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Church building Risk Assessment Review in light of Covid-19



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As Public worship, with measures in place for social distancing, will be allowed from Spring 2021 following the [government guidance for the safe use of places of worship during the pandemic](#) this document constitutes the required COVID-19 risk assessment document providing risks as well as their mitigatory actions regarding worship at our Greek Orthodox St Peter and St Paul's Church, Bristol.



Area of Focus	Controls In Place	Additional information	Action by whom?	Completed – date and name
Access to church buildings for clergy for purposes of private prayer and/or livestreaming	One point of entry to the church building clearly identified and separate from public entry (kitchenette entry).			
	The church has been aired before use.			
	Switch on and check electrical installation and heating systems if needed.			
	Ensure safe use of equipment needed for livestreaming.			
Deciding whether to open to the public	Assess maximum allowable number of church attendees.	Holy Week Update:- Agreed with local authority & police at max of 90 inside the Church building. An information email/social media notice advising the community of the very limited church capacity & limited drop off points and parking was sent out prior to Holy Week to warn the community of this and suggested viewing the services on-line instead of attending to also take into account any adverse effects on local residents of too		



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		<p>many parishioners attending.</p> <p>Attendees outside the church will be counted, requested to spread around the area ensuring social distancing and be monitored by the external security & community volunteer team to monitor social distancing rules. Should numbers reach max limit of 300 then the gates will be closed to further entrants. It is not anticipated that this would be an issue except possibly at the Saturday evening service.</p>		
	Assess demarcation of church with entry/exit path and allowable seating/stands.			
	Utilise email list, update website, and/or our social media account to allow flow of all relevant information to the parish.	Detailed Guidelines for Holy Week Covid Safety parking, entrance and exit process sent to all registered parishioners.		



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	Make sure enough cleaning and hygiene products are available and all Church Attendance Forms (for the NHS Test and Trace programme) are near the single entry point.	Test & Trace location App has been printed & displayed @ Church gates & Entrance.		
Preparation of the Church for access by members of the public for any permitted purposes	Confirm that all steps (above) for access by clergy have been carried out before anyone else accesses the church building.			
	Regular weekly cleaning of church.			
	At all times there is one entry point (regular church entrance opposite Hall) and one exit point (old northern entrance) with clear demarcation.	Community volunteers + private security personnel will be briefed and be available at the Church gates, church building entrance and exit to assist the congregation with complying with safety rules during Holy Week.		
	Doors can be left opened temporarily to improve ventilation.			
	Maximum allowable people in church (excluding the priest, chanters and assistance) is ninety (90) people with a 20% attendance tolerance.			
	Apostolic Readings will not be distributed.			



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	Antidoron will be put in bags for the faithful to take with them after each Divine Liturgy.			
	Walk through the church to plan for physical distancing in seats, aisles, including safe flow of visitors.	A one-way system has been demarcated with floor and wall signage delineating the one-way system within the Church.		
	Pew cushions/kneelers will be removed as per government guidance and only be allowed for people with orthopaedic problems.			
	There are no children's resources and play areas.			
	Cordon off seating aisles to observe minimum allowable distances.			
	Placement of hand sanitisers and masks are available for visitors to use, and in visible areas.	And at church entrance.		
	High-risk surfaces and touch points are wiped with appropriate sanitiser spray or disposable wipes.	Additional disposable wipes placed on pews for use by congregation.		
	Any further temporary changes to the building will be conducted to facilitate social distancing.			
	Handwashing facilities are available at the Greek Hall opposite of the church and have adequate soap provision and a bin for towels/papers.	The Hall's main chamber is closed off & out of bounds.		



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	Toilet facilities are available at the Greek Hall opposite of the church with an adequate supply of soap and a bin for towels/papers.	Signage confirms max of 2 people in each toilet at any one time to keep correct social distancing inside.		
	All waste receptacles have disposable liners (e.g. polythene bin bags) to reduce the risk to those responsible for removing them.			
	Made available safe means for worshippers and visitors to record their name and contact details; retain each day's record for 21 days	Each day's written attendance record will be handed over to the senior community volunteer on duty or the Chair of the Church Committee. Test & Trace location App has been printed & displayed @ Church gates & at the Church Entrance		
Cleaning the church before and after general use (no known exposure to anyone with Coronavirus symptoms)	If the church building has been closed for 72 hours between periods of being open then there is no need for extra cleaning to remove the virus from surfaces.			
	If 72-hour closure is not possible then we ensure that all cleaners are not in a vulnerable group or self-isolating.			



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	A cleaning weekly rota is in place for regular cleanliness and tidiness to cover our opening arrangements.	Targeted high risk areas & touchpoint cleaning/disinfecting will take place daily before each evening service during Holy Week.		
	All cleaners carry their own equipment necessary for high hygiene standards.			
	Suitable cleaning materials are provided for cleaning all possible surfaces in church.			
Cleaning the church after known exposure to someone with Coronavirus symptoms	Where possible closure of the church building for 72 hours with no access permitted.			
	If 72-hour closure is not possible then we follow Public Health England guidance on cleaning in non-healthcare settings.	Public Health England guidance available here.		
	If the building has been quarantined for 72 hours, then we carry out cleaning as per the normal advice on cleaning.			

