

# Christ Church, West Wimbledon

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Dear members of Christ Church,

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This is just a brief note (a longer newsletter will be published next week) regarding changes to the rules governing procedures in church. From this Sunday 30 January 2022:

## **THE FOLLOWING WILL CHANGE:**

1. The wearing of face coverings in church is no longer a requirement. However, if you personally prefer to continue to wear one, that is of course absolutely fine.
2. In the main nave of the church, you can now sit where you like. For those who wish to continue to keep a little socially distanced, every other pew row in the side aisles and the back of the nave will be kept clear.
3. At Communion, we will now revert to using the full width of the Communion Rail to receive Communion or a Blessing. You can either choose to stand or kneel to receive. At 10am, please follow the Choir who will receive Communion first.

## **THE FOLLOWING WILL NOT CHANGE FOR THE MOMENT:**

4. We will not take an offertory collection – if you wish to donate, please place your offering on the plates – or use the card payment facility.
5. At the Peace, we will still be smiling and waving at others, rather than shaking hands! Obviously, you can greet your own family more closely!
6. At Communion, we will still be receiving the bread only and not the wine. The risks from sharing the chalice (the common cup) are still great – and it has to be remembered that the priest has to consume all the remaining wine at the end of Communion and that is considered to be too great a risk at present. Please be assured that the Church of England has decreed that, receiving the wafer only, does still represent receiving full Communion.

With prayers and best wishes,

*Michael Burns*

