesday 16th September via Zoom and will include a short talk on a bible passage plus break out groups for discussion and prayer.

St James School Assemblies

These will be online every Tuesday and members of the congregation will be able to view them on the YouTube channel.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will it be safe? To keep everyone safe, when you arrive you will be asked to sanitise your hands and you will be asked to sit in a particular seat in order to maintain social distancing. You will also be asked to give your name and contact details in case they are needed by NHS test and trace. Please arrive in good time so that we can take your contact details before the service starts.

Will there be Sunday School or crèche? Unfortunately we are not able to have Sunday School at present or use the crèche rooms in either church, but we will be sending out online resources for children and families to use at home.

Will there be refreshments? Unfortunately refreshments after church are not allowed at present.

Will we be able to sing? Unfortunately congregational singing is not allowed at present.

Do I have to wear a face covering? Yes, the wearing of face coverings in places of worship is now required by law.

What about clinically vulnerable people? Certain groups of people may be at increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19, including people who are aged 70 or older, and those who have certain medical conditions (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>). Individuals who fall within this group are advised to stay at home as much as possible and, if they do go out, to take particular care to minimise contact with others outside of their household. It is their decision whether they attend public worship.

What about those who are extremely clinically vulnerable? They are not currently advised to attend public worship.

May God bless us all as we continue to worship him whether in our church buildings or at home.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Gary Jenkins
Vicar