

Resuming Communal Worship Approval

St Bede, Chadwell Heath

Dear Reverend Father

Thank you for completing the checklist for resuming communal worship at St Bede Church, Chadwell Heath.

Your checklist has been reviewed and COVID-19 Communal Worship Approval has been issued and added to the church task list in SafetyToolbox Online.

Test and Trace

The government guidance seeks cooperation in the Test and Trace scheme by keeping a record of those attending church for 21 days after each service after which they must be anonymised or securely destroyed. One way to collect this information is to use a pre-booking approach which would also help to manage numbers attending. An alternative approach is to ask people to record their contact details and we noted you supplied at template you intend using in your churches. An obvious flaw with an approach which relies on pen and paper is that it introduces additional contact points and potential bottlenecks. The Bishops Conference will be issuing further guidelines for Bishop's later this week for onward communication to parish priests.

It is good practice to review your COVID-19 arrangements regularly to make sure they are practical and in step with changing guidelines as restrictions ease and the range of permitted activities increases.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us or Amanda Balicki.

Kind regards

The SafetyToolbox Team