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Community Behaviour Agreement



RENEWED HEARTS. RENEWED LIVES. RENEWED TOWN.



The Government have advised that all places of worship, during the COVID-19 pandemic produce a community behaviour agreement. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has accepted this advice and has approved this agreement which will form the basis of the practices to be observed by everyone using the buildings of St Margaret's during this time.

We recognise that each of us will have different thoughts and emotions regarding COVID-19 and have varying degrees of confidence when in public spaces. People will be at different stages of vulnerability; both in terms of the risk they run in being in church and the risk they might pose to others.

No-one should feel under pressure to come back into church for any reason at all. Our services will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook and on our website.

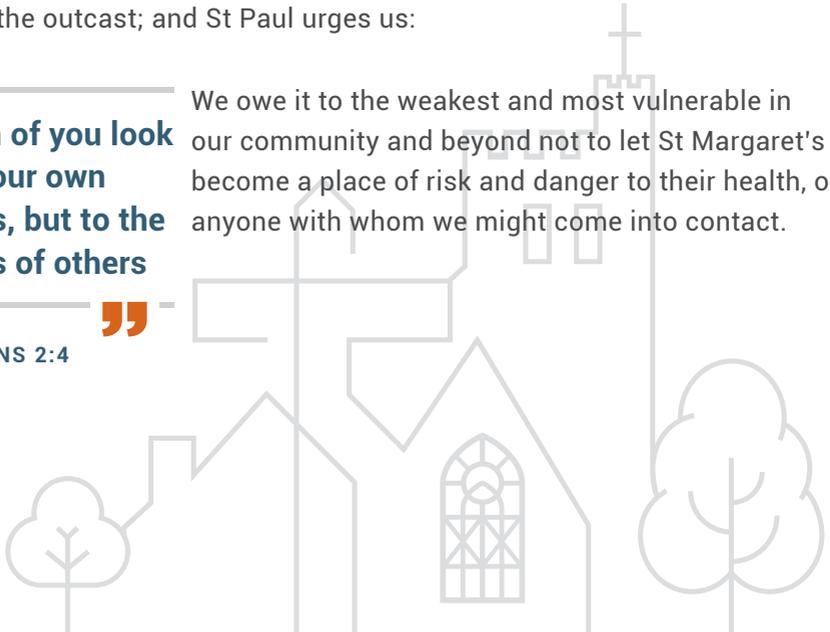
It has been hard not being in church; we're comforted by the gospel teaching that we should be mindful always of the weak, the poor and the outcast; and St Paul urges us:

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Let each of you look
not to your own
interests, but to the
interests of others**

PHILIPPIANS 2:4



We owe it to the weakest and most vulnerable in our community and beyond not to let St Margaret's become a place of risk and danger to their health, or anyone with whom we might come into contact.





Therefore, in order to make the church a physically, emotionally and spiritually safe space as we can make it at this time we ask everyone coming into St Margaret's to commit to:-

- 01 Giving careful consideration to what our risk status is in terms of age, vulnerability and medical condition before deciding whether or not to come to church
- 02 Specifically, NOT coming to St Margaret's if we or anyone we live with have had symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- 03 Using the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the building
- 04 Follow directions of signs and instructions from stewards, wardens and clergy
- 05 Keeping our distance from others
- 06 On entry, wait to be directed to a seat
- 07 Remain seated until directed to after services
- 08 Leave the building promptly after services so not to delay others
- 09 Not singing or speaking loudly
- 10 Taking care of anyone you are responsible for whilst visiting and ensuring they comply with this agreement
- 11 Acknowledging that this behaviour agreement is not up for debate, consultation or enquiry
- 12 Wearing a mask or face covering if asked to do so

Failing to observe any of these conditions will result in an unacceptable risk being caused to others; if this happens your visit to church being ended and you will be asked to leave the church building. Breaching aspects of our agreement could put you in breach of the law and it is important for you to understand we are working closely with Kent Police and other enforcement authorities during this time.