

PANDEMIC PLAN - St George's Church Morden

To help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus and disruption to church activities through illness, we have drawn up the following simple plan.

This is not something to worry about; we are simply preparing to help stop the spread of flu.

WHAT WE WILL ASK YOU TO DO

We will ask people using our premises to follow 3 simple principles:

- **Stay at home if you have a continuous cough or high temperature for the recommended time.**
- **When you arrive and leave our buildings, please wash or sanitise your hands carefully and those of your children for at least 20 seconds. See the hand washing posters.**
- **Please ensure that you cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you sneeze or cough. Then dispose of the tissue and wash or sanitise your hands promptly.**

WHAT WE WILL DO

1. We will provide soap or sanitising gel, tissues, bins to dispose of tissues and information on handwashing for our building users.
2. We will clean the door handles, light switches, handrails and hard surfaces with detergent and empty bins after every meeting, and ask groups using the building to do the same.
3. We will stop sharing the common chalice during Communion, shaking hands or physical contact if advised to do so by the CofE.
4. We will use the data projector instead of hymn books, service sheets and Bibles, if possible.
5. After services, we will suspend normal catering and serve drinks in single-use cups and dispose of them afterwards.



6. Where possible, pastoral work to those who get flu will be carried out via the phone, rather than by visiting.
7. We will help members of the congregation to get medicines and supplies if they have no family help and are unwell with flu. The church office will be the point of contact (Mon to Fri, 9-1pm).
8. In the unlikely event that public gatherings like church services are banned by the government, we will electronically record sermons and post these on our website for people to hear (stgm.uk). Those without internet access will be sent CDs upon request.

WHAT LEADERS SHOULD DO

Leaders of church activities are asked to do the following:

- Plan for someone to provide sickness cover for you before illness is an issue.
- Ensure that you have contact numbers of the covering person, the church leaders and or key church staff.
- Plan what you will do if it is not possible to run the groups due to the illness of the leaders; how you will communicate this to members of your group; and what alternative arrangements need to be made if any.
- Take responsibility for ensuring that users of your group maintain good hand hygiene.
- Communicate the above arrangements to the overall group leader and the overall leader should inform the church office of your plan.

In case of illness, call NHS 111

For our church updates visit stgm.uk/coronavirus
Church office: 020 8685 0012 or text 07746 332495

*Jesus said, "Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
Don't be afraid." ([Luke 12.7](#))*