

St Aidan, Ashington and St Thomas of Canterbury, Longhorsley

COVID RESTRICTIONS September 2021

The Bishop and his Episcopal Council met on Friday 10th September to review the current restrictions.

These are the salient points:

- Churches remain at 1m (3ft) social distancing
- The use of hand sanitiser should continue
- All those attending Church are recommended to wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so - **FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED WHEN COMMUNAL SINGING TAKES PLACE**
- When cleaning the Church just high frequency touch points is the standard to continue. A thorough cleaning of the Church needs to take place once a week.
- You no longer need to use the NHS test and trace system.
- It is no longer necessary to have a one-way system or other restrictions on movement in Churches (You can leave by the same door you came in through)
- The sign of peace remains suspended at this time.

BOOKING FOR MASS

ST AIDAN'S, ASHINGTON

We ask that you continue to book for Mass in the usual way for this coming Sunday (19th September), but as a trial, we will remove the booking system after this Sunday. **(ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS WILL BE ON A FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED BASIS)** If it doesn't work, it will be re-instated (you will be informed at Sunday Mass).

ST THOMAS', LONGHORSLEY

Unfortunately, because of the size of St Thomas' Church, you will still need to book for **SUNDAY MASS**. You will no longer need to book for Weekday Mass. There is no need to sign in when you arrive - only to book in for the Sunday you are attending.

We will keep you up to date as and when restrictions are reviewed. Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.