



St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth
Serving the whole community

**Information for
Hirers and Users of St Mary's Church Centre
during the Covid-19 Coronavirus Pandemic**

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Welcome



As Lockdown rules and advice change and the Church Centre is used again by the local community the needs of each Hirer and their group members continue to inform decisions and plans made.

The future pattern of Hiring and how the Church Centre is accessed are also being informed by UK Government Covid-19 safety regulations in place.



Please read this Booklet carefully and observe the guidance given. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Administrator. It is important that we do all we can to keep everyone safe.

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3. If you have symptoms

For the well-being of others, please do not attend public worship if you have symptoms which suggest that you might have Covid-19.



CORONAVIRUS - the symptoms

If you have any of these symptoms, self-isolate and get tested

- High temperature
- New, persistent cough
- Loss or change in sense of smell or taste

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19-19) are:

- recent onset of a new continuous cough or
- a high temperature or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If you develop these symptoms, however mild, or you have received a positive coronavirus (Covid-19) test result, then you should immediately self-isolate stay at home for at least 10 days from when your symptoms started. If you live with others, all other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

The Governments [stay at home guidance](#) and [explanatory diagram](#) give further information.

4. Entry procedures

All Hirers and their Class/Group/Family must enter via the main door only. No other door should be used for entry to the building at any point.

5. Exit procedures

The exit for the Main Hall is via the Fire Doors at the far end of the Hall into the Courtyard and then through the far Fire Exit door into the Churchyard. No other exit is to be used except by the main Hirer.

The exit for Room 2 is via the Fire Exit door at the bottom of the staircase door into the Courtyard and then through the far Fire Exit door into the Churchyard.

Exit for the main Hirer/Leader - once all cleaning procedures have been followed - is via the Fire door at the bottom of the staircase and out through the far Fire Exit door into the Churchyard. Please ensure both Fire Exit doors are closed firmly.

There must be no exit through the main door by anyone.

These exit procedures are in place to avoid cross-contamination and adhere to bio-security. Failure to adhere to these requirements may result in the cancellation of future bookings by the Hirer concerned.

6. Doors

Upon arrival, all internal doors should be lodged open with a doorstop. This is to avoid cross-contamination. Upon departure, all doors should be closed again.

7. Numbers of people allowed in the building

The maximum number of people allowed in each room is shown below.

- Main Hall: 100 seated, 120 standing
- Room 1: 20

8. Social Distancing

Hirers are responsible for ensuring Social Distancing is maintained (if required by Government Guidance) whilst inside the building, as well as when people are gathering to access the building.

9. Cleaning

All Hirers bear responsibility for ensuring that the building is clean for both their use and the members of their Class/Group/Family. Please note:

- Cleaning materials are provided: in the Entrance Hall for use in the Main Hall; in Room 1 for use there.
- The following should be cleaned before your group members arrive: All touch points (door handles, doors to toilets, handles to Exit via the Main Hall and/or Room 1 dependant on your use)
- There are very clear instructions for the main Hirer to adhere to at the end of each Booking.

10. Hygiene: Face coverings, hand sanitising

The use of face coverings is recommended unless you are exempt under [UK Government Guidelines](#).

Everyone must sanitise their hands at the following times:

- On the way in to the Church Centre
- On the way out of the Church Centre

Once inside the Church Centre, please try to avoid - as far as possible - contact with any touch points: door handles, light switches. There are hand-sanitising stations around the building as well as anti-bacterial soap in the toilets.

Please follow the **entry and exit instructions**
and **arrows** and as marked

EXIT
to Churchyard
for all users

EXIT
for users of
Main Hall

Main Hall

Please maintain Social Distancing

Kitchen

Catering
Cupboard

EXIT
for users of
Room 1 and the
main Hirer

Staircase

Do not cross on staircase

Cup-
board

Gents'
Toilet

Table

Table

Ladies'
Toilet

ENTRY ONLY
NO EXIT

Church Office

Access Toilet /
Changing facility